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Today's Speaker: Sheriff Larry Ashley



Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley was elected to office November 2, 2010 after rising through the ranks from road patrol to Chief Deputy. He was re-elected in November 2012 and 2016.

He was born February 23, 1966 in Long Beach California, the son of a Navy machinist. After living in various areas around the world during childhood, he graduated from Geneva High School in Geneva Alabama and headed to the University of Southern Mississippi on an athletic scholarship. He earned an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice in 1989. He graduated from the Florida State Law Enforcement Academy at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in 1990 and the Police K-9 Patrol/

Detector School in 1991 before obtaining a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University in 1998.

He began his law enforcement career at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in 1990 in the Uniformed Patrol Division. Over the next fourteen years Ashley also served in the K-9/Street Crimes Division, Investigations Division, and as Captain of Field Services. He was promoted to Major and Director of Criminal Investigations in 2004, Major and Director of Support Services Division in 2007, Major and Director of Field Services Division in 2008, Major and Director of Finance and Administration in 2009, and Chief Deputy of Sheriff's Office Operations in 2009. During these years of service in virtually all aspects of the agency, Sheriff Ashley also continued his education and specialized training, graduating from the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia in 2005. He attended the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Chief Executive Training as well as dozens of advanced law enforcement training courses and specialized seminars.

Sheriff Ashley has earned numerous awards and commendations during his career, including being a nominee for Officer of the Year in 1994 and receiving the Florida Senate Medal of Excellence Award in 2009, the legislature's highest award for service to the people of Florida. In addition he was named in 2012 to Governor Rick Scott's "Citizen Safety and Protection Task Force" and in 2013 as a Commissioner on the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Sheriff Ashley served as a Gubernatorial Appointee to Florida's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems Council and has received special statewide recognition for his leadership and support of "School Safety" efforts in Florida Schools. Sheriff Ashley is also the single recipient

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

Board of Directors

- President:** Ron Grissom
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Committee Chairs

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RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

December 16-March 31
\$495 per person

April 1—June 5
\$595 per person

Discover the unique blend of historical and contemporary culture that makes Hamburg such a distinctive place. A flourishing city with friendly people and an array of entertainment options, this beautiful port city is the perfect setting for a memorable experience.

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

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of the Florida Association of Counties 2014 "County Partner Award" for his push for a resolution to the DJJ juvenile detention cost-share system. He is currently a Gubernatorial Appointee to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission.

Sheriff Ashley enjoys serving the community as a Deacon and Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee at the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach. He says teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Sunday school is his most rewarding endeavor.

Rotary 6940 District Conference



It's almost here...the 2019 District 6940 Conference—Medina's Treasure—at the Baytowne Conference Center at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort.

Be Inspired by Great Speakers:

- RI Director David Stovall
- Past RI Director John Smarge
- RI President's Rep PDG Richard "Big Rich" Churchman
- 6940 DG John Medina
- Capt Nate Nelson (USAF, Retired)
- District 7670 DGE Tiffany Ervin

Participate in Breakout Sessions

- Energizing Your Club
- Attracting and Retaining Members
- Fundraising—Raising the Bar
- Restoring the Panhandle

Serve Together

- Thursday relief project at Arnold High School in Panama City
- Saturday—Socks of Love to benefit homeless veterans

Enjoy Rotary Fellowship

- Friday night Pirate Bash with steel drums, the Blackhawk and more
- Hospitality Suite Friday and Saturday nights
- Pops for Polio—Learn the art of Sabrage Saturday afternoon
- Treasure Hunt
- Raffles to support Hurricane Michael Relief through the District Foundation

Medina's Treasure is a Family Friendly event with activities for children Friday and Saturday evening.

Register today on DACdb District Calendar

The club will reimburse your registration fee and the cost of 1 night for a studio if you stay at the resort. President Ron, Athena Riley, Jean Woo, Rick Owen, Sallie Hardy, Katie Sharon, Andy Corbin and Jan Pooley have registered. Won't you join them?

Socks of Love

You have an opportunity to participate in the District Service project! Bring your donations of socks and travel size toiletries to the meeting **today!**

Prayers Needed

Fred Pryor remains in the hospital. He is in need of surgery, but the surgery can't be done until an infection clears up. Pray for healing.
 John & Alicia Roper's daughter, Lauren, will undergo extremely serious surgery Thursday. Pray for healing for Lauren and strength for John and Alicia.

Feed the Need

Saturday over 800 community volunteers came together to pack meals to distribute to local food pantries. Our club was well represented through staffing a table, being a Gold sponsor (\$1,000), donation of a golf cart from Ecco Motors to help with parking and leadership of Rick Owen. Mid-Bay, South Walton, Crestview and Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary clubs participated as well. Over 100,000 meals were packaged and distributed during Feed the Need.



Thanks to all of our members who volunteered!

President Ron, PE Ross, Jean, Sallie, Athena & Franklin, Dusty & Jenny, Forrest, George & Paula, Jan, and adopted Rotarians Pete & Carol

Upcoming Programs and Activities

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| 4/5-4/7 | District Conference | Baytowne Conference Center |
| 4/10 | Regular Meeting | Chief Bage—FWB Police Department |
| 4/17 | Regular Meeting | TBD |
| 4/24 | Regular Meeting | 4-Way Speech Contest—Forrest Townsend |
| 5/01 | Regular Meeting | Bill Dillman—Goodwill Industries |
| 5/08 | Regular Meeting | Ted Corcoran—FWB Chamber of Commerce |
| 5/15 | Regular Meeting | Mitzi Henley |

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.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Birthdays | Wedding Anniversaries | 4/04 Richard Kunkel (4) |
| 4/08 Ross LeBlanc | 4/06 Russ & Jackie Youngblood | 4/12 Charlie Potts (24) |
| 4/11 Gerry Chalker | (29) | 4/16 Forrest Townsend |
| 4/18 Katie Sharon | 4/17 Dan & Bobbi Nelson (50) | (32) |
| 4/19 JT Edwards | 4/23 Ben & Amanda Gordon (?) | 4/19 Matt Simpson (2) |
| 4/30 Joe Garvie | Club Anniversaries | 4/20 Tony Leonard (14) |
| | 4/04 Ron Grissom (4) | 4/22 Lyndon Poff (10) |
| | | 4/25 Ross LeBlanc (7) |

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.



6 new cases of wild poliovirus Type 1 have been identified year-to-date in 2019 compared to 5 cases during the same period in 2018. 4 cases are in Pakistan compared to 0 last year. The other 2 cases are in Afghanistan compared to 5 cases last year. Rotary International, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization, Unicef, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

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: Andy Corbin
ajc@tslinc.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 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

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, (11) PHF MD SM *

Pension Administration

Tim Chiasson

Attorney

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY * RLI 1

Electronics Mfg.

Bertha Deblues

Jazz Music

George Dorris, PHF SM

Dentistry

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY

Landscaping Owner

Dan Empson

Honorary

Joe Garvie

Construction

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY

Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM

Attorney

Ron Grissom, PHF SM RLI 3

Utilities

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM

CPA

Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1

Education— College

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

Hooton, PHF SM

Commercial Lending

Richard Kunkel, PHF SM RLI 1

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

Stacey McGilvray

Commercial Lending

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (16) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM*

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan,

Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM

Restaurant/Fast Food

Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM

Communications

Rick Owen (2) PHF PHS 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

Eric Polson (1)

Collision Repair

Jan Pooley, (12) PHF SM BS RotY*

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Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*

Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*

Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM RLI 2

News Media

Athena Riley

Attorney

John Roper, PHF RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Jessica Simpson

Lighting Sales

Matt Simpson

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva (2)

Commercial Real Estate

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY* RLI 3

RLIDL

Surge Suppression Systems

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, (2) PHF SM * RLI2

Condo Management

Charles West, (3) PHF BS SM*

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

CPA

Recent Attendance

3/06 57.1%

3/13 Social

3/20 51.7%

Month 54.4%

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.