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

October is

Economic and Community Development 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
- Sergeant at Arms:** Mack Busbee, JT Edwards, Jeff Hooton, Jean Woo

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
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Today's Speaker John Linn, Linn's Prestige Kitchens



John Linn moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1968. He attended Pryor Middle School and graduated from Choctaw with the class of 76. He then studied at (now) Northwest Florida State College and graduated from the University of West Florida in 1980 with a BS in Management. Linn's Prestige Kitchens began in 1981 as a University of West Florida Business Class Project.

John joined Rotary in 1988. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member of the Rotary Foundation, has served as a host family for visiting Group Study Exchange Team Members and went to Pasadena, CA to work on the Rotary International float for the Tournament of Roses Parade. John is married to Sherrie and they have one son, Zack, and a daughter, Megan. His hobbies include water sports, boating, Scuba diving, and hunting. He is a member and serves as a Deacon at Westminster Presbyterian Church. John will share with us about his recent trip to the Grand Canyon.

Scholarship Drawdown Meeting 10/12



President Katie has called a meeting to begin planning for the 2017 Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown. The meeting will be held at 1:15pm following next week's regular meeting. All club members are invited to attend. Ron Grissom and Ross LeBlanc serve as co-chairs for this important fundraiser.

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

**Current Reg \$340
Dec 16—\$415
April 1—\$490**

**The Georgia
World Congress
Center is the site
of the convention's
general and break-
out sessions and
the House of
Friendship. Lo-
cated in the heart
of downtown At-
lanta, the center
puts you within
easy walking dis-
tance of the
World of Coca-
Cola, the Georgia
Aquarium, restau-
rants, shops, and
more than 13,000
hotel rooms.**

**Plan now to
Attend!**

**For more informa-
tion visit:
www.riconvention.org**

Make Plans to Attend our Next Club Social



A new venue is coming to Okaloosa Island and you have the opportunity to visit early on...even before their official ribbon cutting. Make plans now to attend our next club social. We'll meet at The Gulf (1284 Marler Ave, on Okaloosa Island) Wednesday, October 19 from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm. The social will replace our regular lunch meeting. Neil is planning a fun evening with hors d'oeuvres and a drink ticket. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more details.

Congratulations, Andy Corbin

Recently, Andy Corbin was selected to participate in the Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Businesses* program. The program is designed for business owners who have a business poised for growth. Participants gain practical skills in topics such as negotiation, marketing and employee management that can immediately be put into action. In addition participants will receive the tools and professional support they need to develop a strategic and customized business growth plan that will take the company to the next level. Selection criteria include: small business owner or co-owner; business in operation for at least two years; business revenues over \$150,000 in the most recent fiscal year; business with a minimum of 4 employees (including owner).

Participants are asked to attend a program orientation; complete 11 convenient learning sessions; participate in out-of-class activities, including completing assignments, attending networking events and business support clinics; create a business growth plan over the course of the program.

Andy has just returned from his first session, conducted at Babson College in Wellesley, MA, and reports that every aspect of the program was first class. All expenses are paid by the program.

If you are interested in applying for the program go to:
www.10ksbapply.com/about-10000-small-businesses

Women in Rotary

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

World Polio Day—October 24

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is a public-private partnership led by national governments with five partners - the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Its goal is to eradicate polio worldwide.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is financed by a wide range of public and private donors, who help meet the costs of the Initiative’s eradication activities. The requirements for 2013-2019 are projected to be approximately US\$ 7 billion. Health officials and Rotary’s celebrity Polio Ambassadors will head to Atlanta, GA, for the 2017 World Polio Day event October 24. It will be streamed live and then will be available for viewing anytime at endpolio.org.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

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| 10/12 | Regular Meeting | Marcia Hull, CEO of Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation |
| 10/19 | Club Social | The Gulf (1284 Marler Ave on Okaloosa Island) |
| 10/24 | World Polio Day | |
| 10/26 | Regular Meeting | Nathan Sparks, ED of EDC of Okaloosa County |
| 11/02 | Regular Meeting | Robert Strickland, Mgr of Donor Recruitment for OneBlood |
| 11/09 | Regular Meeting | Col. Robert Kirila, Deputy Commander 7th Special Forces (Meeting at Bob Hope Village—Gates Bldg) |
| 11/16 | Regular Meeting | Don Gaetz, State Senator |
| 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

September Birthdays		Anniversaries		Membership Anniv		
Eulice Shelley	10/2	10/4	Tom & Denise Hays			
Jack Arthur	10/3	10/4	John & Sherrie Linn	Herb Tinsley	10/1	45 yrs
Mitzi Henley	10/5	10/7	Katie & J.D. Sharon	Jan Pooley	10/12	21 yrs
Tony Gilligan	10/22	10/10	Ross & Brianne	Charles West	10/17	14 yrs
Russ Youngblood	10/27		LeBlanc			
Ron Grissom	10/30	10/20	Neal & Maxine Bern			

Club History Corner

1990 — Contributed to the success of Walk for Hope. Sponsored the Doctors/Lawyers Basketball Game. Donation for the new Rotary Scholarship House at FSU. Policy adopted no politicians currently running for office will be permitted as Guest Speaker, club members included. Supported the Group Study Exchange.
1991—Billy Bowlegs Golf Tournament, six college scholarships awarded totaling \$7,500. Provided bookmarks for the Teen Line.

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.



Polio remains endemic in 3 countries—Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. Until poliovirus transmission is interrupted in these countries all countries remain at risk of importation of polio, especially vulnerable countries with weak public health services.

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

Frank Brutt, PHF SM

County Planning

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

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM

Public Safety

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

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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

Whitney Smith, SM

Attorney

Oxana Solovieva

Commercial Real Estate

Allan Stearns, PHF SM*

Travel Agent

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