



The Rotary Reader



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

**January is
Vocational Service 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
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org



Today's Speaker: Forrest Townsend Impact of Gulf Oil Spill

Dr. Townsend graduated from the University of West Florida in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology. He received a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University in 1976. Dr. Townsend has been in private practice since that time, moving to Fort Walton Beach in 1978, and establishing Bayside Hospital for Animals in 1992. He became a diplomat of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in 1982. Dr. Townsend is an Affiliate Professor in the Department of Clinical Science, Auburn University's School of Veterinary Medicine. His areas of special interests are ophthalmology and surgery.

Dr. Townsend has had an active interest in marine mammal veterinary medicine most his career, working with numerous private and government agencies. He has been the staff veterinarian at our local oceanarium, the Ft. Walton Beach Gulfarium since 1978, as well as the staff veterinarian for National Marine Fisheries studies of wild dolphin health.

Dr. Townsend has been very active in the Fort Walton Beach community since moving here in 1978. He joined the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club in 1987 and has held various offices including President (1992-1993). He was Rotarian of the year in 1999, currently serves on the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship Inc Board of Directors and is a Paul Harris Fellow +4.

He has also been active in the local veterinary association, serving a term as President. Dr. Townsend and wife Sally have been married for thirty-nine years and are the very proud parents of three grown children and five beautiful grandchildren, they are also Dixie's humans. Dixie, a very sweet Golden Retriever, is also on staff a Bayside Hospital for Animals. Dr. Townsend enjoys outdoor life, fishing, hunting, and camping with his grandchildren.

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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

Thank You for Your Generosity!



Thank you to the many club members who generously contributed to our Angel Tree project. Because of you numerous children at Longwood Elementary in Shalimar received gifts for Christmas. Pictured with the donated gifts is Beth Chalker who coordinates the program for Longwood.

In addition, several members of our club supported the Christmas gift program sponsored by the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. Members assisted with set up, gift selection with parents, and bicycle distribution. For those who participated in either event, please turn in your volunteer hours and dollars contributed (see article below).

District 6940 Conference

The conference will be held at the Baytowne Conference Center at the Village of Baytowne Wharf April 6-8, 2018. This year will kick off with breakout sessions on Friday afternoon followed by a BBQ and games & music on the lawn. Saturday morning will feature Rotary updates and inspirational speakers followed by a luncheon with speaker and awards. Saturday evening features the Governor's Banquet. Sunday morning begins with a memorial service to honor our members who have passed away. The service will be followed by more great speakers. Plan now to attend. It's a great time to learn more and meet Rotarians from around the district.

This year's event is family friendly so bring your spouse and children. Hotel room options include: studio for \$159/night; 2 BR for \$279/night; 3BR for \$359/night. See www.rotary6940.org for instructions for booking rooms and details about the conference.

Registration now through 1/31 is only \$175.

Our club usually has great representation at the conference.

Register now to represent your club!

Record your Volunteer Hours

RI President Ian Riseley has asked all clubs to report club member volunteer hours. The purpose is to be able to, at the end of the year, quantify the amount of time Rotarians have spent carrying out their local and global projects. When you spend time on one of our club projects, please turn in the following to Lorrageia:

- Name
- Date(s)
- Time spent (In minutes or hours)
- The project you worked on

The club will also be reporting dollars donated to local and global projects/charities.

Initial Plans for Scholarship Drawdown

Co-Chairs—Ross LeBlanc & Dusty Ricketts

Date/Location—Friday, May 25 at the Fairgrounds

Committee Chairs

Set Up and Décor— Diane Poff, Richard Kunkel

Libations—JT Edwards, Neal Bern

Registration—Debbie Bodenshtine, Jean Woo

Ticket Sales—Tony Gilligan (?)

Sponsors—Gerry Chalker, Matt Simpson

“Loser” Prizes—Mary Plummer, Sally Hardy

Signage—Aaron Webber, Rick Stevens

Start making your lists of contacts for possible sponsors and ticket purchasers

Brochures and tickets should be available this month!



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.

Upcoming Programs and Activities January is Vocational Service Month

1/10	Regular Meeting	Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
1/17	Regular Meeting	Patrick Berry—Gulfarium C.A.R.E. Program
1/24	Regular Meeting	Maj Jason Williams—Military Working Dogs
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
1/31	Regular Meeting	TBD
2/07	Regular Meeting	Dennis Mitchell (Anthrax Terrorist Attacks)
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

1/08 Sallie Hardy
1/23 Andy Corbin
1/25 Ben Gordon

January Anniversaries

1/17 Jack & Florence Arthur (59)
1/20 John & Connie Morgan (43)

January

Club Anniversaries

1/01 Alex Trum (49)
1/13 Eulice Shelley (64)

1/18 John Roper (1)
1/19 Debbie Bodenshtine (13)
1/24 Jean Woo (22)
1/25 Michele Nicholson (12)
1/28 Ben Gordon (3)



Only 20 new cases of polio were recorded world-wide during

2017. 12 of those cases were in Afghanistan; 8 were in Pakistan. This represents a 37.5% reduction compared to 2016. Reductions like this are only possible through the gifts from Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Peter Loffler and his son, Chris, are currently on a trip to participate in a National Immunization Day in India. We hope to have them speak at an upcoming meeting.

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

lmwillia@southernco.com

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

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

Rudy Hill, SM

Office Products

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

Nov 1 57.9%

Nov 8 58.6%

Nov 15 61.8%

Nov 29 64.3%

Nov to date 60.6%

Dec 6 58.9%

Dec 13 56.1%

Dec to date 57.5%