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

**November is
Rotary Foundation Month**

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- President:** Katie Sharon
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
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- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
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- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Brewster
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ron Grissom, Ross LeBlanc
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Speaker: Robert Michael Kirila Col., US Army (Ret)



Robert Kirila completed more than 25 years of service in the United States Army on September 1st, 2016. Serving as a Senior Leader in the last seven years of his career, he developed a remarkably unique portfolio of experience. In just the last decade, he led Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq, led analysis teams in combat zones and on natural disaster recovery efforts in Honduras and Guatemala, coordinated the largest Special Operations Base Realignment in the history of the Regiment, acted as a principal strategy advisor to the Commanding General in the fight against ISIS, lectured at the Colombian Defense University on the ethics of Just War, acted as Congressman Miller's Army representative for Military Academy nominations, and served in the United States State Department in Washington DC as a fellow in the Western Hemisphere Bureau.

Born in Virginia while his father was deployed to Vietnam, Robert has always had an interest in becoming a part of a community. For the first 20 years after graduating from the University of Richmond, Robert pursued more and more elite communities, starting first in the Joint Security Area – United Nations Command (PanMunJom Korea) then the Rangers and finally into the Special Forces and for the last 7 years has been a Commander and Senior Leader in the 7th Special Forces Group. Robert has served on every continent in the world except Africa leading organizations varying in size from 12 personnel to over 8,000. Over half of his 25 years in uniform have been spent directly leading operations. Most notably, three times in the last twenty years he led organizations in significant high risk confidence-building efforts between ethnic and religious antagonists. In Afghanistan, he led initial efforts between US, Afghan and Pakistani military and tribal leaders pursuing local economic endeavors to restore trust between the government and the tribes. In Iraq, Robert led special operations efforts to deter the civil war that threatened to engulf Iraq after the bombing of the Golden Mosque in Samarra. There, he successfully supported a grass-roots effort to build confidence between Iraqi Sunnis, Shias and Iraqi Kurds along disputed ethnic fault lines.

Robert was the Deputy Commander of the 7th Special Forces Group but closed that chapter of his life on 23 September 2016.

Robert holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and multiple master's degrees from Central Michigan University and the United States War College. Among his awards are Distinguished Service Medals, the Bronze Star, and the Green Beret authorized by President John F. Kennedy in 1964. Robert and Chrissie, his wife of almost 20 years, have two children, an overly intellectual and deviously border collie, and have made their 12th move to a home in beautiful Valparaiso where they plan to stay long term and integrate into the fabric of Northwest Florida.

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**Celebrate The
Rotary
Foundation's
Centennial
at the
RI Convention
Atlanta, GA
June 10-14, 2017**

**Current Reg \$340
Dec 16—\$415
April 1—\$490**

Volunteers will be positioned at sites around the Atlanta area to help our guests find their way to and from various locations in Atlanta.

They will be positioned at the Atlanta Airport, the Train Station, all hotels and at major HOC events. Any

Rotarian or Rotaractor or guest of a Rotarian or Rotaractor that is registered for the convention and at least 19 years old can be a volunteer. A sign-up for form for volunteers is available on the convention web site.

**Plan now to
Attend!**

For more information visit:
www.riconvention.org

Little Free Libraries Update



The Little Free Libraries our club built in September are almost complete. Our libraries have been registered so they will be placed on the global location map and carry a sign designating our libraries as part of the LFL network. As we near the time to place the libraries at the Fort Walton Beach Landing and in the Charlie Hill Terrace neighborhood adjacent to the Eleanor J Johnson Youth Center, we are asking for donations of books focused on the following genres:

- Children (early reader through middle school)
- Fiction novels
- Non-fiction biographies (specifically those who were instrumental in shaping the history of the United States).
- Cookbooks
- Self-help books

If every club member donates 2 books, we'll have 75 books for each library. Please bring your donated books to the next Rotary meeting.

If you have any books to donate, please contact Rick Owen, rick@united-way.org.

District 6940 Conference Early Registration

The 2017 District Conference will be held April 6-9, 2017 at the Grand Sandestin. Bring your family and enjoy all this beautiful resort has to offer. Registration is open.

Through November 30 registration fee is only \$125!

December 1—January 15 Registration fee is \$150.

After January 15 Registration fee is \$175.

Your registration fee includes 5 meals and all sessions.

Book your room by going to www.sandestin.com and using Group Code 23E43R. A studio one bedroom is \$159/night; A two bedroom condo is \$279/night. These rates include the resort fee. Bed tax applies.

Thursday April 6—Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner Cruise (open to all Paul Harris fellows; requires separate registration and additional cost)

Friday April 7—Fishing Trips and Golf Outings will be scheduled; Happy hour and dinner followed by socializing in the hospitality suite

Saturday April 8—Breakfast from 7-9am; opening session from 9am—noon; Free afternoon for tours, shopping and other activities; Governor's Banquet at 6pm followed by entertainment and hospitality suite

Sunday April 9—Memorial Service at 7:30am; Breakfast and General Session from 8am-11am

To register log on to www.rotary6940.org and look for the link or go to the Calendar on DaCDB.

New Member Proposed for Club Membership

Lori Gregory has been proposed for membership by James Bass. Lori is a Funeral Director with McLaughlin Mortuary. She was previously a member of the Rotary Club of Spokane Valley—Sunrise. Many of you had the opportunity to meet her at our recent social at The Gulf. (Second Publication)

Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 11/16 Regular Meeting Don Gaetz, State Senator
- 11/23 No Meeting Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/30 Regular Meeting Steve Duke, Florida Trail Association
- 12/14 Regular Meeting Cathy Alley, Emerald Coast Assn of Realtors
- 1/27 Rotary Leadership Inst Pensacola (Levels 1, 2, 3)
- 2/18 Rotary Leadership Inst Panama City (Levels 1, 2, 3)
- 3/25 Rotary Leadership Inst Tallahassee (Levels 1, 2, 3)
- 4/6-4/9/17 District Conference Baytowne Wharf

Did You Know? You can attend a club board meeting, committee meeting or project as a make-up.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays	Charlie Potts	11/23	11/6 Ron & Pam Grissom
Lyndon Poff	11/08	Matt Turpin	11/24
John Morgan	11/16	Jack Yeiser	11/25
Rick Owen	11/18	Ross Hamilton	11/28
Jean Woo	11/18		
Kent Tinsley	11/19	11/2 Dave & Debra	
Jamie Mattern	11/20	MacDonald	

Anniversaries	Membership Anniv
Lisa Williams	11/18 1 yr
Ross Hamilton	11/20 3yrs

Club History Corner

1997 — President Tom Lowrey’s tenure had several noteworthy highlights. First off RI President Giay presented the club with a Significant Achievement Award for 1996-1997. This award “recognizes outstanding Rotary Club projects which address the needs of the local community and involve the majority of the club’s membership.” Naturally the Billy Bowlegs Golf Tournament is the project and continues to be the driving force of our club’s mission. Secondly, the club received the Presidential Citation in “recognition of outstanding leadership within the four avenues of service”. Thirdly, the club purchased the new club finance software which allowed the board to extend its commitment to better financial management and accountability. Next, the club stepped forward and provided flood relief monies for our new adopted Brazilian Rotary friends to help them through their hardships. Last, but certainly not least, was the hiring of club secretary Rhonda Glassburn to oversee the start up and implementation of the club’s new financial management software and oversee the board’s policies and procedures.

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.



Experts say \$1.5 billion is urgently needed to sustain the

progress in eradicating polio. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries.

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:
Laura Kirby
LKirby@Landrumcompanies.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

Bill Alexson
Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
Insurance

James Bass, SM
Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM
Insurance

Debbie Bodenshine, PHF SM RotY
Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM
Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
County Planning

Mack Busbee, SM **
County Government

Tom Butcher
Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM
Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (9) 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

Ralph Fallin, (35) PHF SM RotY*
Dairy Products

Bob Foster
Business Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM
Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM
Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM
Utilities

Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM
Education

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

Laura Kirby (3) SM
Business Development

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

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
Public Safety

Jamey Mattern, PHF
Architect

David Macdonald PHF SM **
Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF
Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (13) 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
Non-Profit Management

Susan Page,
Professional Counseling

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*
Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF
Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

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Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, SM
Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (10) PHF SM RotY*
Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *
Moving & Storage

Scott Smith, PHF SM*
Chiropractor

Whitney Smith, SM
Attorney

Oxana Solovieva
Commercial Real Estate

Allan Stearns, PHF SM*
Travel Agent

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, SM
Condo Management

Charles West, (1) PHF SM*
Investment Broker

Lisa Williams
Utilities

Jean Woo, PHF
Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF
Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **
Psychologist