



The Rotary Reader



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

**February is
Peace and Conflict Preven-
tion and Resolution 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 Speaker: Dennis Mitchell Anthrax Terrorist Attacks Since 2001



Dennis Mitchell is a graduate of LSU, earning is BS in 1969 and MS in Zoology and Environmental Toxicology in 1971. He's had a varied occupational background. He has served as a CPA, primarily in a federal tax practice. He holds a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) certification and worked with air and water monitoring, industrial

hygiene, wetlands permitting and endangered species studies. He is also retired faculty from Troy University, having taught federal tax, accounting principles, biology and chemistry.

Dennis has been involved in community and professional organizations. He founded the Coastal Plains Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA). He served as Treasurer (1994-1998) and Executive Director (1998-2000) of the International A&WMA headquartered in Pittsburgh. In 2001 he was awarded a Lifetime Honorary Membership in A&WMA. He is a Past President of the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce. He has served as a director for Institute of Professional Environmental Practice Foundation, Crestview Area Chamber Foundation, Institute for Senior Professionals at Northwest Florida State College, and the Tri-County Partnership Initiative Advisory Board.

Program Support



Thank you to Forrest Townsend who volunteered to secure programs for the five meetings in January. I think we would all agree they were outstanding! What a great example of Vocational Service. We have 4 more months needing programs. Won't you consider volunteering to assist...a month or a week. Thank you for your consideration....

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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

District 6940 Conference

District 6940's Annual District 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 awards. Saturday evening features the Governor's Banquet. Sunday starts with a memorial service to honor our members who have passed away during the last year. The service will be followed by Breakfast and more speakers. Some of the speakers include:

- Dr Kim Baxter—Rotarian from North Platte, NE. He's an optometrist who has been awarded RI's Service Above Self Award for his eye care mission trips and spearheading his club's global grant to support the maternity and neo natal units of a county hospital in Kenya
- Dr Rollan Roberts—Co-Founder/CEO of The Business Battleground; recognized as "Top 100 Most Influential Floridians" in 2015
- Bert Thornton—Joined Waffle House in 1971 as a manager trainee and rose through the ranks to become President and COO in 2004. Today he is the Retired Vice Chairman Emeritus
- Paloma Rambana—This 12 year old legally blind girl from Tallahassee, among other things, was instrumental in raising \$1,250,000 in funding for 6-13 year old blind and visually impaired children

The Hospitality Suite will be open Friday and Saturday nights.

Plan now to attend. It's a great time to learn more and meet Rotarians from around the district. Club will reimburse \$175 for registration.

Our club is a Gold Sponsor for the conference and will have a display table in the House of Friendship.

This year's event is family friendly so bring your spouse and children.

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

the conference.

Registration is now \$210.

Scholarship Drawdown

Co-Chairs—Ross LeBlanc & Dusty Ricketts

Date/Location—Friday, May 25 at the Fairgrounds
Start making your lists of contacts for possible sponsors and ticket purchasers.

Brochures and tickets should be available this month!



RYLA—Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RYLA will take place April 19-22 at Adventures Unlimited in Milton. Our club will sponsor a minimum of 3 students. Now is the time to recruit potential attendees. Who do you know?

RYLA is an intensive training program for 10th graders. Attendees can expect to improve their communication skills, personal qualities, leadership

ability and problem solving skills...and make new friends, have fun and learn about Rotary. See Charles West for more details.

Little Free Libraries



Please continue to bring books for our 2 Little Free Libraries to our Wednesday meetings. A few club members keep a stock of books on hand and periodically check the libraries, replenishing books as needed.

Books for all ages can be used.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

2/14	Regular Meeting	Peter Loffler, Polio Immunization Trip to India
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
2/21	Regular Meeting	Carol Cartier/Pete Burrell—Rotary Friendship

Exchange

2/28	Club Social	TBD
3/07	Patrick Berry	Gulfarium C.A.R.E. Program
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

2/10 Richard Kunkel
2/19 Matt Zasada
2/21 Tony Leonard
2/22 Joe Brewster

February Anniversaries

2/04 Tony & Gretchen Gilligan 35
2/04 Ross & Jenny Hamilton 52
2/14 John & Alicia Roper

February

Club Anniversaries

2/01 George Dorris (40)

2/12 Rick Stevens (26)

2/15 Matt Zasada (1)

2/15 Tony Gilligan (23)

2/17 Dave Miller (25)

2/22 Dusty Ricketts (6)

2/22 Jeff Hooton (12)

2/29 Dave MacDonald (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.



After polio has been eradicated the Global Polio Eradication

Initiative will continue to work in four areas: 1. Proper containment of the virus so it won't be accidentally released 2. Disease Surveillance so any signs of re-emergence are detected 3. Outbreak Response capabilities to respond quickly and effectively to any polio events 4. Continued vaccination so people will continue to be protected.

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:
 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 Bodenshtein, 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

Dec 6 58.9%

Dec 13 56.1%

Dec to date 57.5%

Jan 3 54.4%

Jan 10 59.3%

Jan 24 69.0%

Jan to date 62.1%