



The Rotary Reader

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
- President Elect:** Matt Simpson
- Secretary:** John Roper
- Treasurer:** Rick Owen
- Past President:** Ron Grissom
- At Large:** JT Edwards & Athena Riley
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
 - **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
 - **Socials:** Neal Bern & Charles West
 - **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Image:**
- Membership:** Joe Meyer
- Rotary Foundation:** Gerry Chalker
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Joe Garvie
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Fundraisers:** Aaron Webber
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson
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Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

Today's Speaker: Gerry Chalker The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus



Gerry is from Opelika, AL and graduated from Auburn University in 1971 with a B.S. degree in General

Business. After graduation he was commissioned an Infantry Officer in the U. S. Army and served 13 years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

He married Beth in 1988 and they moved from Birmingham, AL to Fort Walton Beach in 1997 when Regions Bank transferred him here to be responsible for the Regions' Trust Department servicing the area from Pensacola to Panama City. Gerry later worked for TSA Consulting Group, Inc. He retired in 2016.

Since moving to the area Gerry has been active in the community. the Krewe of Bowlegs in 1999 and served as Captain Billy LXII. He has also been active in the Emerald Coast Auburn Club, the Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Coast and the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. He currently volunteers with Alaqua Animal Refuge Center.

Gerry joined the Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach in 1997 and has been an *active* member throughout the 20+ years of membership. He has served the Rotary Club in numerous capacities including President during the 2007-2008 year. Just a few of the ways Gerry has been active: always been one of our top producers for our fundraisers, conducted "Fireside Chats" for many years, has coordinated Angel Tree giving, served as MC for the 2019 Scholarship Drawdown. This year he serves our Rotary Foundation Chair. Passionate about the Foundation, he became our club's first Major Donor in 2018 as part of the Million Dollar Dinner campaign and continues to be a sustaining member. Thank You, Gerry!

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RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

Now - December 15
\$450 per person

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

Our Paul Harris Fellows

November is Rotary Foundation Month, so it's a good time to recognize our Paul Harris Fellow's:

PHF +8

Gerry Chalker—Major Donor

PHF +6

Forrest Townsend

PHF +4

Jan Pooley

Rick Stevens

PHF +3

Andy Corbin

George Dorris

Fred Pryor

Herb Tinsley

PHF +2

Tony Gilligan

Tom Hayes

Jody Henderson

John Morgan

Lyndon Poff

Eulice Shelley

Scott Smith

PHF +1

Debbie Bodestine

Joe Brewster

Chad Hamilton

Sallie Hardy

Tony Leonard

John Linn

Dave Miller

Charlie Potts

Katie Sharon

Alex Trum

Aaron Webber

Charles West

Jean Woo

Russ Youngblood

PHF

Mack Busbee

JT Edwards

Ron Grissom

Mitzi Henley

Jeff Hooton

Richard Kunkel

Chuck Landers

Joe Meyer

Michele Nicholson

Mary Plummer

Diane Poff

John Roper

Jack Yeiser

Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation. Your continued support helps Rotarians around the world to make transformational change here at home and around the world!

Did you know? You can make a gift to the Foundation at any time by using Rotary Direct at www.rotary.org. If you are not currently giving, why not? A sustaining member commitment (\$100/year) equates to only \$8.34 per month.

Rotary Leadership Institute

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. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend! Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians. Parts 1, 2 and 3 must be taken consecutively and on separate days. Graduate courses are offered for those who have completed all 3 parts.

Our club will reimburse you for the tuition after you attend the

Dates in District 6940 for 2020 have been announced:

January 11—Pensacola

January 25—Lake City

February 8—Panama City

February 29—Tallahassee

Make plans to attend. You'll be glad you did. In the words of a 15-year Rotarian in the Destin club, "I didn't know how much I didn't know until I came to RLI!" He took all 3 parts in 1 year!

Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.

New Member Proposals—Second Publishing

Two new or returning members have been proposed and voted on by the club’s Board of Directors at the 10/29 Board Meeting:

Kyle Lowrey is proposed by JT Edwards. Kyle is a sergeant with the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office. He is an experienced Patrol Sergeant , Narcotics Investigator and Deputy Sheriff who has a demonstrated history of working in the law enforcement industry.

Jason Monroe is proposed by Jan Pooley. Jason is a Sr. Solutions Consultant with Bit-Wizards. Jason was a member of our club from 2010-2012 when he was at Cox Communications.

Rotary Citation and Governor’s Citation



Last week AG Bill Lindsley was on hand to officially present Past President Ron Grissom and his board with the 2018-2019 Rotary Citation and the 2018-2019 Governor’s Citation. Congratulations, Ron!

Bring Yourself and Bring a Guest Promo

Last week our sergeants announced a 7 week promotion. One lucky member will win \$25! Each week you attend you will receive a card. Bring a guest and receive an extra card. At the end of the promo, the member with the best 5 card hand wins \$25. If you bring guests, you will have more cards to choose from to make the best hand. For more details, contact Andy Corbin and/or Brandon Lewis.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 11/13 Regular Meeting Sandra Atkinson—Role of a State Committeeperson
- 11/20 Regular Meeting Drawdown Planning and Thanksgiving Celebration
- 11/27 No Meeting Thanksgiving Holiday
- 1/11 Rotary Leadership Institute Pensacola (Register on DACdb)
- 2/08 Rotary Leadership Institute Panama City (Register on DACdb)

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.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 11/07 John Lysaght
- 11/08 Lyndon Poff
- 11/08 Matt Simpson
- 11/16 John Morgan
- 11/18 Jean Woo
- 11/19 Kent Tinsley
- 11/23 Charlie Pots
- 11/24 Matt Turpin
- 11/25 Jack Yeiser
- 11/30 John Roper

Wedding Anniversaries

- 11/06 Ron & Pam Grissom (43)

Club Anniversaries

- 11/20 Mack Busbee (6)

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.



With no wild poliovirus type 3 detected anywhere in the world since 2012, the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) declared on World Polio Day that this strain has been officially eradicated. This is a significant milestone in the global effort to rid the world of all poliovirus strains and ensure that no child will ever again be paralyzed by any poliovirus anywhere. We still fight poliovirus type 1.

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 Praps 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 Bodenstine 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

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

John Lysaght

Life Cycle Logistics

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

Les Moody

Staff Psychologist

John Morgan, PHF SM*

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan,

Electrical Engineer

Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM

Communications

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 2

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

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.