

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

# Rotary Roster

**Robert Anderson, SM**  
CPA  
**BBVA/Compass**  
**Katie Sharon PHF\*/Lane Redding/Robin Donlon**  
Corporate Member  
**Neal Bern SM**  
Insurance  
**Debbie Bodenshtein 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, (11) PHF MD SM \* Pension Administration**  
**Tim Chiasson**  
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  
**Joe Garvie**  
Construction  
**Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY**  
Government Contractor  
**Ben Gordon, SM**  
Attorney  
**Ron Grissom, PHF SM RLI 3**  
Utilities  
**Chad Hamilton, PHF SM**  
CPA  
**Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1**  
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  
**Yessir Itsafat**  
Tire Technology  
**Richard Kunkel, PHF SM RLI 1**  
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  
**Stacey McGilvray**  
Commercial Lending  
**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 RLI 2**  
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\* RLI 3 RLIDL**  
Department Store  
**Charlie Potts, PHF SM\***  
Jeweler  
**Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\***  
Utility Service-Gas  
**Dusty Ricketts, SM RLI 2**  
News Media  
**John Roper, PHF RLI 2**  
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\* RLI 3 RLIDL**  
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 \* RLI2**  
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**  
1/02 50.9%  
1/09 72.4%  
1/16 61.0%  
1/23 59.6%  
Jan To Date 61.1%

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  
RLI1/2/3—Level Completed  
RLI DL—RLI Discussion Leader

Members in purple have perfect attendance.



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1/13/1954

**February is  
Peace & Conflict Prevention  
and Resolution Month**

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**Board of Directors**

**President:** Ron Grissom  
**President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc  
**Secretary:** Dusty Ricketts  
**Treasurer:** Matt Simpson  
**Past President:** Aaron Webber  
**At Large:** John Roper and Eric Polson  
**Senior Member:** Fred Pryor  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and John Roper

**Committee Chairs**

**Club Admin:**  
• **Programs:**  
• **Socials:** Neal Bern  
• **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley  
**Public Relations:**  
**Membership:** Andy Corbin  
**Rotary Foundation:** Joe Meyer  
**Service Projects:** Rick Owen  
**Youth Services:** Joe Garvie  
**Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer  
**Scholarship Drawdown:**  
Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson  
**Executive Secretary:**  
Lorrageia Jackson  
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

# The Rotary Reader

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

**Today's Speaker: Tom Brassell  
The Wuerffel Trophy**



A native of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Tom Brassell has been a member of the All Sports Association since 1997. He served as President in 2003 and is a two-time President's Award Winner for service to the organization. He also is the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, serves on the Col. Al Byrne Award Committee and was one of the founding members of the Wuerffel Trophy's Board of Directors. Tom has also served as emcee of the All Sports Awards Dinner, Buck Smith FCA Breakfast and Past Presidents/Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon, which he continues to emcee.

In 2013, Tom assumed the position of Executive Director of the Wuerffel Trophy, "College Football's Premier Award for Community Service." Since that time, through the combined efforts of the Danny Wuerffel and the Wuerffel Trophy's Board of Directors, the award has achieved national status as a partner with the National Football Foundation, invited as a member in the National College Football Awards Association, and is a part of the ESPN/Home Depot College Football Award's Red Carpet Show (prior to the Awards Show on ESPNU).

The Wuerffel Trophy is presented each year at the All Sports Association's Awards Banquet. This year marks the 50th dinner hosted by the association and will be held on February 15, 2019 at the Emerald Coast Convention Center.

**Today's Rotary Prayer**

Dear Lord, in a world where many are lonely, we thank you for friendship and community. In a world where many are despairing, we thank you for hope. In a world that many find meaningless, we thank you for faith. In a world where many are hungry, we thank you for this food. Amen

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**RI Convention  
Hamburg  
June 1-5, 2019**

Registration is Open!

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

**Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Officers**

At last week's meeting, the following members were elected to lead our club in 2019-2020 and beyond:

- Ross LeBlanc—President
- Dusty Ricketts—President Elect (President for 2020-2021)
- Secretary—Matt Simpson (President for 2021-2022)
- Treasurer—John Roper (President for 2022-2023)

*Thank you for your willingness to serve!*

**Scholarship Drawdown**

Our 5th Annual Scholarship Drawdown is set for Friday, May 24 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson are co-chairs for the event. Sponsorship brochures and forms will be available in a few days. Tickets should be available by the end of the month. We need all club members to start soliciting sponsors so we can have the best event yet. All proceeds fund scholarships awarded by FWB Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.

**Rotary Vision/Mission**

"Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves" Rotary Vision Statement adopted by the Board and Trustees in June 2017

Our mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professionals, and community leaders.

**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 is now open on DACdb!** Plan to attend...you won't regret it. The club will reimburse your registration fee and the cost of 1 night for a studio if you stay at the resort. Jean Woo, Rick Owen, Fred Pryor and Jan Pooley have already registered. Won't you join them?

**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.

February 23—Lake City

March 23—Tallahassee

**Registration is now open on DACdb for Lake City and Tallahassee.**

**Rotary History Corner**

Rotary celebrates its 114th Anniversary February 23. The first meeting was held in Chicago and had 4 men present: Paul Harris (attorney), Gus Loehr (mining engineer), Silvester Schiele (coal dealer) and Hiram Shorey (tailor). On the same day the Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach celebrates its 66th Anniversary! Our club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niceville-Valparaiso under the direction of the late Walt Ruckel. Lamar Kelly was our club's first President The first meeting as a chartered club coincided with the RI Anniversary and also reflected the number of charter members...23.

**Upcoming Programs and Activities**

- 2/13 Regular Meeting BOTE Paddle Boards—Corey Booker
- 2/20 Regular Meeting Nat'l Flight Academy—Mark Curley
- 2/23 Rotary Leadership Institute in Lake City
- 2/27 Regular Meeting TBD
- 3/06 Regular Meeting Drawdown Committee
- 3/13 Club Social St Patrick's Day theme
- 3/30 Feed the Need Club Is Looking for 30 Volunteers

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**

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Birthdays</b>     | <b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>       | 2/14 Eric Polson (1)     |
| 2/10 Richard Kunkel  | 2/04 Tony & Gretchen Gilligan (36) | 2/14 Jessica Simpson (1) |
| 2/19 Matt Zasada     | 2/04 Ross & Jenny Hamilton (53)    | 2/15 Tony Gilligan (24)  |
| 2/21 Tony Leonard    | 2/14 John & Alicia Roper (10)      | 2/15 Matt Zasada (2)     |
| 2/22 Joe Brewster    | <b>Club Anniversaries</b>          | 2/17 Dave Miller (26)    |
| 2/23 Jessica Simpson | 2/01 George Dorris (41)            | 2/22 Jeff Hooton (13)    |
|                      | 2/12 Rick Stevens (27)             | 2/22 Dusty Ricketts (7)  |

**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** The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is a public-private partnership led by national governments with 5 partners—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 and Melinda Gates Foundation. It's goal is to eradicate polio world-wide. 200 countries are involved with 18 million volunteers. 2.3 billion children have been vaccinated.