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Danute's Dialogue:

Greetings Everyone!

At our recent board meeting, we donated \$2000 to St. Pete Free Clinic, \$2000 to Rotary Camp Florida and \$1000 to Eckerd Search and Rescue. They will receive the "big check" when they present on 2/14.

We voted unanimously for our new officers and directors for 23/24.

Congratulations to John Doctor, President Elect, Ric Krebs, Secretary and Robin Gomez, Treasurer and congrats to Nancy Hodges and Steve Carey as two new board members.

We are again sponsoring four students for the S4TL program; two from Osceola HS and two from Admiral Farragut. We will have the pleasure of hearing from last year's students on February 7.

The most important thing we need to do for the month of February is to FOCUS ON OUR FUNDRAISER – GOLF AND TENNIS EVENT HAPPENING FEBRUARY 24/25.

PLEASE....when you go to a restaurant or a local business – bring a flyer with you and ask them for either a gift card or sponsorship. Asking \$100 from a business to sponsor a local event is very doable! Getting a gift card from a restaurant is so easy – especially when you say it is for a local fundraiser! We need your help with this!

~Danute

Speaker Bureau

February 7 – Admiral Farragut students we sent to S4TL last June, Shomari and Jordan.

February 14 – Ryan Dilky, Director of Eckerd College's Search and Rescue Program, and Assistant Waterfront Director, Eckerd College.

February 21 – Elizabeth Esassatelli, PhD of University Of Tampa, speaking about social science research in human trafficking and other public health issues.

February 28 – Erica Hardison, former president of Midtown Rotary and District Literacy Chair speaking about the SOAR program

Rotary in Service - Community Action

What's Rotary? Your 30-second "elevator speech"...

Rotary is a volunteer organization of 1.4 million business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace. About 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas conduct projects to address today's challenges – including illiteracy, disease, hunger poverty, lack of clean water and environmental concerns – while encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations.

Update from Mitch:
*Elementary school students getting
new clothes for Christmas.
All smiles.*



Free Clinic update: 

St. Petersburg Free Clinic donations were picked up last week and amounted to 113#'s ... 57# of food and 56# hygiene! Thank you all for your continued generosity. NO COLLECTION IN FEBRUARY. Will continue on March 21st.

24th Annual Gulf Beaches Rotary Golf & Tennis Challenge

This is a joint project between the City of TI and our GBR, both soliciting and collecting monies. At the end of the event, the amount is split 50/50 between the two organizations. *All GBR members* are asked to find Sponsors @ \$100. This includes a tennis court or Treasure Bay signage for the Sponsor. Donations for the Silent Auction, likewise are requested from *all members*. The more donations & sponsors *You* bring in, the more successful our Event will be!

Please remember to make your reservations to attend the Silent Auction & Draw Party Dinner from 6pm-9pm at the TI Community Center, One Park Place. Dinner is \$25 per person. Silent Auction Bidding is Open To All!

Enjoy these pictures of our recent social at Datz and James Museum.
10 members in attendance.



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting place has changed again....

We will now - until the end of the year be meeting at the **Madeira Beach Community Center**. It's still at 8:30am. The address is 300 Municipal Dr., Madeira Beach

February 9 – **Club social at Mastry's in St. Pete Beach.** Tyler Payne, Mayor of Treasure Island will be the Guest Bartender and we will have a raffle! Mastry's will be donating a portion of the profits to our Club. Time is 5 - 8 pm. Flyers to come.

February 24 & 25 – Golf and Tennis Challenge

March 16-19 – Spring Break Waterfront Festival

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February Birthday



Bill England 2/7

Club Meeting Information Weekly:

Every Tuesday at 12 noon We meet in person at VFW, Madeira Beach – John's Pass

All Rotary members are welcome to attend our board meetings which take place on the last Thursday of each month at 8:30am at the Madeira Beach Community Center, 300 Municipal Dr., Madeira Beach