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

April is Maternal and Child Health 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
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John Roper

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be
Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
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- 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
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Program: Brian Gwinnup Hurricane Hunting



Lt Col Brian Gwinnup is a Navigator with the 53 Weather Reconnaissance Squadron "Hurricane Hunters" stationed at Keesler AFB, MS. He spent 9 years on active duty, before transitioning to the AF Reserves in 2005 and joining the 53 VRS. He has flown over a 100 flights into tropical systems and winter storms.

Brian owns MidBay Sailing Academy, based in Niceville. He has been an instructor in the Air Force for over 18 years and has been teaching power boating and sailing for the past 7 years. He has earned the American Sailing Association (ASA) instructor certification. He is also a Recreational Power Boat Association (RPBA) instructor.

Brian joined the Rotary Club of Niceville-Valparaiso in 2014.

He and his wife, Ann, live in Niceville.

Scholarship Drawdown Update



Our annual event is just over 6 weeks away. We have sold \$8,200 in sponsorships and individual tickets to date. Last year's total was \$55,000+, so keep sharing the event and sponsorship with all of your friends and business associates. Matt Simpson's team is in the lead with \$2,800, followed closely by Jessica Simpson's team with \$2,700. Team results are on page 4. Team Captains have your tickets. Brochures and sponsor

forms are available at each meeting. We need lots of great "loser prizes" to award throughout the night. See Mary Plummer or Sallie Hardy for more information. Want to help with decorations? See Diane Poff or Richard Kunkel. Want to help with libations? See JT Edwards. Want to help with registration? See Debbie Bodensine or Jean Woo. Event is Friday, May 25 at 6:00pm at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds.

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District 6940 website: www.rotary6940.org



RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

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

Rotary.org Nominated for Webby Award

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary.org has been nominated for a **Webby Award** from the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, which called Rotary.org "one of the five best sites in the world in its category."

Nominated in the association category, Rotary.org is competing with four others for the 22nd annual awards.

Rotary International's revamped website has been chosen by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences as one of the best association websites in the world.

"Nominees like Rotary are setting the standard for innovation and creativity on the Internet," said Claire Graves, executive director of The Webby Awards. "It is an incredible achievement to be selected among the best."

The Webby Awards are the leading international honor for excellence on the internet. Rotary.org is competing for both a Webby Award, whose winners are selected by the academy, and the Webby People's Voice Award, whose winners are chosen by public vote.

The academy judged websites on several criteria: content, structure and navigation, visual design, functionality, interactivity, innovation, and overall experience.

Help us win the People's Voice Award. You can **vote** until 19 April. The winners of each category will be announced on 24 April in New York City.

The four other nominees for best association site are:

Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance
11th Macau Design Biennial
Trade Works for Us
Center for Court Innovation

Visit the webbyawards.com for a full list of categories and nominations.

Social Next Week



Next week's regular meeting will be replaced by an evening social at Burrito del Sol, located at 201B Miracle Strip Parkway in downtown Fort Walton Beach. Watch your email for details.

Million Dollar Dinner

Our District has a goal of raising One Million Dollars (over and above our regular giving) for The Rotary Foundation. Donations to this effort begin at the Major Donor Level of \$10,000. These gifts can be pledged as part of your estate planning...you won't miss it and it will do great good in the world. Won't you consider joining this effort? Those who pledge will be invited to the Million Dollar Dinner Celebration which will be held in Destin at The Henderson on May 5. For more information, please see Jan Pooley or contact PDG Dave Rauch or incoming AG Bill Lindsley.

Upcoming Club Service Projects

Our club is participating in 2 service projects in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars now!

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance Reef Building Club Project

Saturday, April 28

9am—noon

Meet at Valparaiso Fishing Pier (adjacent to bridge over Tom’s Bayou)

Wear sturdy shoes that you do not mind getting wet as most work will occur in shallow water.

Bring a hat, sunblock, and work gloves.

Lunch afterwards at Lincoln Park.

Can accommodate up to 30 volunteers and are reaching out to other area Rotary Clubs

Feed The Need—Meal Packing Community Project

Saturday, May 5

Recommend 10:30am—noon or 1:30pm — 3:00 pm

Life Center at Gregg Chapel on Carson Drive in Fort Walton Beach

Wear your Rotarian at Work shirt

We need at least 10 volunteers to man a table. Arrive 15 minutes early to pack meals for local organizations who provide food for the hungry.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

4/14	Rotary Leadership Inst	Lake City
4/18	Club Social	Burrito del Sol
4/19-22	RYLA	Adventures Unlimited
4/25	Regular Meeting	Mitzi Henley, Men’s Hair Health
5/02	Regular Meeting	TBD
5/09	Regular Meeting	Sheriff Larry Ashley
5/16	Regular Meeting	Jennifer Adams, Okaloosa Co Tourism

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
4/08 Ross LeBlanc	4/17 Dan & Bobbi Nelson 49	4/12 Charlie Potts 23	4/16 Forrest Townsend 31
4/11 Gerry Chalker		4/19 Matt Simpson 1	
4/18 Katie Sharon	April Club Anniversaries		4/20 Tony Leonard 13
4/19 JT Edwards	4/04 Richard Kunkel 6	4/22 Lyndon Poff 9	4/25 Ross LeBlanc 6
	4/04 Ron Grissom 6		

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.



No new Wild Poliovirus cases were reported in Afghanistan in

February 2018. 5.9 million children under the age of five were targeted during subnational immunization days across 22 provinces. Permanent transit teams successfully vaccinated 1,055,488 children against polio, whilst cross-border teams vaccinated 57,833 children. Year-to-date 2018 Afghanistan has reported 3 cases of wild poliovirus compared to 5 for the same period in 2017.

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:
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 RO

CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM JR

Insurance

Neal Bern SM GC

Insurance

Debbie Bodenshtein PHF/SM Roty

Economic Development RO

Ann Boynton SM JS

Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM MS

Cable Television

Mack Busbee, SM ** JR

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

Gerry Chalker, (10) PHF SM * GC

Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY * MS

Electronics Mfg.

George Dorris, PHF SM GC

Dentistry

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY JS

Landscaping Owner

Dan Empson

Honorary

Cliff Ennis RO

Business IT Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM JR

Association Manager

Joe Garvie JR

Construction

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY GC

Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM GC

Attorney

Ron Grissom, PHF SM JS

Utilities

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM RO

CPA

Ross Hamilton, SM MS

Education— College

Sallie Hardy, PHF JR

Commercial Properties

Tom Hayes, PHF SM MS

Financial Services

Jody Henderson, PHF SM * JS

Accounting/Auditing

Mitzi Henley, SM RO

Retail Shopping Center

Rudy Hill, SM RO

Office Products

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM JR

Commercial Lending

Richard Kunkel, PHF SM GC

Education

Chuck Landers, PHF SM JR

Certified Public Accountant

Ross LeBlanc, SM MS

Certified Public Accountant

Tony Leonard, PHF SM ** GC

Retail/Musical Instruments

John Linn, PHF SM RO

Kitchens-Retail

David Macdonald PHF SM ** JR

Shopping Center Manager

Stacey McGilvray MS

Commercial Lending

Mack McIlhose RO

Mass Transit

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF JS

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (15) PHF SM MS

Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM* JR

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan, GC

Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM GC

Restaurant/Fast Food

Michelle Nicholson, SM RO

Communications

Rick Owen (1) RO

Non-Profit Management

Mary Plummer, PHF MS

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY JS

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, (1) SM JS

Paint & Body Shop

Eric Polson JS

Collision Repair

Jan Pooley, (11) PHF SM RotY* MS

Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM* GC

Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY* JR

Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM JS

News Media

John Roper, PHF JR

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Katie Sharon, (1) PHF SM * JS

Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF * RO

Moving & Storage

Jessica Simpson JS

Lighting Sales

Matt Simpson MS

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM* JR

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva (1) MS

Commercial Real Estate

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY* RO

Surge Suppression Systems

Steve Taylor RO

Management Consultant

Kent Tinsley JR

Commercial Banking

Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY* GC

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY* JS

Veterinarian

Alex Trum, PHF JS

Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM GC

Certified Public Accountant

Aaron Webber, (1) PHF SM MS

Condo Management

Charles West, (2) PHF SM* JS

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF MS

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF MS

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF ** JR

Psychologist

Matt Zasada GC

CPA

Drawdown Team Results

Jessica Simpson \$2,700

Matt Simpson \$2,800

Rick Owen \$1,100

John Roper \$1,000

Gerry Chalker \$ 600