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**December is Disease
Prevention and Treatment
Month**

Board of Directors

- President:** Ron Grissom
- President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc
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- Treasurer:** Matt Simpson
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
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- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Meyer
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Lorrageia Jackson
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The Rotary Reader

Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach 2017-2018 Rotary Citation Earner

Today's Program: Dennis Guy Special Forces Association, Chapter 7



Dennis Guy was born in Wichita KS and joined the Army Reserves in 1987 as a Firefighter Crash Rescue Specialist. In 1991 he completed Special Forces Assessment and Selection and was later assigned to 7th Special Forces Group Airborne (7th SFG(A)), 2nd Battalion, Alpha Company Fort Bragg, NC as an I8C Special Forces Engineer, with multiple deployments to Central and South America. In 2000 he was selected for Drill Sergeant Duty with assignment to Fort Jackson, SC. In 2003 he completed the Special Forces Warrant Officer Course and was reassigned to 7th SFG(A) as the Assistant Detachment Commander for Operational Detachment Alpha 763. He commanded the detachment through multiple deployments to Afghanistan and Central and South America. He was then selected to be the Special Forces Warrant Officer Branch Manager at Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, KY where he was responsible for managing 560 Warrant Officer Careers. He retired August 2017, his last rank/job held before retirement was Chief Warrant 4, Senior Battalion Warrant Officer 2nd Battalion, 7th SFG(A), Eglin AFB, FL. Dennis currently works at Valiant Defense Company as unconventional warfare roll player for Special Operations Training Detachment at Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA. He also volunteers for the Road to Recovery program driving cancer patients to their appointments. Currently he serves as the Vice President for Special Forces Association Chapter 7, an all volunteer position.

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RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

June 28-December 15
\$395 per person

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

Sushil Gupta Named RI President for 2020-2021

Sushil Kumar Gupta, chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd. and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity, will begin his one-year term as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2020.

Sushil Kumar Gupta, a member of the service organization for 41 years, belongs to the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, will begin his one-year term as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2020, the same date club member Jan Pooley begins her year serving as District 6940 Governor.

Gupta, a member of the service organization for 41 years, belongs to the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest. As head of Rotary's global network of 35,000 clubs, Gupta aims to increase the organization's humanitarian impact and club member diversity.

"I'm humbled to join the distinguished ranks of those who have led this organization before me," Gupta said. "I hope to leave a mark on Rotary that reflects selfless leadership and an unwavering commitment to service."

Gupta has served as president of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and on the board of directors of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. He was the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is currently vice chair of the Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.

Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party will be held Wednesday, December 19 from 6pm—9pm at The Island Resort (1500 Miracle Strip Parkway SE on Okaloosa Island).

The evening will feature an appetizer buffet and cash bar. Put on your party clothes and bring your spouse or significant other and come out for a night of Rotary fellowship. Please RSVP to Neal Bern at nealbern@gmail.com or 850-826-1236

Rotary 6940 District Conference



Mark your calendars now for the 2019 District 6940 Conference at the Baytowne Conference Center.

Join fellow Rotarians from around the district as we serve together (Socks of Love and potential hurricane relief project), learn together (great speakers and breakout sessions), celebrate together (district awards and recognition) and remember together (memorial service).

Medina's Treasure theme will carry throughout the conference. Family friendly Registration will open soon...hopefully next week. Plan to attend...you won't regret it.

2019 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sunshine Division is to provide an up-to-date, practical, and user-friendly educational opportunity in convenient locations for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club officers. Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

Dates in District 6940 for 2019 have been announced:

January 12—Pensacola

February 2—Panama City

February 23—Lake City

March 23—Tallahassee

Make plans to attend. **Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.**

Ring the Bell this Christmas!

We'll be "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army Saturday, December 8 at Santa Rosa Mall between 10am and 5pm. Shifts are: 10—11:30am, 11:30am—1pm, 1pm-2:30pm, 2:30—4pm and 4-5pm. We need 2 people per shift per kettle. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Rick Owen at rick@united-way.org.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

12/05	Regular Meeting	Special Forces Association
12/12	Regular Meeting	Taylor Haugen Foundation
12/19	Holiday Party	6pm-9pm at The Island Resort
12/26	No Meeting	
1/02	Regular Meeting	Member Highlights

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.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	Club Anniversaries
12/12 Rick Stevens	12/04 Lyndon & Diane Poff	12/04 Joe Meyer (31)
12/14 Dusty Ricketts	(35)	12/13 Chuck Landers
12/14 Mack Busbee	12/07 George & Paula Dorris	(12)
12/15 Jody Henderson	(50)	12/17 Chad Hamilton
12/17 John Linn	12/17 Charlie & Cindy Potts	(15)
	(41)	

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.



Each drop of polio vaccine starts its life in Indonesia or

Switzerland, carefully produces by WHO's pre-qualified manufacturers. UNICEF buys it in the millions of doses through its Copenhagen-based Supply Office. The vaccine arrives in Afghanistan by air, to be checked and delivered to the national cold store in Kabul. The rest of its journey is not so easy. Afghanistan has 6 regional cold rooms and a working freezer room in each provincial capital. But these lie hundreds of miles from the most remote villages.

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. 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 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

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 *

Electronics Mfg.

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

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, PHF 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

Stacey McGilvray

Commercial Lending

Mack McElhose (1)

Mass Transit

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

Angie O'Plasty

Staff Cardiologist

Rick Owen (2) PHF PHS

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*

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

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*

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 *

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

Nov 7 61.0%

Nov 14 55.2%

Nov TD 58.1%

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

Members in purple have perfect attendance.