



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:** Katie Sharon
- President Elect:** Aaron Webber
- Secretary:** Ron Grissom
- Treasurer:** Ross LeBlanc
- Past President:** Charles West
- At Large:** Dusty Ricketts and Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Eulice Shelley
- Sergeant at Arms:** Mack Busbee, JT Edwards, Jeff Hooton, Jean Woo

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Dusty Ricketts
- **Socials:** Neal Bern, Lyndon Poff
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Lisa Williams
- Membership:** Laura Kirby, Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Brewster
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ron Grissom, Ross LeBlanc
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Speaker: AFPS Advanced Fire Protection Services, Inc.



Since 1989 Advanced Fire Protection Services has offered all elements of fire protection, fire prevention and security services. They call it Total Life Safety Services. Whether it be fire system inspection and service or new construction fire protection contracting, AFPS is northwest Florida's leading provider of life safety services. We are licensed and insured and our technicians are trained to keep your commercial or residential property safe and secure. Our offices in Fort Walton Beach and Panama City Beach provide emergency services 24 hours a day 7 days a week ensuring prompt and efficient response to our customers' needs. After 12 years in the Construction Industry in the Florida Panhandle, Mike and Linda Brown made the bold decision to jump into the Fire Protection and Life Safety business. Both are long time Floridians and incorporated Advanced Fire Protection Services Inc. in the State of Florida in 1988. Their vision was and still is to be the "Most Respected Life Safety Company in the Southeast".

Our Mission

"We dedicate ourselves to saving lives and protecting property by providing the highest level of comfort, confidence, and compliance for our clients. We will prove this through our pledge to industry best practices and urgently demonstrating our caring and professional commitment to each other, and to our clients."

By living our Mission Statement and focusing on our vision, Mike, Linda and few stand-out employees quickly made Advanced Fire Protection Services the Company of Choice. Our innovative "Total Life Safety Package" concept continues to keep us Best in Class.

Life Safety Advocates

We believe every life or property loss to fire is unnecessary. Not only does AFPS offer Best in Class life safety services to the Florida Panhandle, we are also actively involved in life safety trade and industry organizations and we advocate for life safety legislation at the local, state and national level. We have active board members in the following organizations:

- Florida Fire Sprinkler Association; Mike Brown, Contractor Board of Directors
- Florida Fire Equipment Dealers; Paul Sherwood, President 2014-2015
- Alarm Association of Florida; Robin Griffith, Pensacola/Panhandle Regional Director
- Okaloosa County Electrical Board; Debbie Ripley, Board of Directors Member

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District 6940 website: www.rotary6940.org



**Celebrate The
Rotary
Foundation's
Centennial
at the
RI Convention
Atlanta, GA
June 10-14, 2017**

**Current Reg \$340
Dec 16—\$415
April 1—\$490**

**Rates go up next
week!**

- Registration covers:
- Inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders of our organization
 - Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership and project management skills
 - Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the fellowship and project booths in the House of Friendship
 - Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and at the General Sessions

**Plan now to
Attend!**

**For more information visit:
www.riconvention.org**

Angel Tree Gifts Project



Once again our club is partnering with Longwood Elementary to provide Christmas gifts for needy local children. Wish Lists were given out November 30. Gifts **should not be wrapped** and need to be brought to Rotary no later than December 14 for distribution December 16. The angel list needs to be attached to the gift(s). If there are multiple gifts for a child, please keep them together by placing them in a large bag or tying them together. For more information contact Gerry Chalker at gchalker@tsacg.com.

Club Christmas Party



We're having a Christmas Party Thursday, December 15 at Two Trees Restaurant. This will replace our 12/14 regular meeting. Cocktails (cash bar) will begin at 6pm followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30. The evening should conclude by 9pm. Dress is "Holiday Casual". Cost is \$25 per person for Rotarians and their guests. RSVP to Neal Bern (nealbern@gmail.com or 850-826-1236) by Monday 12/12.

Gerry Chalker Announces His Retirement

Congratulations to Gerry Chalker on his retirement from TSA Consulting Group, Inc. His last day in the office is Thursday, December 8; his official retirement date is 12/31/16. Gerry has been with TSACG since 2008 and has enjoyed it immensely. Now he's looking forward to working on his golf game. Congratulations, Gerry!

First Little Free Library Installed



Our first Little Free Library was installed at the Fort Walton Landing last Wednesday, November 30. A great group of club members attended. Jeff Peters, Recreation and Cultural Services Director for the City of Fort Walton, and Dick Rynearson, City Council Member, attended to show their support for the project.. Many thanks to Rick Owen for his leadership.

Rotary Leadership Institute

RLI's purpose is to give you the necessary tools and skills to be better Rotarians. As in every endeavor, the more you know about anything, the more interesting it becomes. Rotary is most assuredly one of those areas that the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Graduates of RLI are more likely to remain in and become a bigger part of Rotary than any other demographic. For more information:

www.rlitraining.org.

Upcoming Programs and Activities December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

12/14	No Meeting	Social on 12/15 @ Two Trees Restaurant
12/15	Christmas Party	Two Trees Restaurant
12/21	No Meeting	Merry Christmas
12/28	No Meeting	Happy New Year
1/04	Regular Meeting	Audra Ray—AMIkids Emerald Coast
1/14	Regular Meeting	Allen Baggett—Building Industry Association
1/25	Regular Meeting	Tracy Stage—Okaloosa Co Airports Director
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola (Levels 1, 2, 3)
2/18	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City (Levels 1, 2, 3)
3/25	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee (Levels 1, 2, 3)
4/6-4/9/17	District Conference	Baytowne Wharf

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays		Anniversaries	Membership Anniv	
Rick Stevens	12/12	12/04 Lyndon & Diane Poff	Haydon grubbs	12/2 29 yrs
Mack Busbee	12/14	12/07 George & Paula	Joe Myers	12/2 22 yrs
Dusty Ricketts	12/14	Dorris	Chad Hamilton	12/17 12 yrs
Jody Henderson	12/15	12/08 Charles & Lynn West		
John Linn	12/17	12/17 Charlie & Cindy Potts		
Lisa Williams	12/28	12/31 Bob & Carol Foster		

Club History Corner

2000 — Karen Baker installed as club president, the first woman to serve in this role. The club revised its ByLaws, established the website and inducted 9 new members. \$24,000 in scholarships were awarded from funds raised in the Billy Bowlegs Golf Tournament. The club participated in Group Study Exchange and Youth Exchange. The club was awarded the "Significant Achievement Award" from RI for the Literacy 2000 Project. Only 1 club per district receives this award annually. The club was also awarded the Presidential Citation and the Governor's Award of Excellence. President Karen was appointed Chair of the 2001 District Conference.

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.



"I am from a generation who has witnessed the devastating effects of polio.

When I discovered how close we were to eradicating polio, I was very motivated to be a part of this movement. It is so rare when you can accomplish something so spectacular." Angelique Kidjo, singer songwriter

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:
 Laura Kirby
LKirby@Landrumcompanies.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

Bill Alexson
 Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
 CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
 Insurance

James Bass, SM
 Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM
 Insurance

Debbie Bodenshine, PHF SM RotY
 Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM
 Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
 Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
 County Planning

Mack Busbee, SM **
 County Government

Tom Butcher
 Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM
 Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (9) 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

Ralph Fallin, (35) PHF SM RotY*
 Dairy Products

Bob Foster
 Business Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM
 Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
 Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM
 Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM
 Utilities

Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM
 Education

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

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM
 Commercial Lending

Laura Kirby (3) SM
 Business Development

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

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
 Public Safety

Jamey Mattern, PHF
 Architect

David Macdonald PHF SM **
 Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
 Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF
 Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (13) 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
 Non-Profit Management

Susan Page,
 Professional Counseling

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*
 Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF
 Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
 Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, SM
 Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (10) PHF SM RotY*
 Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
 Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
 Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
 News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
 Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *
 Moving & Storage

Scott Smith, PHF SM*
 Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva
 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, SM
 Condo Management

Charles West, (1) PHF SM*
 Investment Broker

Lisa Williams
 Utilities

Jean Woo, PHF
 Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF
 Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **
 Psychologist