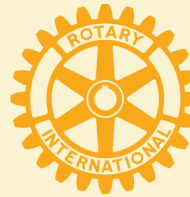




The Rotary Reader



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

**December is
Disease Prevention and
Treatment Month**

Board of Directors

- President:** Aaron Webber
- President Elect:** Ron Grissom
- Secretary:** Ross LeBlanc
- Treasurer:** Dusty Ricketts
- Past President:** Katie Sharon
- At Large:** Forrest Townsend and
Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Bob Fowner
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and
John Roper

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be
Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
- Membership:** Lisa Williams, Andy
Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Katie Sharon
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton and
Charles West
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:**
Ross LeBlanc, Dusty Ricketts
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Program: 2018 Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown



Ross LeBlanc (Club Secretary) and Dusty Ricketts (Club Treasurer) are the co-chairs of our 2018 Scholarship Drawdown. The purpose of today's program is to begin the planning process for a successful event.



Last year's event was the most successful fund raiser our club has sponsored, earning over \$40,000 for Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship Inc. It took everyone's support and participation to reach that level. Ross and Dusty will be looking for everyone's support again this year. They want your ideas to help make this year's event even better

Our club has a great history of supporting students as they further their education. Let's keep it up!

Welcome Returning Member Rudy Hill

We're happy to have Rudy Hill rejoin our club after an absence of a few years. While a member of our club previously, Rudy and his wife Ann served as a host family for a visiting Group Study Exchange team member from India. Rudy continued in Rotary when he moved to Tennessee and joined the Niceville-Valparaiso club when he returned to the area (since we already had a member from his business). He has been visiting with us for a number of weeks and is now officially a club member. Rudy works for CPC Office Technologies. He loves Corvettes and is active in the local Corvette Club. He and his wife Ann live in Mary Esther.

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District website: www.rotary690.org



RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

June 15-December 15
\$335 per person

December 16-March 31
\$410 per person

April 1—June 27
\$495 per person

Toronto is Canada's largest city, fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of 2.8 million people. It's a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities.

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

5 Steps to Increase Your Club's Facebook Presence

1. **Make Good Use of Visuals**—Your cover photo is prime real estate. Use a photo that really speaks to your club's mission. Post fun, active photos.
2. **Post Regularly**—Share your club's next program or a photo of a project, or create an event for your next fundraiser. For example, post your speaker every Monday. Share a photo every Wednesday. Share an article from Rotary.org Friday.
3. **Encourage club members to like and share posts from your Facebook page**—This is where the magic of social media kicks in. When members share your posts on their personal page, their connections can see the post and increase the club's presence.
4. **Have more than one page admin.**—The author's club has 3. Each is responsible for different aspects of the page. This prevents the page from being forgotten or getting lost.
5. **Use Milestones**—Add a milestone for the club's charter date, for each president, for major events or awards. Milestones increase engagement and give you're a timeline of your club's history

By Melissa Ward, PDG and chair of the Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship

District 6940 Conference

Early Registration is open now. **Register by 12/15** for \$150. December 16 registration goes to \$175.

The conference will be held at the Baytowne Conference Center at the Village of Baytowne Wharf April 6-8, 2018. This year will kick off with breakout sessions on Friday afternoon followed by a BBQ and games & music on the lawn. Saturday morning will feature Rotary updates and inspirational speakers followed by a luncheon with speaker and awards. Saturday evening features the Governor's Banquet. Sunday morning begins with a memorial service to honor our members who have passed away. The service will be followed by more great speakers.

Plan now to attend. It's a great time to learn more and meet Rotarians from around the district.

Hotel room options include: studio for \$159/night; 2 BR for \$279/night; 3BR for \$359/night. See www.rotary6940.org for instructions for booking rooms and details about the conference.

Our club usually has great representation at the conference. Register now to represent your club!

Record your Volunteer Hours

RI President Ian Riseley has asked all clubs to report club member volunteer hours. The purpose is to be able to, at the end of the year, quantify the amount of time Rotarians have spent carrying out their local and global projects. When you spend time on one of our club projects, please turn in the following to Lorrageia:

- Name
- Date(s)
- Time spent (In minutes or hours)
- The project you worked on

The club will also be reporting dollars donated to local and global projects/charities.

Christmas Party

Plan now to attend our club's Christmas Dinner and Party.

- Wednesday, December 20, 6pm-9pm
- Wyndham Garden Inn on Okaloosa Island (573 Santa Rosa Blvd)
- Dinner, Entertainment and Cash Bar; Holiday Casual
- \$25 per person
- RSVP to Lorrageia (executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org) by 12/15
Come share some Christmas Cheer with your fellow Rotarians!

Volunteer Opportunity

We have the opportunity to assist Catholic Charities with their "Christmas Connection" program which provides gifts for children. They need help on the following dates/times:

- December 12th from 10am to noon for event setup
- December 13th from 1-5pm to help clients find the right gifts for their children
- December 14th from 9-10am to distribute bicycles

The location for all events is Catholic Charities on First Street in Fort Walton Beach. Please contact Rick Owen (850-865-3421 or rick@united-way.org) with your preferred day/time.

Upcoming Programs and Activities December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

12/13	Regular Meeting	Laurie Hood, Alaqua Animal Refuge
12/20	No Regular Meeting	Club Christmas Party at Wyndham Garden Inn
12/27	No Meeting	Christmas/New Year
1/03	Regular Meeting	TBD
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center, Sandestin

Did You Know? You can attend a club board meeting, committee meeting or project as a make-up.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays	December Anniversaries	December Club Anniversaries
12/12 Rick Stevens	12/04 Lyndon & Diane Poff (30)	12/02 Joe Meyer (30)
12/14 Dusty Ricketts	12/07 George & Paula Dorris (49)	12/13 Chuck Landers (11)
12/14 Mack Busbee	12/08 Charles & Lynn West (27)	12/17 Chad Hamilton (14)
12/15 Jody Henderson	12/17 Charlie & Cindy Potts (40)	
12/17 John Linn		

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.



Today the countries most vulnerable to poliovirus outbreaks are those where the barriers to effective immunization are most acute. In high-risk countries populations are hard to access and persuading communities of the need to vaccinate can be difficult. For polio workers in these countries it is important to reduce outbreak risk through strategies that involve local people, and which are receptive to the surroundings and culture.

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:

Lisa Williams at

lmwillia@southernco.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

Robert Anderson, SM

CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM

Insurance

Neal Bern SM

Insurance

Debbie Bodenstine, PHF SM RotY

Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM Cable Television

Mack Busbee, SM **

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

Gerry Chalker, (10) 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

Bob Fowner, PHF SM

Association Manager

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, 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

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (15) 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 (1)

Non-Profit Management

Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, (1) SM

Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (11) PHF SM 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

Katie Sharon, (1) PHF SM *

Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva (1)

Commercial Real Estate

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, (1) PHF SM

Condo Management

Charles West, (2) PHF SM*

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

CPA

Recent Meeting Attendance

Nov 1 57.9%

Nov 8 58.6%

Nov 15 61.8%

Nov 29 64.3%

Nov to date 60.6%