



The Rotary Reader

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October is Economic & Community Development Month

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- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
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- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrigena Jackson

Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

Today's Speaker: Nathan Sparks Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County



As Executive Director of the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, Nathan Sparks is responsible for the day-to-day management and oversight of the EDC. He has held prior economic development leadership positions with the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, the Sat. Joe Company and the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority (Georgia).

Nathan was awarded a B.A. from Oglethorpe University and graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. He received the Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) designation from the International Economic Development Council and was awarded the prestigious Business Ambassador Award from Governor Rick Scott in 2016.

Nathan serves on the United Way of Okaloosa & Walton County Board of Directors. In his free time, Nathan enjoys travel, golf, and college football.

The Economic Development Council of Okaloosa Co is the community's primary organization tasked with improving the area's economy through the attraction and retention of new, diversified employment opportunities and capital investments. The EDC was constituted in 1989 and serves as a non-profit public/private partnership.

Rotary Youth Exchange

District 6940 is gearing up for the 2020-2021 RYE Year. An orientation for prospective exchange participants and their parents was held 10/8 in Tallahassee. If you know of a local student, aged 15-18, who would benefit from a year of studying abroad, please let Jan Pooley know immediately. Cost to the family is \$5500 + \$150 application fee + passport/visa. Most expenses are covered by Rotary. We have a club member interested in hosting an in-bound student.



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RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

Now - December 15
\$450 per person

December 16-March 31
\$550 per person

April 1—June 10
\$650 per person

People of Action from all over the world will gather to connect, celebrate, and collaborate to make a better world.

Hear from world leaders, philanthropists and other remarkable people during general sessions. Learn more about thought provoking topics at in-depth seminars, workshops and discussions.

In the House of Friendship you will visit booths that feature club and district projects, Rotary Fellowships, and Rotarian Action Groups. You can shop for Rotary merchandise, meet with Rotary staff to learn about programs and services and enjoy food and entertainment unique to Hawaii.

Consider making the commitment to attend. You will be a better Rotarian!

For More Information:
www.riconvention.org

Rotary Leadership Institute—FAQ's

Q—These sessions are titled “Rotary Leadership Institute” classes. Are they only for current or potential leaders in each club? Or, can anyone attend?

A— The classes are for anyone interested in learning more about Rotary. They include information about Rotary, Rotary Opportunities, Foundation Basics, Fundraising, Service Projects, Grants, Strategic Planning, Ethics & Vocational Service, Leadership Strategies, International Service, Communications Techniques and more. Non-Rotarians may also attend.

Q— Does each location offer all 3 parts?

A— Each location will have all three parts running simultaneously in different classrooms. They run from 7am (check-in and breakfast) until 3:15pm. Part I has 5 sessions, Part II has 6 sessions and Part III has 6 sessions. Each part will have a different Discussion Leader per session. Parts I, II and III are taken sequentially. Each Part is in one classroom. The Discussion Leaders change while the students stay in the same classroom all day. A Discussion Leader will lead one session in a Part.

Q— Can I take all three Parts on the same day?

A— Unfortunately, not. A Part runs a full day and the parts are taken sequentially.

Q— What is the cost?

A—Each Part is \$100 and includes course book, full breakfast and lunch. Our club reimburses the registration fee after the Part is completed.

Q—Can all 3 Parts be taken in 1 year?

A—Yes. 4 dates/locations are being offered in 2020 so all Parts can be completed in one calendar year.

- January 11—Pensacola (registration deadline is January 1)
- January 25—Lake City (registration deadline is January 15)
- February 8—Panama City (registration deadline is January 28)
- February 29—Tallahassee (registration deadline is February 19)

Q—How does one register?

A—Log in to www.dacdb.com, then click on the calendar and scroll to the desired date. Click on “Register Now”.

Want to Learn More About Rotary?

Rotary Leadership Institute—Offered 4 times in early 2020. Part 1— The Rotarian; Part 2—The Rotary Club; Part 3—The Rotary Journey. Our club will reimburse your tuition. See Upcoming Programs and Activities for the dates for Pensacola and Panama City. (see info above)

Visit The Learning Center on Rotary.org. Over 450 on-line courses are offered on a variety of subjects. Gerry Chalker recently completed a course on the Rotary Foundation and said it was very informative. Check it out!

Bahamas Disaster Relief Update

Change in Direction

It appears that District 6990 which includes the Bahamas has more than 6 Cargo Containers of supplies on hand now and are distributing daily. Many other organizations are now up and running so the immediate needs of the people (water, foods, and the other items on the list) are now being met. They are changing their focus to helping to rebuild basic public services and housing and providing basic medical needs. What will be most important in the months to come will be the donations we make through our Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Fund (See District Website). We will continue to gather some basic supplies; but we will be packing and storing items for the next disaster. Unfortunately, another one will come along all too soon and we want to be ready to provide aid on day one, without having to organize and spend weeks collecting before we can help.

Looking for Disaster Assistance Committee Members

We are looking at Disaster Relief as an ongoing mission in District 6940 and we are trying to put together a standing committee for this purpose. We are looking for one Rotarian from each of District 6940's 10 Areas to form the District Disaster Relief Committee. Each committee member would be responsible for coordinating the Rotary Relief and Recovery efforts in their area. As we are very spread out, most meetings would be by conference call, and we would communicate by telephone and email. When we are 'activated' for a relief effort, the committee member would be the key person in their area leading the operation in their area clubs. If you are willing to serve in this area please contact, **Dale Stone Cell**
Phone: 561-818-5472drstonecpa@aol.com

Upcoming Programs and Activities

10/09	Regular Meeting	Nathan Sparks—Update from the EDC
10/16	Regular Meeting	Maj. Eric Aden, OCSO—The FBI Academy
10/23	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/24	World Polio Day	
1/11	Rotary Leadership Institute	Pensacola (Register on DACdb)
2/08	Rotary Leadership Institute	Panama City (Register on DACdb)

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.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/02 Eulice Shelley
 10/05 Mitzi Henley
 10/22 Tony Gilligan
 10/27 Russ Youngblood
 10/30 Ron Grissom

Wedding Anniversaries

10/04 John & Sherrie Linn (39)
 10/04 Tom & Denise Hayes (36)
 10/10 Ross & Brianne LeBlance (10)
 10/20 Neal & Maxine Bern (8)

Club Anniversaries

10/01 Herb Tinsley (48)
 10/12 Jan Pooley (25 + 4)
 10/17 Charles West (18)

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.



Total new cases of wild poliovirus stands at 85 globally.

Afghanistan has had 16 cases in 2019 compared to 19 cases YTD in 2018 and 21 cases for the full year. Pakistan has had 69 cases YTD 2019 compared to 8 YTD 2018 and 12 for the full year. Since vaccinations were resumed, the rate of new cases has slowed tremendously. The last reported new case was August 28. The huge surge in new cases in Pakistan when the country halted its vaccination program highlights the need for us to continue until polio is gone. Nigeria should be certified polio free in January.

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: Joe Meyer

joe@on-site-help.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 Broussard's—Navarre Beach

Niceville- Valparaiso: 5:30 p.m. Monday at Props Ale House in Niceville

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, (12) PHF MD SM *

Pension Administration

Tim Chiasson SM

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

Ken Erdberg

Travel Services

Joe Garvie SM

Construction

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY

Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM

Attorney

Ron Grissom, (1) PHF SM RLI 3

Utilities

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM

CPA

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 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

John Lysaght

Life Cycle Logistics

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM*

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan,

Electrical Engineer

Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM

Communications

Rick Owen (3) PHF SM PHS RotY

RLI 2 Non-Profit Management

Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, PHF SM

Paint & Body Shop

Eric Polson SM

Collision Repair

Jan Pooley, (13) PHF SM BS RotY*

RLI 3 RLIDL Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*

Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*

Utility Service-Gas

Zbigniew Rigg

New Truck Reviewer

Athena Riley

Attorney

John Roper, (1) PHF SM RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson SM

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

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, PHF SM * RLI2

Condo Management

Charles West, PHF SM BS *

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF SM

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada SM

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.