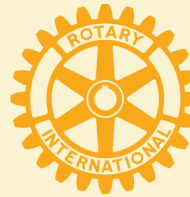




# The Rotary Reader



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

## March is Water and Sanitation Month

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### Board of Directors

- President:** Aaron Webber
- President Elect:** Ron Grissom
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- Treasurer:** Dusty Ricketts
- Past President:** Katie Sharon
- At Large:** Forrest Townsend and Chuck Landers
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### Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
- Membership:** 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: Patrick Berry General Manager, Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park



Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park has been a mainstay in the Florida Panhandle and the Emerald Coast. We have been connecting people to the Gulf and the world's ocean inhabitants for over 62 years. Our mission is educating, entertaining, and inspiring its guests to respect and preserve wildlife by providing unique and memorable experiences for visitors of all ages to connect with marine life. In addition to our educational presentations and interactive animal programming we work to play a part in conserving the marine environment. One way of expanding on that mission is with the recent development of our non-profit Gulfarium C.A.R.E. Foundation. The Center acts as a beacon for coastal conservation through marine animal rescue and rehabilitation, encouraging awareness with public education and opportunities for active participation.

Our acronym C.A.R.E. stands for:

- Conserve** to ensure the future of marine animals and their habitats
- Act** by playing an active role in marine conservation
- Rehabilitate** by supporting marine animal rescue, recovery, and release
- Educate** by inspiring awareness for marine conservation issues

Patrick Berry is the General Manager of the Gulfarium and the Director for the C.A.R.E. Center. He has worked in the marine mammal field for 28 years. Under his leadership, the 62-year-old facility has been through a renaissance including rebranding, creation of animal interactive programs, new habitats, expansion of the animal collection, complete refurbishment of life support systems, and Alliance and IMATA facility accreditations. Prior to arriving at the Gulfarium 6 years ago, Patrick was the Marine Mammal Zoological Manager for the Walt Disney Company in their Animal Programs division. He has worked with marine mammals at a variety of levels through his career including as a trainer, husbandry coordinator, supervisor of training, curator, director of animal management and director of animal programs in not only the United States, but also the Bahamas, and French Polynesia (Tahiti).

His broad experiences with marine mammals range from research with cetaceans including physiological studies which have been published, to husbandry, interactive training, open ocean training, film work in a variety of genre with dolphins, conservation projects, show presentation and lectures. His roles have also included interactions with government regulatory agencies such as the National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission as well as serving on the board of directors and committees of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums and the International Marine Animal Trainers' Association.

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## RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

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](http://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. 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](http://www.rotary6940.org) for instructions for booking rooms and conference details. Registration is now \$210.

## Club Social—2/28



Thanks JT Edwards for planning a fun club social. 31 members and guests attended, enjoying Rotary fellowship and doorprizes! JT is planning the next club social in April. Stay tuned for more details.

## Tree Planting—3/10

In support of RI President Ian Riseley's request, our club will be planting 1 tree for every member on March 10. We will meet at 8:00am at the Fort Walton Beach Recreation Center on Jet Drive, then walk to the tree planting location by the soccer fields. We received Crape Myrtle saplings from the Yellow River Soil and Water Conservation District and will supplement with some larger crape myrtles. If you haven't done so already, please let President Aaron know if you are planning to attend.

## Million Dollar Dinner

Our District has a goal of raising One Million Dollars (over and above our regular giving) for The Rotary Foundation. Donations to this effort begin at the Major Donor Level of \$10,000. These gifts can be pledged as part of your estate planning...you won't miss it and it will do great good in the world. Won't you consider joining this effort? Those who pledge will be invited to the Million Dollar Dinner Celebration which will be held in Destin at The Henderson on May 5. For more information, please see Jan Pooley or contact PDG Dave Rauch or incoming AG Bill Lindsley.

## Scholarship Drawdown



The 2018 Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown will be held Friday, May 25 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. Tickets and brochures are now available. Once again we will be dividing our membership into teams and competing for sponsorship and ticket sales. Team captains will be announced at today's meeting.

Here are the leaders for the event:

Co-Chairs—Ross LeBlanc and Dusty Ricketts

Ticket Sales—Tony Gilligan

Sponsors—Gerry Chalker and Matt Simpson

Signs—Aaron Webber and Rick Stevens

Registration—Debbie Bodensine and Jean Woo

Libations—JT Edwards and Neal Bern

Set Up and Décor—Diane Poff and Richard Kunkel

“Loser Prizes” - Mary Plummer and Sallie Hardy

Printed Program—Jan Pooley

In 2017 we netted over \$40,000 for scholarships awarded through our scholarship foundation, Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship Inc. With everyone's help we can do it again. Our community loves this event, so let's get out there NOW to secure sponsorships and sell individual tickets.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

### March is Water and Sanitation Month

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|-------|------------------------|---|
| 3/10  | Rotary Leadership Inst | Tallahassee                                 |
| 3/10  | Tree Planting          | Date is tentative; Location to be announced |
| 3/14  | Regular Meeting        | PDG Dave Rauch—The Rotary Foundation/MDD    |
| 3/21  | Regular Meeting        | Dan Sulger, District 6940 Membership Chair  |
| 3/28  | Regular Meeting        | Dr Tara Griffin, DMD; Dental Sleep Medicine |
| 4/04  | Regular Meeting        | Scholarship Drawdown Committee              |
| 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

### March Birthdays

- 3/05 Herb Tinsley
- 3/11 Dave Miller
- 3/13 Jan Pooley
- 3/19 Jeff Hooton

### March Anniversaries

- 3/05 Gerry & Beth Chalker 30
- 3/10 Joe & Kim Meyer 28
- 3/21 Rick & Patti Stevens 37
- 3/25 Debbie Bodensine & Scott Lightsey 18

### March Club Anniversaries

- 3/21 Mitzi Henley (11)

## 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 polio at the lowest levels in history in Pakistan, the

country has launched a powerful and hopefully final assault on the disease. A crucial part of this is to strengthen the ability of the polio program to detect virus in stool samples, thereby giving clear indications of where and how the virus is moving in areas where populations remain under-immunized. To support this effort, the government of Japan will provide \$3.2 million for equipment.

# 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](mailto: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 Bodenshtine, 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

**Mack McIlhose**  
 Mass Transit

**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

**Eric Polson**  
 Collision Repair

**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

**Jessica Simpson**  
 Lighting Sales

**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

Jan 3 57.9%

Jan 10 59.3%

Jan 24 70.7%

Jan 31 73.7%

Jan to date 65.4%

Feb 7 58.9%

Feb 14 55.7%

Feb 21 60.3%

Feb to date 58.3%