



BE THE INSPIRATION

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July is Beginning of the Rotary Year

Board of Directors

- President:** Ron Grissom
- President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc
- Secretary:** Dusty Ricketts
- Treasurer:** Matt Simpson
- Past President:** Aaron Webber
- At Large:** John Roper and Eric Polson
- Senior Member:** Fred Pryor
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and John Roper

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
 - **Programs:** Jessica Simpson
 - **Socials:** Neal Bern
 - **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:**
- Membership:**
- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Meyer
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Rick Owen
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Scholarship Drawdown:**
Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson

Executive Secretary:
Lorrageia Jackson
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Tiffanie Nelson

Executive Director, Food for Thought Outreach



Meet the Founder of Food For Thought Outreach, Tiffanie Nelson. Food For Thought began in 2010 after Tiffanie learned that students in her own children's school were hungry and missing meals when they were away from school-provided meals. What began as a project that Tiffanie and her children did at home, helping 6 kids per week, grew into the organization that is Food For Thought Outreach, and Tiffanie began working full-time at FFT in 2014 as the Executive Director. Currently, she lives in Santa Rosa Beach with her 3 children and husband, Darren Nelson. Tiffanie is dedicated to the growth and sustainability of the programs at FFT to ensure our organization is here to support children in need for years to come. When she is not working, she is usually outside enjoying time with her family as much as possible.

Congratulations, President Ron! Thanks, Past-President Aaron!

June 27, the club said thank you to now Immediate Past-President Aaron and installed Ron Grissom as our Club President for 2018-2019. Several members were recognized for outstanding contributions to the club last year. Ron has lots of plans for the coming year. When asked to serve, please say yes. If there are projects or activities you would like to see the club take on, please offer that input. This year, each of us is asked to Be the Inspiration!

Drawdown Nets Approximately \$23,700

Preliminary numbers are in and the Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown netted approximately \$23,700. Sponsorships and ticket sales were approx \$47,000. Total expenses were \$20,884 (\$8,359 plus \$15,000 payout to the winner less \$2,475 from last year's withholding). Thanks to all participants!

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District 6940 website: www.rotary6940.org**



RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

June 28-December 15
\$395 per person

December 16-March 31
\$495 per person

April 1—June 5
\$595 per person

Discover the unique blend of historical and contemporary culture that makes Hamburg such a distinctive place. A flourishing city with friendly people and an array of entertainment options, this beautiful port city is the perfect setting for a memorable experience.

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

RI President's Message



One year ago your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, "Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We **unite**, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We **take action**, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work **to create lasting change** that will endure long after our involvement has ended—**across the globe and in our communities**. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change **in ourselves**—not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery goes: "If you want to build a boat, don't begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea." Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing—to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It's what makes us become members, it's what motivates us to serve, and it's what led me to choose our theme for the Rotary year: *Be the Inspiration*.

I want to see Rotary *Be the Inspiration* for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It's time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let's make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let's work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let's give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a large global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to *Be the Inspiration* for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It's time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities—and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

Be the Inspiration—and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.

Barry Rassin is a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas. He earned a degree in accounting from the University of Miami and an MBA in hospital administration from the University of Florida. He joined Rotary in 1980, served as Club President in 1987 and District Governor for the 199-1992 Rotary year. Read more about him in the July issue of the Rotarian

District Governor's Message



As we start a new year in the service lifecycle of Rotary, let me express my appreciation to Past District Governor Lisa Weeks. Under her leadership in 2017-2018, District 6940 had a very successful year that included a Million Dollar Dinner for the Foundation, a record four Rotary Leadership Institute training sessions, increased club participation in local grants, successful District Conference, recognition of Legacy Rotarians (50+ years of service), capacity RYLA participation and continued numerous local and global projects in the spirit of Service Above Self. PDG Lisa, thank you for your continued leadership and service.

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2018-2019 Rotary International President, Barry Rassin, established this year's theme as *Be the Inspiration*. We are called to engage and inspire both the current and future generations of servant leaders to do good in the world. This year, we will continue to build on our 105 year history as a District and serve those in need by countless projects and acts of kindness exhibited by Rotarians in D6940.

It is my highest honor to serve the approximately 2400 Rotarians on our district. Consistent with RI President Barry Rassin's theme, I hope we will all look for ways to inspire and motivate current and future servant leaders and equip them with the tools and resources they need to be successful. Key tools and resources for our success include: RLI participation, growth in Interact and Rotaract, capacity participation at RYC and RYLA, membership growth, increased Foundation and Polio Plus giving, increased participation in the District Conference, club and district leadership development, and engaging the broader Rotary International family (e.g., Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, Zone Training, International Conventions, Rotary Showcase, etc.)

What is YOUR aspiration and inspiration for this coming Rotary Year? Let's make this your "Best Rotary Year Ever."

Upcoming Programs and Activities

7/11	Regular Meeting	Tiffanie Nelson, Food for Thought
7/18	Regular Meeting	Rico Dymond, Project Hope
7/25	Regular Meeting	Wes Fell, Emerald Coast Home and Boat Show
8/01	Regular Meeting	Member Highlights
8/08	Regular Meeting	Mitch Mongell, FWB Medical Center
8/15	Regular Meeting	Brooke McLean, Air Force Enlisted Village

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

July Birthdays

7/11 Matthew Morgan
7/15 Forrest Townsend
7/26 Diane Poff
7/27 Eric Polson
7/30 Oxana Solovieva

July Anniversaries

7/10 Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor 53
7/14 Matt & Jennifer Zasada 11
7/23 Alex & Donna Trum 58

Club Anniversaries

7/01 John Linn (29)
7/02 Matthew Morgan (9)
7/02 Aaron Webber (9)
7/10 Mary Plummer (16)
7/10 Bob Fowner (22)
7/12 JT Edwards (10)
7/29 Robert Anderson (9)

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.



Tens of thousands of Rotarians gathered in Toronto in June for the annual RI Convention. Polio eradication was again front and centre at this year's event. Addressing the convention, WHO director-general Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus thanked Rotarians for their leadership in bringing the world to the brink of being polio-free. On the convention's final day, Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, was presented with Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award in recognition of his leadership and Canada's contributions to polio eradication.

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
Chair:

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 American House in 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

Neal Bern SM

Insurance

Debbie Bodensine PHF/SM RotY

Economic Development

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM

Cable Television

Mack Busbee, SM **

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

Gerry Chalker, (11) 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

Bob Fowner, PHF SM

Association Manager

Joe Garvie

Construction

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY

Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM

Attorney

Ron Grissom, PHF 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

Rudy Hill, SM

Office Products

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM

Commercial Lending

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

Stacey McGilvray

Commercial Lending

Mack McElhose (1)

Mass Transit

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (16) 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 (2)

Non-Profit Management

Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, SM

Paint & Body Shop

Eric Polson (1)

Collision Repair

Jan Pooley, (12) 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, PHF

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Ryneason

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Jessica Simpson

Lighting Sales

Matt Simpson

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva (2)

Commercial Real Estate

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY*

Surge Suppression Systems

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, (2) PHF SM

Condo Management

Charles West, (3) PHF SM*

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

CPA

Recent Attendance

June 06 75.0%

June 13 69.5%

June 20 72.4%

June 27 43.1%