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August is Membership and Extension Month

Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
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Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

Today's Speakers: Michael Beedie and Jeff Peters Fort Walton Beach Landing Renovation



Michael Beedie is a native of Northwest Florida as he was born at Eglin A.F.B. and grew up in Fort Walton Beach, graduating from Fort Walton Beach High School in 1994. He is the City Manager for the City of Fort Walton Beach and has been employed there since 2005. Since starting with the City, Michael has progressed through the ranks as the Utilities Operations Manager, City Engineer, and Engineering & Utility Services Director before being appointed as the

City Manager in September 2012.

As City Manager, Mr. Beedie is responsible for overseeing a \$42 million annual budget and over 300 employees in seven departments: Human Resources, Public Works & Utility Services, Financial Services, Fire Services, Police Services, Growth Management and Recreation & Cultural Services.

Mr. Beedie graduated from the University of South Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1998 and a Master of Business Administration in 2003. He also received a Graduate Certificate from The Florida State University in Florida City and County Management in 2009. He holds a Professional Engineer's license in Florida and Alabama with almost 20 years of engineering and management experience in both the public and private sectors.



Jeff Peters is the Recreation Director for the City of Fort Walton Beach.

He grew up in Fort Walton Beach and graduated from Choctawhatchee High School in 1992. He went to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on a Football Scholarship. From 1997-2005 he was a teacher and coach at Choctawhatchee High School. In January 2006 he was hired for his current position.

Jeff is married to the former Heather Rynearson and they have 3 children, Brady, Brooklyn, and Blake.

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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

2021-2022 RI President Selected



Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary's highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year.

"A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world," says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as "one size does not fit all." He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries.

As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and investing in technology.

Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster.

Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards. He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

Little Free Libraries



We have a continual need for books to keep our Little Free Libraries full. Hardbacks and paperbacks children, youth and adults can be used. Bring your books to any Wednesday meeting. Thanks to Dave Miller for overseeing the maintenance of our libraries.

Paradoxical Commandments of Leadership

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. **Love them anyway!**
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. **Do good anyway!**
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. **Succeed anyway!**
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. **Do good anyway!**
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. **Be honest and frank anyway!**
6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest minds. **Think big anyway!**
7. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. **Fight for a few underdogs anyway!**
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. **Build anyway!**
9. People really need help, but may attack you if you do help them. **Help them anyway!**
10. Give the world the best you have any you'll get kicked in the teeth. **Give the world the best you have anyway!**

By Dr. Kent M Keith

Upcoming Programs and Activities

8/14 Regular Meeting Representative Matt Gaetz—Washington Update
 8/21 Regular Meeting Linda Evanchick—Report from the School District
 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 Lorrangenia know.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	Club Anniversaries
8/17 Chad Hamilton	8/04 Mitzi & Bear Henley (40)	8/03 Russ Youngblood (33)
8/23 Dan Nelson	8/12 Jeff & Mona Hooton (30)	8/04 Joe Brewster (26)
8/24 Athena Riley	8/14 Herb & Dolly Tinsley (48)	8/10 Rick Owen (3)
8/25 Rudy Hill	8/18 Andy & Therese Corbin (40)	8/12 Neal Bern (4)
8/29 Debbie Bodensine	8/28 Eulice & Wilma Shelley (71)	8/13 Diane Poff (5)
		8/17 Scott Smith (14)

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.



In 1988, when the Global Polio Eradication

Initiative began, polio paralyzed more than 1,000 children worldwide every day. Since then, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio thanks to the cooperation of more than 200 countries and 20 million volunteers, backed by an international investment of more than \$11 billion. There are now only 3 endemic countries and cases have been reduced by 99%

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. 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 Beach Community Bank—Navarre

Niceville- Valparaiso: 5:30 p.m. Monday at Props 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 Bodensine 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

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, (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 SM 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

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (17) 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

Gladys Overwith

Commencement Speaker

Rick Owen (3) PHF PHS RotY

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

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 RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson

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 BS SM*

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

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.