



The Rotary Reader

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February is Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution Month Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
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- Secretary:** John Roper
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
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- Membership:** Joe Meyer
- Rotary Foundation:** Gerry Chalker
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- Youth Services:** Joe Garvie
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Fundraisers:** Aaron Webber
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

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

Today's Program: Rob Calley, Board Certified Master Arborist



Rob Calley has owned and operated Backridge Tree Service for 22 years.
Bachelors degree University of Kansas.
Former flight engineer for the Air Force.
Rob competes and judges at several tree climbing competitions around the country.
Rob is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified.
He also holds the TCIA "Certified Tree Care Safety Professional" credential.
He is a TCIA certified instructor for Aerial Rescue, Chainsaw Operations and Chipper Safety.
2019 Recipient of the "True Professional of Arboriculture" award from the International Society of Arboriculture.
Rob teaches for the International Society of Arboriculture, the AUFA and Tree Care Industry Association.
Rob is the current President of the ISA Florida Chapter Board of Directors.
Rob has voluntarily served on the Florida ISA board for 6 years.

Scholarship Drawdown

Aaron Webber and his team have been working behind the scenes to make this year's Scholarship Drawdown a big success. The date will be Friday, April 24 and the location will be The Island Resort. Our goal is \$50,000 in sponsorships and ticket sales, so update your lists of sponsors and ticket purchasers now. Brochures, sponsor forms and brochure will be available soon. We need 100% participation!

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www.dacdb.org



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

District Foundation Cup Challenge

Governor Innes has asked that we once again adopt the Foundation Challenge Cup. The Cup Challenge is adopted by many Districts as a way to instill a sense of camaraderie throughout the District and grow Foundation Giving awareness.

The goal of the Cup Challenge is to:

1. Highlight the importance of Foundation Giving
2. Increase and sustain awareness and Foundation Giving
3. Recognize club giving

The Cup Challenge is based upon Per Capita Giving - to the ANNUAL Fund only. Highest club giving will be the winner in each club category: Small Clubs 1-25, Medium

Clubs 26-60 and Large Clubs 61 and up.

As you know, Governor Innes is passionate about the Eradication of Polio and has added a new Cup Category to recognize the Club that gives the most to Polio Plus.

As of 31 December the results are:

Small Clubs Top 5: Perdido Key (\$205); Navarre (\$87); Tallahassee Sunset (\$70);

Niceville-Valparaiso (\$58); Apalachicola and Chattahoochee (\$56-tied)

Medium Clubs Top 5: Cantonment (\$198) Mid-Bay (\$177); Madison (\$105); Destin (\$88); Panama City Northside (\$85)

Large Clubs Top 5—Tallahassee (\$143); Tallahassee Sunrise (\$118); Panama City (\$118); Pensacola Sub-West (\$66); Lake City \$61

Top Club Giving to Polio - Panama City Northside (\$5,283)

Fort Walton Beach falls into the Medium Club Size. Our year-to-date per capita giving is \$79.58 and giving to Polio is \$1,990.

Please remember, the Annual Fund is the fund that gives us our District Designated Funds which allows us to do projects in our communities as well as smaller Global projects - 50% of what we give to the Annual Fund comes back in 3 years, thus supporting these DDF projects.

Lastly, A couple easy ways to increase giving is to: 1. Have members sign up for Rotary Direct. 2. Recruit new Paul Harris Society Members. 3 Start a Dollar-a-Day club thus encouraging members to give \$365 annually. 4 Become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Dave Rauch, District Foundation Chair

Pickle Ball Tournament



Rotary Fun Pickleball Tournament



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE EMERALD COAST

Saturday February 22, 2020

Where: Boys & Girls Club - 427 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Cost: \$30 per person – Proceeds go to underprivileged kids in South Walton County

Format: Modified King/Queen of the Court

2 Divisions of only 24 players each: Intermediate < 3.0 & Advanced > 3.5

- Each participant will play six 15-minute timed games. No Waiting!
- Winners will move up and split, losers will move down and split.
- Points for/against will be used to decide winners.
- Medals for top 3 men and top 3 women in each division, goodie bags for all

Registration: e-mail (peter.burrell@Hotmail.com) or see me on the courts

Registration guaranteed only after payment received

2020-2021 Rotary Youth Exchange

For the first time in many years and with the blessings of President-Elect Matt Simpson, our club will participate in the Long Term Rotary Youth Exchange Program for the 2020-21 Rotary year. Katie Sharon and her family are very excited about hosting a high school student from another country. It will be a few months before we know the name, gender and country of the student. Our club will have many opportunities to assist and make this student welcome during his or her time with us so stay tuned

2020 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Once again, our club will sponsor 3 10th grade students for RYLA. This year's leadership development program will be held at Adventures Unlimited near Milton Thursday, March 26—Sunday, March 29. Several candidates have been identified. If you know a 10th grader who would benefit from this program, please contact Joe Garvie immediately.

Gates Foundation Extends the 2 to 1 Match for Polio

I'm delighted to let you know that Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation just announced the extension of our fundraising partnership. The Gates Foundation will continue matching donations to Rotary's PolioPlus program 2-1, up to \$50 million every year.

Whether you're a new Rotary member, or you've been fighting polio for decades—there's a role for you to play in ending this disease. Visit endpolio.org to learn more and [donate](#).

Sincerely,
John Germ, Rotary Foundation Trustee

Upcoming Programs and Activities

2/08	Rotary Leadership Institute	Panama City (Register on DACdb)
2/12	Regular Meeting	Todd Allen—Northwest Florida Ballet
2/19	Regular Meeting	TBD
2/26	Regular Meeting	Pete Shinnick—UWF Head Football Coach
2/29	Rotary Leadership Institute	Tallahassee (Register on DACdb)
3/04	Regular Meeting	Nathan Monk—One Hopeful Place

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

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	2/12 Rick Stevens (28)
2/10 Richard Kunkel	2/04 Tony & Gretchen Gilligan	2/14 Eric Polson (2)
2/19 Matt Zasada	(37)	2/15 Tony Gilligan (25)
2/21 Tony Leonard	2/14 John & Alicia Roper (11)	2/15 Matt Zasada (3)
2/22 Joe Brewster	Club Anniversaries	2/22 Jeff Hooton (14)
	2/01 George Dorris (42)	2/27 Athena Riley (1)

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.

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Anis Faizy is a 24 year old polio outreach worker in Kandahar City in Afghanistan. Her aim is to talk to families that refuse to vaccinate their children against polio. When she started her job some people in her community told her she could be killed while working in the community, it is unsafe for women and women must stay at home. But she has worked for 3 years. "I want to help my people—polio is a danger to every child and we should eradicate it."

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

Rudy Hill, SM
 Office Products

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

David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM
 Developmental Disabilities

Jason Monroe RLI 1
 Information Technology

John Morgan, PHF SM*
 Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan,
 Electrical Engineer

Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM
 Communications

Barry L. Plotz
 Staff Mortician

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

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.