



The Rotary Reader



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

**January is
Vocational Service
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
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Today's Speaker: Allen Baggett Building Industry Association



Before starting his career with the BIA in July 2009, Alan was the

- Membership Director for the Florida Home Builders Association from 2003 -2009
- Foundation Director for the Florida Home Builders Association from 2007-2009
- Membership Director for the Lakeland Area Chamber of Commerce 1997-2003
- Owner of a children's design store called "Go To Your Room" 1990-1997

As Executive Vice President Alan has been put in the lead management position of the BIA, his duties include the coordination with his staff of one, programs and activates that ensure the associations goals and objectives are met.

In 2013 Executive Officer Alan Baggett, CEO, of the Building Industry Association of Okaloosa-Walton Counties was honored for earning the **"Certified Executive Officer"** designation from the Florida Home Builders Association. To achieve the designation, Baggett met the educational and community service requirements and passed a written exam. He is one of four CEOs among local builder association executives in Florida to reach that goal. Baggett, a former Membership Director at the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce and Florida Home Builders Association, has taken his Fort Walton Beach-based BIA to new heights during his 6-year tenure, including a high-profile presence in community involvement and numerous strategic partnerships. In addition to his CEO AWARD for association management, his efforts earned him the Florida Home Builders Association's coveted **"EAGLE AWARD"**. Eagle Awards have honored 70 individuals over the past 15 years. Alan was honored for being a "model of professionalism" for local builder's association executive officers around the state.

Born at Fort Rucker, son of Army - Air Helicopter Pilot Jimmy Baggett.

Two Daughters - Erin 30 and Kaylee 27

Three Grandsons, one granddaughter

2001 Graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organizational Management at the University of Georgia.

Graduate of the 2008 FHBA Build University

Favorite College - FSU - Go Noles

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

**Current Reg \$415
April 1—\$490**

Registration covers:

- Inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders of our organization
- Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership and project management skills
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the fellowship and project booths in the House of Friendship
- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and at the General Sessions

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**

Crossing the Choluteca Bridge A Rotarian's Journey to Honduras



The Choluteca Bridge is a suspension bridge in Honduras built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1935 and 1937.

For the past eleven years, I have traveled to Honduras with many other Rotarians to help on numerous Rotary humanitarian projects in the southwestern part of Honduras near the Pacific Ocean and in the mountains along the Nicaraguan border.

The journey there takes me from Lawrenceburg via Nashville and Atlanta to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and then down a long mountain road that connects with the Pan-American Highway that crosses this bridge. The journey is not as important as what lies on the other side of the bridge. On the other side lies my destination and that is where the adventure begins.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers built this bridge between 1935 and 1937. It is one of the few replicas of the Golden Gate Bridge that still exists, and it controls the flow of traffic from Guatemala to Panamá. It serves as a metaphor for our work in Honduras, where we try to be a bridge between the advances and prosperity that we enjoy in the United States today and the less-advanced conditions and poverty that lies on the other of the bridge.

For me, it is like traveling back in time about 50 years. It so much reminds me of the poverty and conditions of my early childhood when some homes around us still did not have electricity. A time when we had to rely on the charity of others, when most of the clothes that we wore were used, purchased at a secondhand store, or given to us. A time when we raised most of our food, milked cows, slopped hogs, and raised chickens. A time when we were proud of the things we had and were happy and unknowing of the prosperity that many enjoyed beyond our kin.

Helping the people of Honduras have a better, healthier life is rewarding for me; it's a way of going back and helping that young woman and child and his brothers and sisters – the young woman and siblings of my youth.

You can't pay back all of the people who helped you become who you are, but you can pay it forward and help others – that is the reward of Rotary's humanitarian service in our world.

By Neal Beard, a Member of the Rotary Club of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

2017 Rotary Leadership Institute

RLI's purpose is to give you the necessary tools and skills to be better Rotarians. As in every endeavor, the more you know about anything, the more interesting it becomes. Rotary is most assuredly one of those areas that the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Graduates of RLI are more likely to remain in and become a bigger part of Rotary than any other demographic.

Level 1—*Object of Rotary, Rotary-The Bigger Picture, Membership Retention, Rotary Opportunities, Ethics & Vocational Service, and Rotary Foundation I.*

Level 2—*Analyzing your Rotary Club, Leadership-Team Building, Strategic Planning, Service Projects, Membership Attraction, and Public Relations.*

Level 3—*Rotary History, International Service, Leadership: Effective Strategies, Rotary Foundation II, Communication Techniques, and Making a Difference.*

Registration for each session closes 10 days prior to the event date.

For more information and to register, go to www.rlirotary.org. The club reimburses the tuition fee.

Upcoming Programs and Activities January is Vocational Service Month

1/18 Regular Meeting	Club Assembly
1/25 Regular Meeting	Tracy Stage—Okaloosa Co Airports Director
1/27 Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola (Levels 1, 2, 3)
2/01 Regular Meeting	Mel Ponder, Florida House of Representatives
2/08 Regular Meeting	Terry Pilcher, Emerald Coast Association of Realtors
2/15 Regular Meeting	Mack Busbee, Newly-Elected Property Appraiser
2/18 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
3/25 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

January Birthdays		Membership Anniv			
Andy Corbin	1/23	John Morgan	1/1 37 yrs	Alex Trum	1/1 51 yrs
Ben Gordon	1/25	Ralph Fallin	1/1 51 yrs	John Linn	1/1 28 yrs
Anniversaries		George Dorris	1/1 40 yrs	Debbie Bodestine	1/19 12 yrs
1/17 Jack & Florence Ar-		Eulice Shelley	1/1 53 yrs	Jean Woo	1/24 21 yrs
thur		Fred Pryor	1/1 45 yrs	Michele Nicholson	1/25 11 yrs
1/20 John & Connie Morgan				Ben Gordon	1/18 2 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.



Worldwide there were only 32 new cases of polio during 2016.

Pakistan remains the #1 country for new cases followed by Afghanistan and Nigeria. When Rotary and the World Health Organization began the polio eradication effort in 1988 there were 350,000 cases in 125 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
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 Andy Corbin
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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 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 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

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
 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

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