



The Rotary Reader

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March is Water and Sanitation Month Board of Directors

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

Today's Speaker: Chief Robert Bage Fort Walton Beach Police Department



Robert Bage became the Fort Walton Beach Police Chief on March 11, 2019. He came to Fort Walton Beach from the North Miami Police Department where he spent the last 20 years, with his last duty as Assistant Chief. He progressed through the ranks during his career in North Miami, working in all five units of the department: patrol, investigations, community policing, traffic

and marine patrol.

Chief Bage, a second-generation Floridian, graduated from North Miami Senior High and enlisted in the U.S. Navy for two years and then went to the U.S. Border Patrol for one year prior to returning home to North Miami to join the North Miami Police Department for a twenty-year career.

He has a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice from Florida International University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Barry University. He is also a graduate from the FBI National Academy class 248, the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute of Policing and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Institute's Chief Executive Seminar. Chief Bage is also an active member of the Florida Police Chief's Association and represents the panhandle on two committees as well as an active member with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

For more information on the Fort Walton Beach Police Department go to www.fwb.org/pd2019review

Welcome, Chief Bage!

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RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

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

COVID-19 Outbreak

Rotary is closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and training meetings.

UPDATE 3 March 2020 — With an increase in total global cases, we recommend that Rotary members and participants follow the guidelines set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and your national, regional, or local health authorities to protect the health and safety of our members and program participants. If it's recommended, postpone or cancel in-person meetings or hold them online or by phone. If there are travel advisories, exercise caution, during district or club travel. If you have any questions about travel related to a global grant, contact your regional grants officer.

We also recommend that you share these updates with your club and district often, so you can do what is best for your community.

27 February 2020 — The Rotary International Convention is still scheduled for 6-10 June in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. We're following the [recommendations of the World Health Organization](#) (WHO), which "did not recommend any travel or trade restrictions, based on the current information available," in its latest statement on the topic. We will keep you informed through riconvention.org, through the Convention News newsletter, and by email.

Scholarship Drawdown



The 6th Annual Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown will be held Friday, April 24. This year the event moves to a new venue...The Island on Okaloosa Island.

Our goal is to sell \$50,000 in sponsorships and tickets. By reaching this goal we will net a significant amount of funding for the Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarship (for nursing and health-related fields), the James Sutton Scholarship (for any discipline of study), and the John T Morgan III Scholarship (for those who have overcome significant obstacles). Last year our scholarship foundation, Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc raised the amount of the awards to \$2,000. Our scholarships can be renewed annually if the students meet certain requirements and the funding is available.

Mary Plummer and Sallie Hardy will be heading up the collection of "Loser Prizes". We've had some awesome prizes in the past and want to keep that up. Ask for prizes from businesses you support and consider donating a prize from your business as well.

Tickets, brochures and sponsorship information will be available at today's meeting. We need everyone's participation to reach our goal.

If You Missed Last Week's Meeting



If you missed the meeting last week, you missed a great program. With great humor Coach Pete Shinnick, head coach for University of West Florida Football, shared stories of his life and his career.

Under Coach Shinnick's leadership, the Argos won the Division 2 National Championship in the program's 4th season. They achieved that distinction faster than any program in the history of Division 2.

2020 District Conference



Our annual District Conference is a time for inspiration, fellowship, recognition and learning. This year's conference is scheduled for April 17-19 at the Baytowne Conference Center at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Registration is

open on DACdb. The \$210 registration fee covers all meals (2 dinners, 1 lunch and 2 breakfasts), general sessions and breakout sessions. Speakers will address Alzheimers Research, Human Trafficking and the I-10 Corridor, and the Opioid Crisis. 2 International Service Projects will be highlighted and a service project will take place on site. The conference will be preceded by the annual Foundation Cruise on the Solaris. Register for this event separately through Event Brite. The District Assembly (PETS 3) will take place on site Friday, 4/17 from 10am-4pm. This event is for incoming club officers and committee chairs. Plan now to go!

Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 3/11 Regular Meeting David Allen—OCSO Special Operations Unit
- 3/18 Regular Meeting Scholarship Drawdown
- 3/25 Regular Meeting Tom Johnson—American Exceptionalism
- 4/01 Regular Meeting Paul Lux—2020 Election

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.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <p>Birthdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/05 Herb Tinsley 3/13 Jan Pooley 3/19 Jeff Hooton | <p>Wedding Anniversaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/05 Gerry & Beth Chalker (32) 3/10 Joe & Kim Meyer (30) 3/20 Ken & Maria Erdberg (27) 3/21 Rick & Patti Stevens (39) 3/25 Debbie Bodensine & Scott | <p>Club Anniversaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightsey (20) 3/21 Mitzi Henley (13) 3/28 Joe Garvie (2) 3/28 Stacey McGilvray (2) |
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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.



I am from a generation who has witnessed the devastating effects of polio. When I discovered how close we were to eradicating polio, I was very motivated to be a part of this movement. It is so rare when you can accomplish something so spectacular.

Angelique Kidjo
Singer-Songwriter

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 RLI 1

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

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

Kyle Lowrey

Law Enforcement

John Lysaght

Life Cycle Logistics

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM

Retail/Computers

Jason Monroe RLI 1

Information Technology

John Morgan, PHF SM*

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan,

Electrical Engineer

Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM

Communications

Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, PHF SM

Paint & Body Shop

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 3

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Len Scapon

Director of Photography

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 PHF

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.