

# Stopping hunger with meals

## Rotarians, others assemble food packages in Crystal River to help feed people around the world

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CRYSTAL RIVER — Kicking the morning off with a bit of fast-paced mood music, hundreds of volunteers began swiftly toiling their way through packaging 50,000 meals Saturday at Crystal River High School.



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Michael Wilder, 16; Cy Mabjar, 17; Jacob Osborne, 16; Harrison Clark, 17; and Adam Taylor, 18 work on packaging meals Saturday at Crystal River High School. The boys are a part of the Crystal River Interact Club. The meals, which are a mixture of rice, dehydrated vegetables and soy meal, will be shipped overseas to underdeveloped countries.  
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Many of the workers, which included members of the local Rotary clubs, Interact (the Rotary Club's service organization for teens), Rotaract and other groups, worked assembly-style putting a mixture of rice, dehydrated vegetables and soy meal into bags that will be shipped overseas to underdeveloped countries. According to Keith Taylor, a Rotary Club of Crystal River member who organized the event, the idea is for the meals to be filling and nutritious.

This is the third year for the event, which is done in partnership with Stop Hunger Now, a not-for-profit organization that has been providing meals to those in need in more than 20 countries around the world since 1998.

Robert Samuels with Stop Hunger Now said Saturday morning that they depend on service groups like Rotary to have these events. At 25 cents per meal, Samuels said the sponsoring organizations pay for the food and then they package it. The food is then taken to Orlando, where it will be processed through customs and sent all over the world to places such as Haiti and Honduras.

Taylor, a Crystal River lawyer, said he brought a few judges and lawyers from Citrus-Hernando Inn of Court to the event. In addition, a couple of Boy Scout troops as well as other citizens from the community were helping assemble the meals. Last year, Taylor said they packaged 100,000 meals, doubling their 2010 total. But this year, he said they were going to shoot for 50,000. Twenty minutes into the event, Taylor announced they had already finished 5,000. Tony Sanchez, a member of the Rotary Club of Inverness, said it was his first year participating. He felt it was important to attend. "Hunger is a big issue in the world," he said. "It's important to help those in need."

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February 27, 2012

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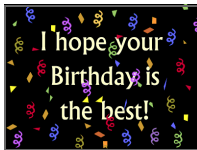
We need 100% Attendance! Local Clubs welcome you for your "Make Up" meeting:

- Tuesday Inverness 12:00 PM VanderValk (n/ k/a Lakeside Bar & Grill)
- Tuesday Sugarmill 5:00 PM Sugarmill Woods Country Club
- Wednesday Central Citrus 7:30 AM Black Diamond Clubhouse
- Wednesday Kings Bay 12:15 PM Café on the Avenue
- Thursday Homosassa 7:00 AM Luigi's Restaurant

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS ARE MAKE-UPS TOO!

### Birthdays

Mark Pickett 3/3



### Anniversaries

Club Anniversaries



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## Visitors and Visiting Rotarians

Guests:

This Week:

MEETING IN THE MAGNOLIA BALLROOM— Russ Miller PDG (Pretty Darn Good?)

Next Week:

Jacque Dohmen—SCORE  
Rotary Calendar

- March 10, 2012—"Rotary Goes to the Races" – more information Patty Silvey
- April 19–23 Annual Rotary District Cruise—Royal Caribbean's Jewel of the Seas



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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## How are you celebrating World Rotaract Week?

Rotary International News -- 8 March 2010



In March 1968, the Rotaract Club of North Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, planted a tree on its campus to commemorate receiving the first Rotaract charter. *Rotary Images*

Rotaract clubs around the world are celebrating World Rotaract Week, 8-14 March, honoring the chartering of the first club in North Carolina, USA.

During the week, Rotaract clubs are asked to partner with their sponsor Rotary clubs to complete a service project together, attend each other's meetings, and encourage a nearby Rotary club to sponsor a new Rotaract club in its area.

Rotaract enjoys a 42-year legacy. In the late 1960s, noting the success of the recently formed Interact program, for youth ages 14-18, the RI Board realized the need to provide opportunities for service, activity, and fellowship to young adults no longer of Interact age. The name Rotaract (derived from "Rotary in Action") was selected to show the program's close affiliation with both Rotary and Interact clubs. RI President Luther Hodges inaugurated Rotaract in 1968, with the Rotaract Club of North Charlotte becoming the first club. The club received its charter on 13 March and had 21 members.

Within a day of the first club's certification, the Rotaract Club of the University of La Salle was chartered in Tacubaya, Mexico. The Rotaract club of Secunderabad, India, was certified the following week. Since the 1950s, many Rotary clubs had been starting unofficial clubs for young adults, fueling Rotaract's rapid growth in its first few years. Rotaract grew from 21 clubs in 1967-68 to 289 clubs a year later. There are now more than 8,000 Rotaract clubs in 167 countries and geographical areas.