



The Rotary Reader



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

**November is
The Rotary Foundation
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
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Today's Speaker: Col. Thomas B. Palenske Wing Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing



Col. Thomas B. Palenske is the Commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing and Installation Commander, Hurlburt Field, Fla. As the 1st SOW commander, he is responsible for preparing Air Force special operations forces for missions worldwide in support of Army, Navy, Marine and allied special operations forces and USAF counterparts. The wing's mission includes infiltration, resupply, air refueling, and precision fire support, employing over 70 aircraft including the AC-130U/J, MC-130H, CV-22B, U-28A and PC-12. These capabilities support a variety of special operations missions including direct action, unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, counterterrorism, personnel recovery, psychological operations and information operations.

Col. Palenske graduated from Friends University and received his commission in 1995. He has spent the majority of his career in special operations aviation assignments. He is a command pilot with over 3,500 hours in various aircraft, including the UH-1H, UH-60, MH-60G, MH-53J/M, and CV-22B. Col. Palenske has deployed extensively in support of combat, humanitarian assistance, peace-keeping and peace-enforcement operations.

EDUCATION:

- 1995 Bachelor of Science, Human Resources Management, Friends University, Kan.
- 2000 Master of Political Science, International Relations, Troy State University, Ala.
- 2002 Master of Administrative Science, Organizational Mgmt, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2002 IDE residence credit, Air Force Intern Program, Washington D.C.
- 2003 MH-53 Weapons Instructor Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence program).
- 2007 Joint Forces Staff College, Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Va.
- 2009 Air War College (correspondence program)
- 2014 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1986 – December 1986, recruit, U.S. Army basic training, Fort Knox, Ky.
2. December 1986 – February 1987, UH-1H crew chief student, U.S. Army Advanced Indi-

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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

Col. Palenske (con't)

vidual Training, Fort Rucker, Ala.

3. February 1987 – October 1987, UH-1H crew chief, 1st 108th Combat Aviation Battalion Kansas Army National

Guard, Topeka, Kan.

4. October 1987 – October 1988, student pilot, Initial Entry Rotary Wing course, Ft Rucker, Ala.

5. October 1988 – March 1995, UH-1H/UH-60 Standardization Instructor Pilot, 1st 108th Combat Aviation Battalion

Kansas Army National Guard, Topeka, Kan.

6. March 1995 – June 1995, officer candidate, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

7. June 1995 – April 1997, MH-60G Aircraft Commander, 55th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

8. May 1997 – June 1998, MH-53J student pilot, 551st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

9. June 1998 – June 2000, MH-53J/M instructor pilot, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

10. June 2000 – April 2002, Air Force Intern, Washington, D.C.

11. April 2002 – December 2004, MH-53J/M Weapons Officer / Evaluator 21st Special Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

12. December 2004 – November 2005, Aide de Camp to Deputy Commander, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

13. November 2005 – April 2008, Deputy Branch Chief Special Activities, USCENTCOM Operations Division, MacDill AFB, Fla.

14. April 2008 – July 2009, CV-22B Student Pilot, 71st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM.

15. July 2009 – May 2011, Director of Operations, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM.

16. May 2011 – May 2013, Commander, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM.

17. May 2013 – June 2014, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

18. June 2014 – December 2014, Deputy Division Chief, Iran Division, J5 Joint Staff, Pentagon, D.C.

19. January 2015 – June 2016, Vice Wing Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

20. June 2016 – Present, Wing Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 23, 1995

First Lieutenant July 1, 1997

Captain July 1, 1999

Major November 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2009

Colonel October 1, 2014

District 6940 Conference

Mark your calendar now for the District Conference. It 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, games and music on the lawn. Saturday morning will feature Rotary updates and inspirational speakers followed by a luncheon. Saturday evening features the Governor's Banquet. Sunday morning we will have a memorial service to honor our members who have passed away followed by more great speakers. Registration is scheduled to open November 15, 2017. Plan now to attend. It's a great time to learn more and meet Rotarians from around the district.

Little Free Libraries

Please continue to bring books for our Little Free Libraries to our Wednesday meetings. Books for children and adults are appropriate. Biographies, novels, cookbooks, non-fiction, inspirational, etc. are all good choices for restocking our libraries.

Upcoming Programs and Activities November is The Rotary Foundation Month

11/15	Regular Meeting	Gerald Rush—Genealogy
11/22	No Meeting	Thanksgiving Week
11/29	Regular Meeting	TBD
12/06	Regular Meeting	Scholarship Drawdown Kickoff
12/13	Regular Meeting	Laurie Hood, Alaqua Animal Refuge
12/20	No Regular Meeting	Club Christmas Social—Date TBD
12/27	No Meeting	Christmas/New Year
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center, Sandestin

Did You Know? You can attend a club board meeting , committee meeting or pro-

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays	11/24 Matt Turpin	11/29 Kevin & Sue Ann Cagle (9)
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 Rick Owen	November Anniversaries	November Club Anniversaries
11/18 Jean Woo	11/02 Mac & Debra Mac-	11/20 Mack Busbee (4)
11/19 Kent Tinsley	donald (32)	11/20 Ross Hamilton (4)
11/23 Charlie Potts	11/06 Ron & Pam Grissom (?)	

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.



A mobile youth circus group is encouraging vaccination and providing education in an innovative and engaging way, helping to bring Afghanistan closer to eradication. Part of the group's impressive performance includes passing on vital messages about healthcare and social issues to the audience, who may not otherwise have access to the information.

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:

Lisa Williams at

lmwillia@southernco.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

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

Kevin Cagle, SM LP

Office Machines

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

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

Sept 6 66.7%

Sept 13 55.9%

Sept 20 61.7%

Sept 27 57.4%

Month of Sept Avg: 60.8%

Oct 4 67.8%

Oct 11 65.0%

Oct 18 55.2%