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October is Economic & Community Development Month

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Lorrageia Jackson

Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

Today's Speaker: Renea Black Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast



Currently serving as the Executive Director of the Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast, Renea Black has committed her career to empowering families to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Renea joined the Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast in January of 2016 after serving as the Chief Administrative Officer of a large non-profit in Orlando for over ten years. She couldn't be more honored to have the opportunity to lead such an impactful agency in our community, as she believes the most effective strategy to combat poverty is building strong educational foundations for young children's academic success.

In her current position, Renea leads a team of 26 professionals dedicated to supporting the success of children, families and educators. Alongside the Board of Directors and Coalition staff, Renea chiefs the administration of Florida's School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

As a 2016-17 graduate of Leadership Okaloosa and a 2017-18 graduate of Leadership Walton, Renea Black prides herself on being an active community member. She currently serves as an Honorary Commander with the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field and just recently, Renea was selected as the Child Care Capacity Task Force Co-Chair for the Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative Advisory Board. Renea also serves on the Northwest Florida State College Early Education Advisory Board, the Okaloosa County Transportation Disadvantaged Board, is the Secretary of the Healthy Start Board of Directors, and immediate past Treasurer of the Association of Early Learning Coalitions.

Renea Black was born and raised in Escambia County, Alabama. She obtained her Business Administration degree from Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama. She has one son, employed with ADT, a daughter-in-law currently completing registered nurse clinicals, and a grandson who will attend Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten program in 2020.

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www.dacdb.org



RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

Now - December 15
\$450 per person

December 16-March 31
\$550 per person

April 1—June 10
\$650 per person

People of Action from all over the world will gather to connect, celebrate, and collaborate to make a better world.

Hear from world leaders, philanthropists and other remarkable people during general sessions. Learn more about thought provoking topics at in-depth seminars, workshops and discussions.

In the House of Friendship you will visit booths that feature club and district projects, Rotary Fellowships, and Rotarian Action Groups. You can shop for Rotary merchandise, meet with Rotary staff to learn about programs and services and enjoy food and entertainment unique to Hawaii.

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

For More Information:
www.riconvention.org

Hurricane Michael Recovery Grants—Phase 4

The Rotary District 6940 Hurricane Michael Recovery Grants (HRG) Program was established in November 2018 by **PDG John Medina and District 6940 Foundation** with financial donations from generous Rotarians and their friends and charitable organizations across Florida and the United States.

Grants are awarded to implement community based projects that assist people in the Florida Panhandle recover and rebuild after this devastating storm. To date, we have awarded over \$180,000 for 19 Hurricane Michael Recovery grant projects.

Phase 4

Any D-6940 club may submit a project or partner with another club on a recovery project in the high impact areas. Eligible projects should address unmet local needs and comply with the HRG guidelines (below). Funding requests for Phase 4 projects should be in \$2,500 to \$6,500 range. Priority goes to projects where no other resources are available and those which involve community partners.

Guidelines for all 6940 Hurricane Recovery Grants

- Clubs are not required to make financial contribution to the project.
 - Projects must provide recovery assistance to people impacted by Hurricane Michael.
 - Projects that involve financial assistance to individuals are not eligible for HRG support.
 - Applications must be sponsored by active Rotary club in D-6940.
 - Clubs should collaborate with communitybased organizations to avoid duplication of effort.
 - Sponsor clubs are responsible for project oversight and Rotarian involvement.
 - HRG projects should align with Rotary goals for humanitarian service projects.
 - Projects may replace or be integrated with a current district grant project.
 - Projects should be implemented quickly (2-5 months); exceptions may be approved.
 - Several clubs may collaborate on a HRG project, but one club serves as the grantee.
- Grants will be paid to the sponsor club, which will use its Grant account for this purpose. Sponsor clubs must submit written reports on project activity and expenditures.

Volunteer Florida may review or audit any project funded through its grant.

This is not a TRF or RI grant program; terms and conditions are determined by District 6940.

To Apply for HRG-PHASE 4:

Clubs must be current with reports for prior HRGs to apply in Phase 4. The HRG application form is available on the (see link) D-6940 website and at DACdb-Grants. It should be completed, signed by the club president, and submitted via email to the **District Grants Chair, Christine Isham**.

Want to Learn More About Rotary?

Rotary Leadership Institute—Offered 4 times in early 2020. Part 1—The Rotarian; Part 2—The Rotary Club; Part 3—The Rotary Journey. Our club will reimburse your tuition. See Upcoming Programs and Activities for the dates for Pensacola and Panama City.

Visit The Learning Center on Rotary.org. Over 450 on-line courses are offered on a variety of subjects. Gerry Chalker recently completed a course on the Rotary Foundation and said it was very informative. Check it out!

Bahamas Disaster Relief Update

Hurricane Supplies Pick-Up

I am planning a pick-up run through the district on Thursday, September 26th. If any clubs have disaster relief supplies, they have collected, please contact me so I can arrange to meet and transfer whatever you wish to ship to the Bahamas. **Dale Stone Cell Phone:** 561-818-5472 **drstonecpa@aol.com**

Change in Direction

It appears that District 6990 which includes the Bahamas has more than 6 Cargo Containers of supplies on hand now and are distributing daily. Many other organizations are now up and running so the immediate needs of the people (water, foods, and the other items on the list) are now being met. They are changing their focus to helping to rebuild basic public services and housing and providing basic medical needs. What will be most important in the months to come will be the donations we make through our Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Fund (See District Website). We will continue to gather some basic supplies; but we will be packing and storing items for the next disaster. Unfortunately, another one will come along all too soon and we want to be ready to provide aid on day one, without having to organize and spend weeks collecting before we can help.

Looking for Disaster Assistance Committee Members

We are looking at Disaster Relief as an ongoing mission in District 6940 and we are trying to put together a standing committee for this purpose. We are looking for one Rotarian from each of District 6940's 10 Areas to form the District Disaster Relief Committee. Each committee member would be responsible for coordinating the Rotary Relief and Recovery efforts in their area. As we are very spread out, most meetings would be by conference call, and we would communicate by telephone and email. When we are 'activated' for a relief effort, the committee member would be the key person in their area leading the operation in their area clubs. If you are willing to serve in this area please contact, **Dale Stone Cell Phone:** 561-818-5472 **drstonecpa@aol.com**

Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 10/02 Regular Meeting TBD
- 10/05 Foundation Seminar Northwest Florida State College
- 10/09 Regular Meeting Nathan Sparks—Update from the EDC
- 10/24 World Polio Day
- 1/11 Rotary Leadership Institute Pensacola (Register on DACdb)
- 2/08 Rotary Leadership Institute Panama City (Register on DACdb)

Do You Know? You can make up missed meetings by attending another club's meeting or an e-club meeting, participating in a project or committee meeting. Be sure to let Lorrageia know.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 10/02 Eulice Shelley
- 10/05 Mitzi Henley
- 10/22 Tony Gilligan
- 10/27 Russ Youngblood
- 10/30 Ron Grissom

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/04 John & Sherrie Linn (39)
- 10/04 Tom & Denise Hayes (36)
- 10/10 Ross & Brianne LeBlance (10)
- 10/20 Neal & Maxine Bern (8)

Club Anniversaries

- 10/01 Herb Tinsley (48)
- 10/12 Jan Pooley (25 + 4)
- 10/17 Charles West (18)

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.



Rumors and misinformation about vaccination and the

polio eradication program spread like wildfire on social media. The eradication team in Pakistan has partnered with Rotary, Spencer Trask & Co and WHO to look for innovative ideas to help quickly detect, control and/or respond to the spread of anti-vaccination propaganda on social media. These organizations have engaged crowdsourcing pioneer InnoCentive to oversee this challenge and award \$10,000 to each of the top 3 solutions. For more info go to www.polioeradication.org

Rotary Roster

We are
People of Action
Rotary is where
Neighbors, Friends and
Problem Solvers

- Share ideas
- Join leaders and
- Take action to create lasting change.

Interested in joining Rotary?

Please contact our Membership
Chair: Joe Meyer
joe@on-site-help.com

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?

Area Make-Up Opportunities

Don't forget that you can make up missed meetings at neighboring clubs. Please contact the club in advance to be sure their schedule hasn't changed. Club contact info is in DACdb

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 American House in Bluewater Bay

Navarre: 12 p.m. Friday at Broussard's—Navarre Beach

Niceville—Valparaiso: 5:30 p.m. Monday at Props Ale House in Niceville

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

Robert Anderson, SM
CPA
BBVA/Compass
Katie Sharon PHF*/Lane Redding/Robin Donlon
Corporate Member
Neal Bern SM
Insurance
Debbie Bodensine PHF/SM Roty RLI 1
Economic Development
Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
Cable Television
Mack Busbee, PHF SM **
County Government
Tom Butcher
Honorary Member
Gerry Chalker, (12) PHF MD SM *
Pension Administration
Tim Chiasson SM
Attorney
Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY * RLI 1
Electronics Mfg.
George Dorris, PHF SM
Dentistry
JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY
Landscaping Owner
Dan Empson
Honorary
Ken Erdberg
Travel Services
Joe Garvie SM
Construction
Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY
Government Contractor
Ben Gordon, SM
Attorney
Ron Grissom, (1) PHF SM RLI 3
Utilities
Chad Hamilton, PHF SM
CPA
Hancock/Whitney Bank
Stacey McGilvray, Clint Aden
Corporate Member
Sallie Hardy, PHF
Commercial Properties
Tom Hayes, PHF SM
Financial Services
Jody Henderson, PHF SM *
Accounting/Auditing
Mitzi Henley, PHF SM
Retail Shopping Center

Rudy Hill, SM
Office Products
Jeff Hooton, PHF SM
Commercial Lending
Richard Kunkel, PHF RLI 1
Education
Chuck Landers, PHF SM
Certified Public Accountant
Ross LeBlanc, SM
Certified Public Accountant
Tony Leonard, PHF SM **
Retail/Musical Instruments
Brandon Lewis
Insurance
John Linn, PHF SM
Kitchens-Retail
John Lysaght
Life Cycle Logistics
Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM
Retail/Computers
David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM
Developmental Disabilities
John Morgan, PHF SM*
Computer Engineer
Matthew Morgan,
Electrical Engineer
Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM
Communications
Rick Owen (3) PHF SM PHS RotY RLI 2 Non-Profit Management
Mary Plummer, PHF
Real Estate Sales
Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
Paint & Body Shop
Diane Poff, PHF SM
Paint & Body Shop
Lou Pole
Tax Consultant
Eric Polson SM
Collision Repair
Jan Pooley, (13) PHF SM BS RotY* RLI 3 RLIDL Department Store
Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
Jeweler
Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
Utility Service-Gas
Athena Riley
Attorney
John Roper, (1) PHF SM RLI 2
Developmental Disabilities
Dick Rynearson
Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *
Moving & Storage
Matt Simpson SM
Insurance and Bonding
Scott Smith, PHF SM*
Chiropractor
Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY* RLI 3 RLIDL
Surge Suppression Systems
Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY*
Savings & Loan Mgmt.
Kent Tinsley
Commercial Lending
Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY*
Veterinarian
Alex Trum, PHF
Orthodontist Retired
Matt Turpin, SM
Certified Public Accountant
Aaron Webber, PHF SM * RLI2
Condo Management
Charles West, PHF SM BS *
Investment Broker
Jean Woo, PHF SM
Dentist
Jack Yeiser, PHF
Mortgage Broker
Russ Youngblood PHF **
Psychologist
Matt Zasada SM
CPA

PH: Paul Harris Fellows
PHS: Paul Harris Society
MD: Major Donor
BS: Bequest Society
SM: PH Sustaining Members
* FWB Club Past Presidents
** Past President Other Clubs
RotY: FWB Rotarian of the Year
RLI1/2/3—Level Completed
RLI DL—RLI Discussion Leader

Members in purple have perfect attendance.