



The Rotary Reader



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**Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach
Presidential Citation Award Winner for 20 Years**

November is The Rotary Foundation Month

Board of Directors

- President:** Aaron Webber
- President Elect:** Ron Grissom
- Secretary:** Ross LeBlanc
- Treasurer:** Dusty Ricketts
- Past President:** Katie Sharon
- At Large:** Forrest Townsend and
Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Bob Fowner
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and
John Roper

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be
Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
- Membership:** Lisa Williams, Andy
Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Katie Sharon
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton and
Charles West
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:**
Ross LeBlanc, Dusty Ricketts
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson
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Rotary Day at the United Nations

Rotary will honor six champions of peace at the United Nations on 11 November.

The Palais des Nations in Geneva, built as the headquarters for the League of Nations, remains an enduring emblem of humanity’s hope for global peace, making it an ideal setting for this year’s Rotary Day at the United Nations on 11 November.

Underscoring this year’s theme — Peace: Making a Difference — the event will include workshops devoted to sustainability and peace, as well as a workshop on education, science, and peace, designed by and for young leaders.

A variety of speakers will contribute to the discussion, including Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley; Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Paul A. Netzel; Walter B Gyger and Claudine Wyssa, the representatives of Rotary International to UN/Geneva; and Dr. Mohammed Arabiat, president of Generations for Peace.

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko will introduce each of the **People of Action: Champions of Peace**. They are:

- Jean Best, Rotary Club of Kirkcudbright, Scotland
- Taylor (Stevenson) Cass Talbott, Rotary Peace Fellow, Portland, Oregon, USA
- Ann Frisch, Rotary Club of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, USA
- Safina Rahman, Rotary Club of Dhaka Mahanagar, Bangladesh
- Alejandro Reyes Lozano, Rotary Club of Bogotá Capital, Colombia
- Kiran Singh Sirah, Rotary Peace Fellow, Tennessee, USA

Other highlights will include a polio-tulip-planting ceremony, updates on polio eradication, and closing remarks from Edwin Futa, dean of the Rotary Representative Network.

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District website: www.rotary690.org



RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

June 15-December 15
\$335 per person

December 16-March 31
\$410 per person

April 1—June 27
\$495 per person

Toronto is Canada's largest city, fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of 2.8 million people. It's a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities.

Join Rotarians from around the world to learn, be inspired and share fellowship.

From the House of Friendship to the General Sessions to Breakouts to Special Ticketed Events, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Consider making the commitment to attend. You will be a better Rotarian!

For More Information:
www.riconvention.org

City Championship



President Aaron, a former FWBHS Viking football player who played on the 1991 state championship team, presented the Rotary City Championship trophy to the Choctaw Indians on Friday, October 27, after they defeated the Fort Walton Beach Vikings in the annual cross-town rivalry. Service Above Self!

Notes from the Club Board

The club board of directors meet Tuesday, October 31. Below are some of the items discussed and actions taken:

- The board voted to purchase 1 Shelter Box. Shelterbox goes to the ends of the earth to reach the most remote communities that have been devastated by disaster. The aid they supply comes in the form of ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits. The sturdy green boxes contain family-sized tents specially designed to withstand the elements and provide people with temporary shelter until they are able to start the process of rebuilding a home. The ShelterKits contain all of the essential tools people need to start repairing home straight away.
- The board is tasking a group to develop guidelines for a new category of membership in our club: corporate membership. If you are interested in being part of this group please see President Aaron.
- Our club will be planting trees in January as part of RI President Ian Riseley's environmental program. Our trees are being supplied by the Yellow River Soil and Conservation District at no charge. We are currently in the process of determining the locations for tree planting. We have been requested to plant 1 tree for each member of our club.
- Ross LeBlanc and Dusty Ricketts will chair the 2018 Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown. They are in the process of setting up the committee and subcommittees. We expect to have a kickoff at a December meeting.
- The board voted to be a Silver Sponsor (\$500) for the 2018 Rotary 6940 District Conference. The conference will be held at the Baytowne Conference Center at the Village of Baytowne Wharf April 6-April 8.

The Rotary Foundation Amplifies Your Gift

The Annual Fund is the primary source of funding for all foundation activities. Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships and activities.

Your gifts to the foundation may be made through your club billing or you may utilize Rotary Direct. Go to www.rotary.org to make a one-time over-and-above gift or sign up to make periodic contributions using your credit card. \$83.33 per month will add up to \$1,000 per year. \$1,000 per year will make you a member of the Paul Harris Society. You may want to consider this during The Rotary Foundation Month.

Little Free Libraries

Please continue to bring books for our Little Free Libraries to our Wednesday meetings. Books for children and adults are appropriate. Biographies, novels, cookbooks, non-fiction, inspirational, etc. are all good choices for restocking our libraries.

Upcoming Programs and Activities November is The Rotary Foundation Month

11/08	Regular Meeting	Col. Thomas Palenske, Commander, I SOW
11/15	Regular Meeting	Gerald Rush—Genealogy
11/22	No Meeting	Thanksgiving Week
11/29	Regular Meeting	TBD
12/06	Regular Meeting	TBD
12/13	Regular Meeting	Laurie Hood, Alaqua Animal Refuge
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center, Sandestin

Did You Know? You can attend a club board meeting, committee meeting or project as a make-up.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays	11/24 Matt Turpin	11/29 Kevin & Sue Ann Cagle (9)
11/08 Lyndon Poff	11/25 Jack Yeiser	
11/08 Matt Simpson	11/28 Ross Hamilton	
11/16 John Morgan	11/30 John Roper	
11/18 Rick Owen		
11/18 Jean Woo	November Anniversaries	November Club Anniversaries
11/19 Kent Tinsley	11/02 Mac & Debra Mac-	11/20 Mack Busbee (4)
11/23 Charlie Potts	donald (32)	11/20 Ross Hamilton (4)
	11/06 Ron & Pam Grissom (?)	

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: **FIRST** the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



"World Polio Day is a day that has been set aside to celebrate all of the workers who have been involved in this," says Dr Jay Wenger of the Gates Foundation. "There are hundreds of thousands of ground-level health workers all over the world trying to help kids have a better life. These are the people you don't hear about...but they are the most important."

Rotary Roster

The Four-Way Test
Of the things we think,
 say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOOD-WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Interested in joining Rotary?

Please contact our Membership

Chairs:

Lisa Williams at

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or

Andy Corbin

ajc@tslinc.com

PH: Paul Harris Fellows

SM: PH Sustaining Members

* FWB Club Past Presidents

** Past President Other Clubs

RotY: FWB Rotarian of the Year

Members in purple have perfect attendance.

Area Make-Up Opportunities

Don't forget that you can make up missed meetings at neighboring clubs. They include:

Crestview: 12 p.m. Wednesday at Samuel's Restaurant

Destin: 7:15 a.m. Tuesday at Rutherford's at Regatta Bay

DeFuniak Springs: 12 p.m. Wednesday at McLain's Family Steakhouse

Mid-Bay: 7 a.m. Wednesday at Superior Residences at Bluewater Bay

Navarre: 12 p.m. Friday at Beach Community Bank—Navarre

Niceville- Valparaiso: 12 p.m. Thursday at Northwest Florida State College Student Services Building

South Walton: 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Somerby, Santa Rosa Beach

Robert Anderson, SM

CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM

Insurance

Neal Bern SM

Insurance

Debbie Bodenshtine, PHF SM RotY

Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM Cable Television

Mack Busbee, SM **

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM LP

Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (10) PHF SM *

Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY *

Electronics Mfg.

George Dorris, PHF SM

Dentistry

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY

Landscaping Owner

Dan Empson

Honorary

Cliff Ennis

Business IT Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM

Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY

Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM

Attorney

Ron Grissom, PHF SM

Utilities

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM

CPA

Ross Hamilton, SM

Education- College

Sallie Hardy, PHF

Commercial Properties

Tom Hayes, PHF SM

Financial Services

Jody Henderson, PHF SM *

Accounting/Auditing

Mitzi Henley, SM

Retail Shopping Center

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM

Commercial Lending

Richard Kunkel, PHF SM

Education

Chuck Landers, PHF SM

Certified Public Accountant

Ross LeBlanc, SM

Certified Public Accountant

Tony Leonard, PHF SM **

Retail/Musical Instruments

John Linn, PHF SM

Kitchens-Retail

David Macdonald PHF SM **

Shopping Center Manager

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (15) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM*

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan,

Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM

Restaurant/Fast Food

Michelle Nicholson, SM

Communications

Rick Owen (1)

Non-Profit Management

Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, (1) SM

Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (11) PHF SM RotY*

Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*

Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*

Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM

News Media

John Roper, PHF

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Katie Sharon, (1) PHF SM *

Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva (1)

Commercial Real Estate

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY*

Surge Suppression Systems

Steve Taylor

Management Consultant

Kent Tinsley

Commercial Banking

Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY*

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY*

Veterinarian

Alex Trum, PHF

Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM

Certified Public Accountant

Aaron Webber, (1) PHF SM

Condo Management

Charles West, (2) PHF SM*

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

CPA

Recent Meeting Attendance

Sept 6 66.7%

Sept 13 55.9%

Sept 20 61.7%

Sept 27 57.4%

Month of Sept Avg: 60.8%

Oct 4 67.8%

Oct 11 65.0%

Oct 18 55.2%