



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

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**May is Youth Services Month**

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**Board of Directors**

- President:** Ron Grissom
- President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc
- Secretary:** Dusty Ricketts
- Treasurer:** Matt Simpson
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- At Large:** John Roper and Eric Polson
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- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and John Roper

**Committee Chairs**

- Club Admin:**
- **Programs:** Rick Stevens
- **Socials:** Neal Bern
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- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
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- Scholarship Drawdown:**  
Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson
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# The Rotary Reader

## **Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach 2017-2018 Rotary Citation Earner**

### **Today's Speaker: Ted Corcoran Greater FWB Chamber of Commerce**



Ted Corcoran is the President/CEO of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. Since assuming this position, the chamber has grown to be one of the largest in Florida. He has also fostered a closer working relationship with the City of Fort Walton Beach. The Chamber's mission is "To strengthen local businesses and enhance the quality of life in our community by providing services that help businesses help themselves."

Today Ted will update us on chamber activities and community issues.

Upcoming Community Events

The Grand Opening of the Gulf View Hotel Visitor's Center will be held Thursday, May 9 from 5:30pm—8:00pm. Open to the public.

**Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival**

Friday, May 31st—grounds open at 3pm; skirmish starts around 7pm followed by fireworks

Saturday, June 1—grounds will open at 11am; Krewe lands between 2pm and 3pm to take over the city

Monday, June 3—Torchlight Parade begins at 7pm

### **Today's Rotary Prayer**

For the spirit of service that brought us into Rotary,  
For the grace of God who gives us this day,  
For the fellowship which draws us together,  
For the blessing of food and drink,  
For these and all his mercies,  
God's holy name be praised.  
Amen

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## RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

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)

## 5th Annual Scholarship Drawdown



We are 45 days away from Drawdown and we as a club need to do all we can to work our own contacts, sponsors, food vendors, auction prizes large or small. Everyone can do their part. Ask yourself what can I do to contribute?

Matt Simpson and Dusty will be kicking it in to high gear and will be delegating event responsibilities to certain

members very soon. Currently entertainment is being taken care of, but special areas we really need help in is food vendors, door and auction prizes, sponsorships, decorations, libations, and manpower. Our expectation is for everyone to do what they are able, so please let Matt or Dusty know what you can do to make this event a success and be willing when called upon to serve in needed areas.

The event is Friday May 24 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds.

We have 2 Co-Presenting Sponsors: Emerald Coast Collision Repair (thank you Eric Polson) and Triple R Construction (thank you Tony Leonard).

We need everyone's help secure sponsorships, sell tickets, and volunteer. Proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales fund scholarships awarded by Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc, our 501(C)3 Foundation.

### Updates:

Through 4/33 we had collected \$16,750 in sponsorships and ticket sales. 348 tickets have been picked up by 43 Rotarians. To date we have 18 corporate sponsorships. We need to gross \$55,000—\$60,000 in ticket sales and sponsorships in order to fund our scholarships.

Sonny's BBQ will be providing the food for the event.

We are still in need of lots of "Loser Prizes". Mary Plummer and Sallie Hardy will be happy to pick them up...just let them know.

## Mid-Bay Club to Host Golf Tournament

Mid-Bay hosts its 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament Friday June 7; sign-in and lunch at noon, shotgun tee off at 1pm. Format is Four Person Florida Scramble. Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place (A and B Flights), Closest to the Pin, Hole-in-One, Putting Contest. 4 person team is \$300. Sponsorships are also available. For more information contact Art Jean at 850-897-3658

Let's support our Fellow Rotarians!

## Sushil Gupta Resigns as RI President Nominee

My Fellow Rotarians

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as president-nominee of Rotary International. While it was my dream to serve as your president, my health prevents me from giving my absolute best to you and the office of the president at this time. I believe Rotary deserves nothing less than that from those elected to represent this great organization of ours.

I have made this difficult decision after much soul searching and conferring with my family. This is not only a disappointment for us, but I am also keenly aware that this will be a disappointment for many Rotarians in India who were so proud to see someone from our country again named as president. I know that this is what is best for Rotary International.

I have been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and it has given me everything I could ask for. I can think of no higher honor to have been selected by the nominating committee as president of Rotary for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. I will continue to proudly serve as a Rotary member and pursue some major initiatives that I wanted to accomplish during my year as president, because I know we are poised to achieve more great things in the future.

I wish nothing but the best to the candidate who succeeds me as president and thank you for all the support and encouragement you have shown me in the past year.

Sushil Gupta

## 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.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

5/15	Regular Meeting	Jim Boksa—Spanish Trail Project (Boy Scouts)
5/22	Regular Meeting	Joyce Dove—Rotary Youth Camp of North FL
5/29	Regular Meeting	David Pienta—Rotary Youth Exchange
6/05	Regular Meeting	Scholarship Recipients
6/12	Regular Meeting	TBD
6/19	Lunch Time Social	Fort Walton Yacht Club
6/26	Installation Banquet	

**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.

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	<b>Club Anniversaries</b>
5/18 Neal Bern	5/19 Jody & Cheryl Henderson	5/01 Fred Pryor (29)
5/24 Tom Hayes	(29)	5/01 Jack Yeiser (18)
	5/19 Joe & Catherine Garvie	5/04 Jody Henderson (31)
	(18)	5/09 Dan Nelson (18)
	5/19 Dusty & Jenny Ricketts (7)	
	5/28 Rick & Kimberly Owen (13)	



Two gunmen on motorcycles shot and killed a polio vaccinator in the southwestern Pakistani city of Chaman, near the border with Afghanistan, on April 25. Two police officers guarding vaccinators were also killed since the new, country-wide vaccination drive began April 23. Mistrust continues to hamper the efforts. Militants say the drive is a foreign plot to sterilize Muslim children and a cover for western spies.

# 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:** 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 RLI 1**  
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 \* 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, PHF SM RLI 3**  
Utilities  
**Chad Hamilton, PHF SM**  
CPA  
**Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1**  
Education— College  
**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, 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 RLI 2**  
Non-Profit Management  
**Don Pickett**  
Dermatologist for Teens  
**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\* RLI 3 RLIDL** Department Store  
**Charlie Potts, PHF SM\***  
Jeweler  
**Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\***  
Utility Service-Gas  
**Dusty Ricketts, SM RLI 2**  
News Media  
**Athena Riley**  
Attorney  
**John Roper, PHF RLI 2**  
Developmental Disabilities

**Dick Rynearson**  
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\* 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, (2) PHF SM \* RLI2**  
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

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.