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# The Rotary Reader

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## December is The Rotary Foundation Month

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## Today's Program: Rosalyn Wik Shelter House



Rosalyn Wik has been working in nonprofit management on the Emerald Coast since 2009 and has served as the Executive Director of Shelter House since 2015. She is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, has a background in finance and currently serves on the statewide Board of Directors for the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence. While Rosalyn considers herself a Texan at heart she has found her home in Miramar Beach with her two children and two pups. In her spare time she enjoys live music, reading and traveling with friends and family.

## 2018 World Polio Day

After 30 years of bold action, historic achievements, and sometimes discouraging setbacks, Rotary and its partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** (GPEI) have nearly brought polio to an end. This groundbreaking public-private partnership and its innovative strategies were celebrated Wednesday during Rotary's 6th annual World Polio Day event, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, at the **College of Physicians of Philadelphia**. Hundreds of people attended in person, including representatives of all five GPEI partners, and thousands more worldwide watched it live online. Cable news journalists Ashleigh Banfield, host of HLN's "Crime and Justice," and Alex Witt, host of "MSNBC's "Weekends Live With Alex Witt," moderated the event. Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ron Burton began the program by noting that Philadelphia is where Rotary announced, at its international convention in 1988, that it doubled its fundraising goal of \$120 million and raised \$247 million. The moment showed Rotary's strength as an organization capable of tackling the challenge of ending the disease globally and spearheading one of the most ambitious public health initiatives in history, the GPEI. The other partners of the GPEI are the **World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.**

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## RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

June 28-December 15  
\$395 per person

December 16-March 31  
\$495 per person

April 1—June 5  
\$595 per person

Discover the unique blend of historical and contemporary culture that makes Hamburg such a distinctive place. A flourishing city with friendly people and an array of entertainment options, this beautiful port city is the perfect setting for a memorable experience.

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)

## World Polio Day—con't

“We knew then that the war against polio would be long, and it would have its challenges,” Burton said. “But we knew then, as we do now, that we could do it. Thirty years ago, I was proud to be part of the organization that took on the job, and the promise, of eradicating polio.”

Since its formation, the GPEI has trained and mobilized millions of volunteers and health workers, gained access to homes not reached by other health initiatives to immunize children, brought health interventions to underserved communities, and standardized timely global monitoring for polio cases and poliovirus, a process also known as surveillance.

The results have been monumental. Thirty years ago, the paralyzing disease affected 350,000 children in one year. Because of massive vaccination campaigns around the world, cases have dropped more than 99.9 percent, to only 20 reported so far this year. Polio, which was endemic in 125 countries in 1988, now remains so in just three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. More than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated, and more than \$14 billion has been invested in the fight to eradicate the disease worldwide.

“The fact is in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where we are still seeing cases, we have tremendous challenges that we’re facing: conflict and insecurity,” Lea Hegg, senior program officer of the vaccine delivery team at the Gates Foundation, said. “We have to come up with new ways to solve those problems.”

She praised the brave polio workers who go to insecure areas to vaccinate children and also noted the importance of vaccination sites at transit posts outside these areas.

In a question-and-answer session with Witt, Dr. Ujala Nayyar, a WHO surveillance officer in Punjab, Pakistan, discussed the importance of tracking the ever-circulating virus. Nayyar said that health workers need to be a step ahead of the poliovirus to interrupt its transmission. She also noted that Pakistan has the world’s largest network for environmental surveillance of polio.

“It’s a tough job. We have a network of government, private doctors plus informal health care providers, plus community mobilizers,” Nayyar said. “We are very confident on one thing — that we are detecting every polio case.”

Speakers also included award-winning chef, author, and polio survivor **Ina Pinkney**, who talked about her experience with the disease. Jeffrey Kluger, senior editor at Time magazine, spoke about his recent experience traveling to Nigeria with Rotary to report on polio eradication.

Entertainment included a sneak peek from Rotary’s documentary “Drop to Zero” and a showing of its latest virtual reality film, “Two Drops of Patience.”

In Egypt, Rotary members hosted an End Polio Festival, which included a road race, a blood drive, and a concert that attracted thousands.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion to polio eradication since it started its PolioPlus program in 1985. The effort got a boost in August when Rotary announced it would provide an additional **\$96.5 million in grants** to increase immunizations and surveillance. Most of the funds were allocated to the three countries where polio remains endemic; Afghanistan (\$22.9 million), Nigeria (\$16.1 million), and Pakistan (\$21.7 million). The rest was spread across 12 countries in Africa that are vulnerable to polio.

Rotary has also committed to raising \$50 million a year over a three-year period for eradication activities. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match up to that amount 2-to-1, which could bring the total as high as \$450 million.

## 2019 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

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 identified as potential leaders by their club officers. Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

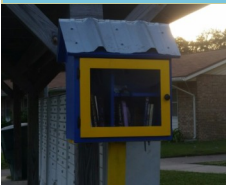
Dates in District 6940 for 2019 have been announced: January 12—Pensacola; February 2—Panama City; February 23—Lake City; March 23—Tallahassee

Make plans to attend. **Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.**

## 2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program for 10th graders and is held annually at Adventures Unlimited in Milton. The dates for 2019 are April 25-28. Besides nominating a student to attend (Rotary pays the cost), you can also participate by volunteering to be a Group Leader, Facilitator, or a number of other positions. This is an excellent program and deserves our full support. For more information, see President Ron, Youth Services Chair Joe Garvie or DGN Jan Pooley.

## Little Free Libraries



Our Little Free Libraries are once again in need of books. Please bring fiction or non-fiction for adults and children to any Wednesday meeting so they can be placed in the libraries. Our libraries are located at The Landing and in the Housing Authority neighborhood on Robinwood.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

11/07	Regular Meeting	Rosalyn Wik—Shelter House
11/14	Regular Meeting	Okaloosa Co Sheriff's Office—SRO Program
11/21	No Meeting	Happy Thanksgiving!
11/28	Regular Meeting	Sarah Robinson, Shelter Box USA

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

<b>November Birthdays</b>	11/24 Matt Turpin
11/08 Lyndon Poff	11/25 Jack Yeiser
11/08 Matt Simpson	11/28 Ross Hamilton
11/16 John Morgan	11/30 John Roper
11/18 Jean Woo	<b>November Anniversaries</b>
11/18 Rick Owen	11/2 Mac & Debra Macdonald
11/23 Charlie Potts	(33)
	11/6 Ron & Pam Grissom (42)

<b>Club Anniversaries</b>
11/01 Rudy Hill (1)
11/20 Ross Hamilton (5)
11/20 Mack Busbee (5)

## 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.



New outbreaks of polio continue to be a problem in Afghanistan and, to a lesser degree, Pakistan. To date 19 new cases have been identified in Afghanistan compared to 8 for the same period in 2017. In Pakistan 6 new cases have been identified compared to 5 for the same period in 2017. These two endemic countries are the only countries in the world with documented cases of the wild poliovirus in 2018.

# 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. 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 American House in 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

**BBVA/Compass**

**Katie Sharon PHF\*/Lane Redding/  
Robin Donlon**

Corporate Member

**Neal Bern SM**

Insurance

**Debbie Bodensine PHF/SM Roty**

Economic Development

**Joseph Brewster, PHF SM**

Cable Television

**Mack Busbee, PHF SM \*\***

County Government

**Tom Butcher**

Honorary Member

**Gerry Chalker, (11) PHF MD SM \***

Pension Administration

**Tim Chiasson**

Attorney

**Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY \***

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, 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, PHF 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

**Stacey McGilvray**

Commercial Lending

**Mack McElhose (1)**

Mass Transit

**Joe Meyer, RotY PHF**

Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (16) 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

**Rick Owen (2) PHF PHS**

Non-Profit Management

**Ophelia Paine**

Compassion Coordinator

**Mary Plummer, PHF**

Real Estate Sales

**Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY**

Paint & Body Shop

**Diane Poff, PHF SM**

Paint & Body Shop

**Eric Polson (1)**

Collision Repair

**Jan Pooley, (12) PHF SM BS 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 Ryneason**

Honorary Member

**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***

Moving & Storage

**Jessica Simpson**

Lighting Sales

**Matt Simpson**

Insurance and Bonding

**Scott Smith, PHF SM\***

Chiropractor

**Oxana Solovieva (2)**

Commercial Real Estate

**Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY\***

Surge Suppression Systems

**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, (2) PHF SM \***

Condo Management

**Charles West, (3) PHF BS SM\***

Investment Broker

**Jean Woo, PHF**

Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF**

Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***

Psychologist

**Matt Zasada**

CPA

## Recent Attendance

Oct 3 61.0%

Oct 10 No Meeting

Oct 17 37.0%

Oct 24 66.7%

Month to date 55.3%

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

Members in purple have perfect attendance.