



The Rotary Reader



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

**February is
Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution
Month**

Board of Directors

- President:** Katie Sharon
- President Elect:** Aaron Webber
- Secretary:** Ron Grissom
- Treasurer:** Ross LeBlanc
- Past President:** Charles West
- At Large:** Dusty Ricketts and Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Eulice Shelley
- Sergeant at Arms:** Mack Busbee, JT Edwards, Jeff Hooton, Jean Woo

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Dusty Ricketts
- **Socials:** Neal Bern, Lyndon Poff
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Lisa Williams
- Membership:** Laura Kirby, Andy Corbin
- 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

Today's Speaker: Rep. Mel Ponder Florida House of Representatives, District 4



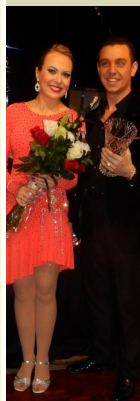
Mel Ponder was elected in November to Florida's State House District 4. Ponder took office in January and replaced former state Rep. Matt Gaetz, who now represents Northwest Florida in Congress. Ponder represents Okaloosa County from the Gulf of Mexico to Interstate 10 and north of I-10 to include the city of Crestview.

Ponder has said a primary goal for him as state representative is to reach out to fellow Northwest Florida lawmakers and forge a regional identity "to go to Tallahassee and fight for issues that are regional in nature."

Prior to being elected to the Florida House, Ponder had previously been a member of the Destin City Council and most recently served as Destin's mayor.

In addition to politics, he raised three children with his wife of 24 years, Mona, and helped institute the Destin Week of Blessings, an annual event that unites area pastors and churches.

Raising Funds for United Way



United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties held it's annual fund-raising gala Saturday, January 28, at the Sandestin Hilton. This year's theme was Back to the 80's.

For the second year in a row, the winner of the dance competition was a member of our club. This year's winner was Oxana Solovieva! She and her partner from Fred Astaire Studios wowed the audience and raised a lot of money for United Way and its member agencies. President Katie won the same event last year!

Rick Owen, another club member, is the Executive Director of United Way. Congratulations on a great event!

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District website: www.rotary690.org



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

**Current Reg \$415
April 1—\$490**

Speakers for the convention include:

- Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia
- Jack Nicklaus, Golf legend
- Johann Olav Koss, Founder of Right to Play International

More than 90 breakout sessions are planned for the convention. Breakouts are designed to help you dig deeper into topics of interest, to polish leadership skills and to get inspired with new ideas for projects, fundraising, strengthening club membership and more.

FWB Rotarians who have registered: Katie Sharon, Jean Woo, Debbie Bodenshine, Joe Meyer, Lyndon & Diane Poff, Jan Pooley

**Plan now to
Attend!**

For more information visit:
www.riconvention.org

Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown



The 2017 Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown will be held Friday, May 19 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. The event begins at 6:00pm.

The club has netted \$25,000 each of the last two years at this event, with the proceeds going to the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc. We want to exceed \$30,000 this year and can do it with each member's participation.

- Ron Grissom and Ross LeBlanc chair the event.
- Each member is expected to sell 5 tickets or secure a \$500

sponsorship. A \$200 minimum will be charged to your account if no tickets are sold and money turned in.

- Tony Gilligan is the Sales Leader supported by team captains Charles West, Roger Peadro, Debbie Bodenshine, Katie Sharon and Lyndon Poff. Each member will be assigned to a team.
- Sponsorship Deadline is 4/19/17.
- Ticket/money turn in deadline is 5/12/17.
- Other committee chairs include: Decorations—Lisa W, Laura K, Diane P and Rich K; Loser Prizes—Mary Plummer and Sallie Hardy; Signs—Aaron Webber
- The updated brochure and tickets will be available very soon.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Crestview Rotary Club is currently selling tickets for its annual Great Gun Give Away. Tickets are \$30. Their annual Wild Game Dinner is Friday, February 17. For tickets contact club president Larry Ward at lward@sheriff-okaloosa.org.
- Mid-Bay Rotary Club is selling pork butts for Super Bowl...\$40 each. Contact club president Richard Gal at richard.gal@cox.net for more info
- South Walton Rotary Club is hosting its first annual Grill & Chill Saturday, February 4 from noon-4pm at the entrance to Seascape Golf, Beach & Tennis Resort. Featuring Grilled Chicken and Boston Butts by Jim N' Nicks, Longest Drive and Longest Putt contests. Proceeds to support the South Walton Baseball League. For more information contact club president Collin McCall at collin.a.mccall@ml.com.
- District 6940 is currently seeking Peace Fellow candidates. Through training, study and practice Rotary Peace Fellows become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution. Many go on to careers in national governments, NGO's, military, law enforcement and international organization like the United Nations and World Bank. Peace Fellow Scholarships, which do not require any funding from nominating clubs and districts, include all tuition fees, travel and living expenses during either a n 18-24 month master's degree from one of 5 designated Peace Center Universities or a 3 month certificate program. For more info contact Kathy Suerken, District Peace Fellow Chair, at suerken@cox.net or 850-897-2616. www.rotary.org/our-programs/peace-fellowships

New Member Proposal—Second Publishing

Katie Sharon has proposed Matt Zasada for membership. Matt is a CPA with Carr, Riggs & Ingram. The board approved his proposal at the 1/24/17 meeting.

Rotary 6940 District Conference



Make Plans to Attend the District Conference April 7-9 at Baytowne Wharf

Featuring:

Great speakers including Rotary notables, Quint Studer and local POW Ed Hubbard
 Updates on PolioPlus, Alzheimers Research and more
 Networking with other clubs; Club displays
 Governor's Banquet and Awards
 Fishing, Golf Outings, Tours and Hospitality Suite
 Entertainment by Mr Big and The Rhythm Sisters
 For more info and to register, go to www.rotary6940.org

Upcoming Programs and Activities January is Vocational Service Month

2/08	Regular Meeting	Terry Pilcher, Emerald Coast Association of Realtors
2/15	Club Assembly	Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown
2/11	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City (Levels 1, 2, 3)
2/22	Regular Meeting	Allison McDowell, Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
3/01	Regular Meeting	Frank Dailey, Heroes on the Water
3/08	Regular Meeting	Paul Hsu, STEM Education
3/15	Regular Meeting	Carole Ann Haws, Covenant Hospice
3/22	Club Assembly	Aaron Webber, 2017-2018 Goals
3/25	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee (Levels 1, 2, 3)
3/30-4/2	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	Adventures Unlimited
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

January Birthdays		Anniversaries		Membership Anniv	
Richard Kunkel	2/10	2/4	Tony & Gretchen	Rick Stevens	2/12 25 yrs
Tony Leonard	2/21		Gilligan	Tony Gilligan	2/15 22 yrs
Joe Brewster	2/22	2/4	Ross & Jenny Hamilton	Dave Miller	2/17 24 yrs
				Dusty Ricketts	2/22 5 yrs
				Jeff Hooton	2/22 11 yrs
				Mac Macdonald	2/29 5 yrs

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.



Rotary announced in January \$35 million in grants to

support the global effort to end polio, bringing Rotary's contribution to \$140 million since January 2016. Nearly half of the funds (\$16.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin.

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

Robert Anderson, SM

CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM

Insurance

James Bass, SM

Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM

Insurance

Debbie Bodenshtine, 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 Fowner, PHF SM

Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM

Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM

Attorney

Ron Grissom, 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

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

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

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*

Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF

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

John Roper

Developmental Disabilities

Katie Sharon, SM

Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva

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, 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