

ROTARY CLUB OF  
ST. PETERSBURG  
CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
2018-2019



TROY WILLINGHAM, PRESIDENT  
H. ROY ADAMS, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT  
BOB CARTER, PRESIDENT ELECT  
BOND THOMAS, SECRETARY  
JILL VANMIDDLESWORTH-BANKS, TREASURER  
CHRIS ARNOLD, SERGEANT AT ARMS

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Julie Burch  
Brian Clark  
Liz Heinkel

Michael Kingsford  
Andy Oswald  
Joe Ozbolt

Scott Russell  
Michael Shorter  
Ken Williams

**AVENUES OF SERVICE**

**1. CLUB SERVICE**

Club President Troy Willingham named Large Club President of the Year for District 6950.

New Members - Inducted 10 new members, 1 returning member.

Corporate Connection Membership (CCM) Instituted a new corporate membership option and began recruitment from local corporations. The first corporate member will be inducted in July, 2019.

Installation Banquet - Held our 8th Annual Installation Banquet

District Training - Officers and committee chairs attended this one day district training

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute – Several of our members attended and/or completed the RLI training this year.

Hosted Monthly Club Fellowships

Celebrated our 5th Year as a member of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce

- ❖ During the past Rotary year, we were fortunate to have some outstanding programs and speakers visit the club.

Bobby Deskins, Meteorologist WTSP Ch. 10  
Dr. Martin Tadlock, Regional Chancellor, USF St. Petersburg  
John Arthur, PhD, Associate Professor, USFSP  
Nicole Carlisle, National Weather Service  
Rear Admiral Gerald L. Talbot, Jr. USN, Retired  
Neil Brown, President, Poynter Institute for Media Studies  
Chief Anthony Holloway, City of St. Petersburg Police Department  
Donald R. Eastman III, President Eckerd College  
Rick Kriseman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg  
Mark Cantrell, President & CEO, The Florida Orchestra  
Margaret Murray, Assoc. Curator, Museum of Fine Arts

- ❖ Attended Rotary Day with the Rays (August) and Rotary Night with the Lightning (January)
- ❖ Stepped up our Social Media presence with frequent postings on our FaceBook page and new Instagram account.

## 2. VOCATIONAL SERVICE

- ❖ NED MARCH-BUD PURDY AWARD – Hosted the Ned March/Bud Purdy Award ceremony at a club meeting in February. Plaques and a cash award were given to two officers selected by the St. Petersburg Police Department. Additionally, the recipients received watches provided and presented by Rotarian Jim Watters.
- ❖ MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP/NETWORKING EVENT – The Membership Committee in conjunction with the Vocational Service Committee continued a monthly networking social event at various members' homes or businesses.

## 3. COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SUPPORT

- ❖ FINES AND HAPPY DOLLARS - The club raised over \$9,000 through Fines and Happy Dollars for the year. Distributions were made to the following organizations:
  - Daystar Life Center (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter) raised \$400.00 For Thanksgiving food baskets, additionally provided volunteer assistance to assemble food baskets in November, 2018.

- Christmas Toy Shop (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter) raised \$1,000 to purchase bicycles.
- Rotary's Camp Florida (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) raised \$3,086.
- Sallie House (4<sup>th</sup> quarter) raised \$1500.
- ❖ LUAU TO BENEFIT CASA – Held a Luau fundraiser, benefitting the CASA, which raised \$7,200.
- ❖ TRUST PROJECTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS: The Projects and Distributions Committee administrated disbursements of \$19,508 from the proceeds of the trust investment accounts. The following charities benefited from the donations made:
  - City of St. Petersburg – Camp Redbird
  - Creative Clay
  - Special Olympics
  - Children's Dream Fund
  - Constitution for the People Inc.
  - Girls, Inc.
  - Goodwill Industries Suncoast
  - Jump for Kids
  - The Kind Mouse
  - R'Club Child Care (Happy Workers)
  - Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (S4TL)
  - St. Petersburg Free Clinic
  - Salvation Army

### **OTHER PROJECTS**

- Hygiene Products Drive – participated in an Area 1 (St. Petersburg Area 1 Rotary Clubs) collection for hygiene products for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.
- Special Olympics – Volunteers provided assistance at the Bowling Tournament in September, 2018 and Spring Games in March, 2019.
- John Thompson Nursing Scholarship – (November/December) Sold special wildlife themed Rotary calendars created by Tom Bell, to benefit the John Thompson Nursing Scholarship. The net proceeds of \$480 were donated to the SPC Foundation designated to the John Thompson Nursing Scholarship which is now fully endowed and being awarded to qualified nursing students.
- Holiday meal packing and distributions (November) Volunteer helped prepare boxes containing the ingredients for Thanksgiving Dinner for Daystar.

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing – (December) Provided volunteers for Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 2018.
- Sallie House Easter Event – (April, 2019) The Family of Rotary and Rotary in Action committees provided a picnic lunch and Easter activities for the kids at the Salvation Army's Sallie House, as well as a check for \$700.
- Children's Books Literacy Project – A children's book was donated in honor of each of our guest speakers. These books were collected and delivered to Happy Worker's Children's Center and volunteers spent time reading to the children at three literacy events this year.

#### 4. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- Polio Plus - Polio Donations: The club has collected over \$1,300 so far this year designated to the Polio Plus Campaign.
- Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) - Club members donated \$1,735 to the Rotary Foundation as part of the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program, as Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members.
- Cuba Mission – A project of Rotary Club of Seminole Lake Five Rotarians from our club flew to Cuba to participate in this mission. They participated in painting and repairs from damage caused by an F4 tornado in January of 2019.

#### 5. YOUTH SERVICES

- S4TL - Sponsored two student delegates to attend S4TL \$1,200. Rotarians attended RAP Sessions during the seminar.
- Interact & Rojan Clubs - Sponsored 2 (Interact & Rojans) Clubs at SPHS. Provide liaison and guidance to clubs including them in volunteer opportunities with the club's events.
- Youth Awards – The Youth Awards were held in March, 2019, honoring 18 students from 9 schools. A \$100 check was awarded to each of the students selected. All nominated students were honored at a luncheon.
- Middle School Speech Contest - Middle School students competed in a speech contest sponsored by our club. Finalists received a Best Buy gift certificate, plaque and the winner received the traveling plaque to display at their school for one year.