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**September is Basic  
Education and Literacy  
Month**

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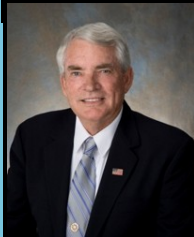
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# The Rotary Reader

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

### **Today's Speakers: Kelly Windes, John Hofstad Okaloosa County Sales Tax Referendum**



Commissioner Kelly Windes is a lifelong Destin area resident and a third generation Destin fisherman. He graduated from Choctawhatchee High School in 1964 and attended Okaloosa-Walton Junior College. He served his country as a Quartermaster in the United States Navy aboard the USS PERRY DD844. He has recently retired after being a full-time charter boat captain for 50 years. In 1994 and 2012 he had the honor of being awarded Destin Businessman of the Year by the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce, for a collaborate effort by Destin fishermen to preserve their livelihood in the vital fishing industry through development of the Destin Fishing Fleet Marina. He also has ownership interests in several other businesses.

As a successful businessman, he is well-qualified with many of the county duties including but not limited to budgets, long-term planning, and development. Commissioner Windes would like to thank the many friends and fishing customers from Destin, Mary Esther, Fort Walton Beach, Shalimar, Niceville, Crestview, Baker, Blackman, Laurel Hill and the surrounding communities who encouraged and supported him, and looks forward to serving as the District 5 county commissioner.

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John Hofstad has been a resident of Okaloosa County most of his life and has nearly 33 years experience in local government service, which includes 10 years with the City of Mary Esther and 14 years with the City of Fort Walton Beach, prior to his employment with Okaloosa County. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management from The University of West Florida and a Graduate Certificate in Florida City and County Management from the Askew School of Public Policy and Administration at Florida State University.

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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](http://www.riconvention.org)

## Today's Speakers—cont'd

Hofstad manages the day-to-day operations of all departments under the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners. Okaloosa County government consists of departments and constitutional officers within three categories:

- Public Safety: Corrections, Inspections, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Sheriff
- Essential Services: Airports, Constitutional offices, Extension Services, Facilities Maintenance, Growth Management, Information Systems, Judicial, Health Dept., Transit, Public Works, Water & Sewer
- Quality of Life: Museums, Libraries, Parks, Tourist Development Dept., Veterans Services

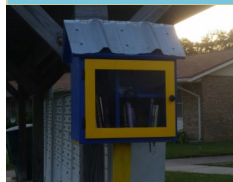
Prior to his current position as the Okaloosa County Administrator, John Hofstad served as the Okaloosa County Public Works Director for over four years and as the interim County Administrator on two occasions. Directing the largest department within the county has prepared him for leading Okaloosa County. In addition to leading the Public Works Department, consisting of Road and Bridge, Parks, Solid Waste, Recycling, Mosquito Control, Artificial Reef and Engineering divisions, he also administered four additional departments: Agricultural Extension Office, Facilities Maintenance, Fleet Operations, and Information Systems.

Hofstad currently serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, Community Solutions Board of Directors, a past Honorary Commander of Hurlburt Field's 1st SOW, a Participant of the 63rd National Security Forum at the USAF Air War College, and an active member of the Crestview Rotary Club.

## Homeless Veteran Stand Down

The annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down will take place Friday, October 26 at Striving for Perfection Church on Bass Ave. Travel-sized items are needed: Band aids\*, knit hats, deodorant\*, hand sanitizer, note pads, rain ponchos\*, reading glasses, shaving razors, socks\*, mouthwash\*, sewing kits\*, tooth brushes, sunglasses\*, \$5 food cards from Dollar Tree, gloves, snack crackers, tissues, washcloths\*, colored tee shirts (XL, 2XL, 3XL)\*, lip balm\*, Qtips, decks of cards, dental floss, insect repellent\*, sunscreen, pens, shaving cream\*, wet wipes\*, nail clippers, puzzle books\*, tooth paste. An asterisk indicates the item is low in stock. Items can be dropped off at the Mental Health Association at 571 Mooney Rd of at Jean Woo's office at 136 Staff Dr. Cash donations are welcomed and are tax deductible. **Items are needed by September 10.** Volunteers are needed for Set-Up Day, October 25. Tasks include: Bicycle/Hygiene Bag Pick-Up, VA Clothing Pick-up and unloading, church set-up and truck drivers. Volunteers are also needed the day of the event. Some of the tasks include: church/grounds cleanup, client escorts, client food service volunteers, HMIS screeners, parking, VA clothing distribution, and more. **Please see Rick Owen to volunteer!** Let's have a good turnout for this needed event.

## Little Free Libraries



Our Little Free Libraries are once again in need of books. Please bring fiction or non-fiction for adults and children to any Wednesday meeting so they can be placed in the libraries. Our libraries are located at The Landing and in the Housing Authority neighborhood on Robinwood.

## RYLA 2019

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program for 10th graders and is held annually at Adventures Unlimited in Milton. The dates for 2019 are April 25-28. Besides nominating a student to attend (Rotary pays the cost), you can also participate by volunteering to be a Group Leader, Facilitator, or a number of other positions. This is an excellent program and deserves our full support. For more information, see President Ron or DGN Jan Pooley.

## 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.**

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

9/12	Regular Meeting	TBD
9/19	Regular Meeting	DG John Medina—Official Visit
9/26	Regular Meeting	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida
10/03	Regular Meeting	Ginny Barr—Homeless Veterans' Stand Down
10/10	Regular Meeting	Sarah Robinson—ShelterBox USA

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 Lorragea know.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### August Birthdays

9/06 Mary Plummer  
 9/15 Chuck Landers  
 9/17 Aaron Webber  
 9/29 Charles West

### August Anniversaries

9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (5)  
 9/03 Jessica & Matt Simpson (7)  
 9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (29)  
 9/12 Eric & Stephanie Polson (26)

### Club Anniversaries

9/01 John Morgan (42)  
 9/24 Gerry Chalker (21)

## 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.



As recently as 2012, Nigeria counted for half the world's polio cases. Today, with the help from many UNICEF-trained Volunteer Community Mobilizers, no wild poliovirus has been detected in the country since August 2016. There are still many immunity gaps in Nigeria, as underlined by an outbreak of vaccine-derived virus currently going on, but in the villages where VCM's work the gap is closing.

# 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

### 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

### Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY \*

Electronics Mfg.

### George Dorris, PHF SM

Dentistry

### JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY

Landscaping Owner

### Dan Empson

Honorary

### Hugo First

Bunji Jumping Instructor

### 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

### 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 Ryneason

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

July Total 65.0%

Aug 01 66.0%

Aug 08 61.1%

Aug 15 63.6%

Aug 22 67.2%

Aug to date 64.5%

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.