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Today's Speaker: **Katie Sharon** **Okaloosa Co Half Cent Sales Ta Update**



Katie Sharon has been an active part of the Okaloosa County business community for over a decade. Katie grew up in South Florida and moved with her family from Miami to Crestview as a teen. Katie is a graduate of Crestview High School and holds a Bachelors in Finance from the University of West Florida.

Growing up in urbanized South Florida provided a unique perspective on infrastructure, growth and development.

Throughout her career, she has had an opportunity to participate in various civic organizations like the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Clubs of Crestview and Fort Walton Beach. A leader in the local banking industry, Katie has utilized her financial acumen and problem solving skills to provide banking services for many area business. In 2014, Katie was recruited by BBVA Compass Bank to serve as the President for their Okaloosa-Bay County Region. This was a prestigious opportunity for Katie, who served as one of the youngest presidents in the bank's history and one of only five women in the organization to hold such a position. During her time with BBVA Compass, she attended the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania where she earned a Leadership Certificate as part of the American Banker's Association Stonier Graduate School.

Katie was afforded an inside view of Okaloosa County government while serving as the County's Chief Financial Officer under Okaloosa County Clerk of Courts, JD Peacock. She enjoyed the opportunity the role provided her to broaden her experience, leadership and commitment to Okaloosa County.

Katie left the Clerk's office in early 2018 so she could spend more time with her two children, Emily (7) and Davis (5) and now works part-time in the banking industry.

Katie transferred to our club from the Crestview Rotary Club in 2012, served as Club President in 2015-2016 and is a Paul Harris Fellow +1.

Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
- President Elect:** Matt Simpson
- Secretary:** John Roper
- Treasurer:** Rick Owen
- Past President:** Ron Grissom
- At Large:** JT Edwards & Athena Riley
- Senior Member:** Charlie Potts
- Sergeant at Arms:** Andy Corbin & Brandon Lewis

Committee Chairs

Club Admin:

- **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
- **Socials:** Neal Bern & Charles West
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley

Public Image:

Membership: Joe Meyer

Rotary Foundation: Gerry Chalker

Service Projects: Rick Owen

Youth Services: Joe Garvie

Scholarship Inc: Joe Meyer

Fundraisers: Aaron Webber

Executive Secretary:

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www.dacdb.org



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

Meet 2019-2020 RI President Mark Maloney Rotary Club of Decatur, AL



Mark Daniel Maloney is a principal in the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC, with a focus on taxation estate planning, and agricultural law. He represents large farming operations in the Southeast and Midwestern United States, and has chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Agriculture in the section of taxation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar Association, and the Alabama Law Institute.

He has been active in Decatur's religious community, chairing his church's finance council and a local Catholic school board. He has also served as president of the Community Foundation of Greater Decatur, chair of Morgan County Meals on Wheels, and director of the United Way of Morgan County and the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

A Rotarian since 1980, Maloney has served as an RI director; Foundation trustee and vice chair; and aide to 2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe. He also has participated in the Council on Legislation as chair, vice chair, parliamentarian, and trainer. He was an adviser to the 2004 Osaka Convention Committee and chaired the 2014 Sydney Convention Committee.

Prior to serving as a district governor, Maloney led a Group Study Exchange to Nigeria.

He also served as Future Vision Committee vice chair; Foundation training institute moderator; Foundation permanent fund national adviser; member of the Peace Centers Committee; and adviser to the Foundation's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools Target Challenge Committee.

Welcome Scholarship Recipients!

We're so happy to have 2 of our scholarship recipients with us today: **Natasha Skrovaneck** recently graduated from Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College. She will attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham, majoring in Biomedical Science. Natasha was awarded a Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarship.

Alexis Hopkins is a Junior at the Florida Institute of Technology. She is majoring in Biomedical Engineering with a Minor in Nanotechnology. Alexis has been awarded a renewal of a Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarship.

We're Serving Dinner at Rotary Youth Camp!

Many were moved by the presentation in May by Rotarian Joyce Dove, Director of the Rotary Youth Camp of North Florida. You have the opportunity to help! Our club will provide and serve dinner to the campers and counselors next Monday beginning at 6pm...set up at 5pm. The camp is held at Tri-State Christian Camp in DeFuniak Springs. We need members to help set up, serve and clean up. It will also give you the opportunity to see what happens at the camp. Your heart will be touched. Sign up with Jan Pooley 850-585-3497.

News from the Board of Directors

The 2019-2020 Board of Directors met for the first time Tuesday evening.

- President Ross told the group two of his goals are to build relationships and to continue to move away from being a 'check-writing' club to a more hands-on service-based club.
- Treasurer Rick reported that some club members are seriously behind in paying their invoices. He will work with member to get caught up.
- Dan Empson and Mayor Dick Rynearson were voted on as Honorary Members for 2019-2020.
- Aaron Webber plans to host a debrief on this year's Scholarship Draw-down in order to start planning for the 2020 event. We plan to hold a fall fund raiser using proceeds to support the club's service activities outside of awarding of scholarships. There is interest in being a participant in the 2020 Smoke on the Coast BBQ Festival at Destin Commons.
- Other ideas discussed include signing the recently built reef in Valparaiso, looking into starting a satellite club on Hurlburt Field, and participating in the Fort Walton Beach Christmas Parade

Upcoming Programs and Activities

7/17 Regular Meeting TDB
 7/24 Regular Meeting TBD
 7/31 Regular Meeting TBD

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.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

7/11 Matthew Morgan
 7/15 Forrest Townsend
 7/26 Diane Poff
 7/27 Eric Polson

Wedding Anniversaries

7/10 Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor (54)
 7/14 Matt and Jennifer Zasada (12)
 7/23 Alex & Donna Trum (59)

Club Anniversaries

7/01 John Linn (30)
 7/02 Aaron Webber (10)
 7/02 Matthew Morgan (10)
 7/10 Mary Plummer (17)
 7/12 JT Edwards (11)
 7/29 Robert Anderson((10)

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.



In Osaka, Japan, G20 Leaders met on 28-29 June 2019, and

discussed major challenges facing the world and the importance of eradicating polio. The pledging event of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative will be hosted by the UAE in November 2019 to ensure full financing and implementation of the efforts to finish the job. The G20 Declaration outlines that "Primary healthcare, including access to medicines, vaccination, nutrition, water and sanitation, health promotion and disease prevention is a cornerstone for advancing health and inclusion."

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: 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

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, (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 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, (1) RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (17) 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 (3) PHF 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

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

Athena Riley

Attorney

John Roper, (1) PHF RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

Liza Round

Exercise Guru

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson

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 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.