



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:** Katie Sharon
- President Elect:** Aaron Webber
- Secretary:** Ron Grissom
- Treasurer:** Ross LeBlanc
- Past President:** Charles West
- At Large:** Dusty Ricketts and Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Eulice Shelley
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Dusty Ricketts
- **Socials:** Neal Bern, Lyndon Poff
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Lisa Williams
- Membership:** Laura Kirby, Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Brewster
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ron Grissom, Ross LeBlanc
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Speaker: Audra Ray AMIKids



Audra Ray is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She moved to Destin, Florida in May 2015 to assume the responsibility of Executive Director at AMIKids Emerald Coast. She previously worked for AMIKids in Louisiana, Florida and Texas running both day treatment and residential program from 1996 but left to be closer to home in 2004. For the past 12 years, she was the program director of Boys Hope Girls Hope of Baton Rouge.

Audra has spent the last 20 years working with youth, focusing on helping them to improving their future. Her passion has always been at risk youth and feels blessed to have picked a career path that she loves. She graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a bachelors degree in psychology in 1993 and earned a masters degree in counseling in 1995. While in graduate school, she did her practicum at a girl's residential facility and found her passion for the at-risk population. Even though it can be challenging at times, she feels it is very rewarding to see students reach their full potential. Audra has a 5 year old that keeps her very busy. They enjoy traveling, the beach and outdoor activities.



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**Celebrate The
Rotary
Foundation's
Centennial
at the
RI Convention
Atlanta, GA
June 10-14, 2017**

**Current Reg \$415
April 1—\$490**

Registration covers:

- Inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders of our organization
- Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership and project management skills
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the fellowship and project booths in the House of Friendship
- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and at the General Sessions

FWB Rotarians who have registered: Katie Sharon, Jean Woo, Debbie Bodestine, Joe Meyer, Lyndon & Diane Poff, Jan Pooley

**Plan now to
Attend!**

**For more information visit:
www.riconvention.org**

The Rotary Foundation 100 Years of Doing Good in the World



In addition to making the first personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary founder Paul Harris also established a trust that would generate income for him and his wife, Jean, until their deaths, when the remaining balance would be given to the Foundation to educate underprivileged children.

In 1944, Paul Harris created a charitable trust, which stipulated that the income would accrue to him during his lifetime and to his wife, Jean, after he died. Upon her death, the balance of the trust would go to The Rotary Foundation. Jean died in 1964, and the Trustees accepted the bequest and honored Harris' request that the money be used to educate underprivileged children.

Others have designated that their gift be used to support a favorite Rotary Foundation program in the name of a loved one. Sir Angus Mitchell, the first Australian to become president of Ro-

tary (1948-49), helped launch this tradition in 1949, when he established a scholarship for an Australian student in honor of his wife, to be known as the Teenie Robertson Mitchell Memorial Fellowship. Thus began a long tradition that continues to this day.

Bruno Ghigi wanted to honor his father, who had been a member of the Rotary Club of Rimini, Italy. Throughout his childhood, Bruno listened to his father regale the family with wonderful stories of Rotary's work. After leaving school, Bruno joined his father in the family business and he later branched out to form a software company that became one of the most successful in Italy. Bruno joined Rotary and became club president and a Rotary Foundation Major Donor. In 1988, on the 20th anniversary of his father's death, Ghigi donated \$350,000 to The Rotary Foundation to establish an endowed fund to benefit refugees, the sick, and street children in Africa and Brazil.

Some recipients of the Foundation's benevolence have later felt inspired to pay back so others could enjoy that same experience. For example, Sadako Ogata, one of the first Rotary Foundation scholars, later donated \$10,000 to the Foundation in appreciation for the scholarship it had bestowed on her as a university student. "Rotary set me on a course that I am still continuing. If I had not gone to the United States as an Ambassadorial Scholar," she said, "I don't think I would have pursued the study of international relations."

Richard Illgen, an Ambassadorial Scholar from Mainz, Germany, studied business and economics at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, USA. After graduating, he joined Kraft Foods, where he enjoyed a very successful career. Wanting to provide a similar scholarship opportunity for others, Illgen and his wife, Irene, made a gift — matched by Kraft Foods — that provided \$23,000 for a scholar from his home district in Germany to study at Northwestern.

From Chapter 11 of "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years"

2017 Rotary Leadership Institute

RLI's purpose is to give you the necessary tools and skills to be better Rotarians. As in every endeavor, the more you know about anything, the more interesting it becomes. Rotary is most assuredly one of those areas that the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Graduates of RLI are more likely to remain in and become a bigger part of Rotary than any other demographic.

Level 1—*Object of Rotary, Rotary-The Bigger Picture, Membership Retention, Rotary Opportunities, Ethics & Vocational Service, and Rotary Foundation I.*

Level 2—*Analyzing your Rotary Club, Leadership-Team Building, Strategic Planning, Service Projects, Membership Attraction, and Public Relations.*

Level 3—*Rotary History, International Service, Leadership: Effective Strategies, Rotary Foundation II, Communication Techniques, and Making a Difference.*

Registration for each session closes 10 days prior to the event date.

For more information and to register, go to www.rlittraining.org. The club reimburses the tuition fee.

Upcoming Programs and Activities January is Vocational Service Month

- 1/11 Regular Meeting Allen Baggett—Building Industry Association
- 1/18 Regular Meeting
- 1/25 Regular Meeting Tracy Stage—Okaloosa Co Airports Director
- 1/27 Rotary Leadership Inst Pensacola (Levels 1, 2, 3)
- 2/1 Regular Meeting Mel Ponder, Florida House of Representatives
- 2/18 Rotary Leadership Inst Panama City (Levels 1, 2, 3)
- 3/25 Rotary Leadership Inst Tallahassee (Levels 1, 2, 3)
- 4/6-4/9/17 District Conference Baytowne Wharf

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays		Membership Anniv			
Andy Corbin	1/23	John Morgan	1/1 37 yrs	Alex Trum	1/1 51 yrs
Ben Gordon	1/25	Ralph Fallin	1/1 51 yrs	John Linn	1/1 28 yrs
Anniversaries		George Dorris	1/1 40 yrs	Debbie Bodensline	1/19 12 yrs
1/17 Jack & Florence Ar-		Eulice Shelley	1/1 53 yrs	Jean Woo	1/24 21 yrs
thur		Fred Pryor	1/1 45 yrs	Michele Nicholson	1/25 11 yrs
1/20 John & Connie Morgan				Ben Gordon	1/18 2 yrs

New Member Proposal—Second Publishing

John Roper has been proposed for membership and the proposal has been approved by the club's Board of Directors. He was proposed by Julie McNabb. John is the new Chief Executive Officer for ARC of the Emerald Coast (formerly Horizons) and his classification will be Developmental Disabilities. John and his wife are relocating to the area from Wetumpka, AL. John has been a member of the Rotary Club of Montgomery.

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.



The Wall Street Journal announced three philanthropists

made sizable, million dollar donations to "help cover costs of the polio eradication effort". Won't you join in the effort to eradicate Polio by making an over-and-above contribution designated to Polio Plus?

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:
 Laura Kirby
LKirby@Landrumcompanies.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

Bill Alexson
 Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
 CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
 Insurance

James Bass, SM
 Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM
 Insurance

Debbie Bodenshine, 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
 Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (9) 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

Ralph Fallin, (35) PHF SM RotY*
 Dairy Products

Bob Foster
 Business Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM
 Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
 Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM
 Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM
 Utilities

Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM
 Education

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

Laura Kirby (3) SM
 Business Development

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

Jamey Mattern, PHF
 Architect

David Macdonald PHF SM **
 Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
 Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF
 Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (13) 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
 Non-Profit Management

Susan Page,
 Professional Counseling

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*
 Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF
 Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
 Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, SM
 Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (10) PHF SM RotY*
 Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
 Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
 Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
 News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
 Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *
 Moving & Storage

Scott Smith, PHF SM*
 Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva
 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, SM
 Condo Management

Charles West, (1) PHF SM*
 Investment Broker

Lisa Williams
 Utilities

Jean Woo, PHF
 Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF
 Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **
 Psychologist