

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: Joe Meyer  
[joe@on-site-help.com](mailto:joe@on-site-help.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 Broussard's—Navarre Beach

**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

# Rotary Roster

**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 SM**  
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  
**Ken Erdberg RLI 1**  
Travel Services  
**Bea Ferrone**  
Children's Menu Specialist  
**Joe Garvie SM**  
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**  
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**Jeff Hooton, PHF SM**  
Commercial Lending  
**Richard Kunkel, PHF 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  
**Kyle Lowrey**  
Law Enforcement  
**John Lysaght**  
Life Cycle Logistics  
**Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM**  
Retail/Computers  
**David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM**  
Developmental Disabilities  
**Jason Monroe RLI 1**  
Information Technology  
**John Morgan, PHF SM\***  
Computer Engineer  
**Matthew Morgan,**  
Electrical Engineer  
**Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM**  
Communications  
**Mary Plummer, PHF**  
Real Estate Sales  
**Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY**  
Paint & Body Shop  
**Diane Poff, PHF SM**  
Paint & Body Shop  
**Eric Polson SM**  
Collision Repair  
**Jan Pooley, (13) PHF SM BS RotY\* RLI 3 RLIDL** Department Store  
**Charlie Potts, PHF SM\***  
Jeweler  
**Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\***  
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**Athena Riley**  
Attorney  
**John Roper, (1) PHF SM RLI 3**  
Developmental Disabilities  
**Dick Ryneanson**  
Honorary Member

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**Matt Simpson SM**  
Insurance and Bonding  
**Scott Smith, PHF SM\***  
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**Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY\***  
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**Kent Tinsley PHF**  
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**Charles West, PHF SM BS \***  
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**Jean Woo, PHF SM**  
Dentist  
**Jack Yeiser, PHF**  
Mortgage Broker  
**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***  
Psychologist  
**Matt Zasada SM**  
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.



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**February is**  
**Peace and Conflict Prevention**  
**and**  
**Resolution Month**  
**Board of Directors**

**President:** Ross LeBlanc  
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### Committee Chairs

**Club Admin:**

- **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
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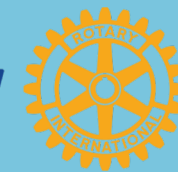
**Youth Services:** Joe Garvie

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# The Rotary Reader



**Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach**  
**Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years**

## Today's Speaker: Todd Allen

### Artistic Director/CEO—Northwest Florida Ballet



Todd Eric Allen, currently the Artistic Director/CEO of the Northwest Florida Ballet, began his training at the age of 14 in his hometown of Fort Walton Beach, Florida with Bernadette Clements. One year later he received a scholarship to the *Joffrey Ballet School* in New York City, where he studied for five consecutive years with Dorothy Lister, Meredith Baylis, Jonathan Watts and Choo San Goh. He attended Virginia Intermont College as a scholarship student and was awarded a *Dance Magazine* Scholarship to the 1985 Choreographer's Conference in Geneva, New York.

Mr. Allen has danced with the *Louisville Ballet*, *Boston Ballet* and *Les Grands Ballets Canadiens* and has performed as a guest artist and teacher throughout the U.S. He has also had the honor of performing at the prestigious *Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts* in Washington D.C., on two separate occasions, for Presidents *George Bush* and *Bill Clinton*. Other performing highlights include a tour in Europe with *Boston Ballet*, which featured a gala performance at the *Royal Palace in Madrid, Spain*; Canadian and U.S. national tours with performances at *Jacob's Pillow*. In May of 2000 Mr. Allen was one of fourteen dancers asked to perform in *Ocean Dance 2000* featuring *Mikhail Baryshnikov* and the *White Oak Dance Project* and *Demetrius Klein Dance Company*. In 2004 he was invited to perform in the hit Broadway Musical, *Movin' Out*, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp, music by Billy Joel, Allen has an extensive background in the classics and Balanchine ballets, and has performed featured roles in ballets by Elisa Monte, Twyla Tharp, Mark Morris, Nacho Duato, James Kudelka, Hans Van Manen and Lucinda Hughey. Teaching credits include *Boston Ballet*, *Louisville Ballet*, *University of Louisville*, *Boston Conservatory*, *USA International Ballet Competition* and many master classes and workshops across the United States and internationally.

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**RI Convention  
Honolulu  
June 6-10, 2020**

Registration is Open!  
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](http://www.riconvention.org)

**Todd Allen (Con't)**

In 1992 while dancing with Boston Ballet Mr. Allen choreographed his first ballet, *IYANU*, on dancers from the company for a performance benefiting the Boston Ballet Dancer's Career Transition Fund. *Blue Tango*, a tribute to Astor Piazzolla and collaboration with Argentine composer Claudio Ragazzi, once again highlighting the talents of Boston Ballet Dancers and featured a live tango quintet, followed his first work. After the premier performance Christine Temin of the Boston Globe described Mr. Allen as "a choreographer of genuine talent". Allen has since created over 30 original works from classical ballet to opera for *Festival Ballet of Rhode Island*, *the dancers of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens*, *Mobile Ballet*, *Sarasota Ballet*, *Chattanooga Ballet*, *Ruth Mitchell Dance Theater*, *Pensacola Opera*, *Pensacola Symphony*, *Mobile Opera* and his own company, *Northwest Florida Ballet*. In June of 2007 Mr. Allen's ballet *Dimensions* received its Japanese debut in Tokyo with *NBA Ballet*. Allen has been described as "one of the most original and exciting choreographers I know" by *Fernando Bujones*.

In the summer of 1995 Todd Eric Allen was invited to return to his hometown of Fort Walton Beach, Florida as Director of the Northwest Florida Ballet. In the 20 years he has held the position of Artistic Director/CEO, Allen has committed himself to his community by developing young minds and bodies through innovative dance education programs, creating an awareness of dance in Northwest Florida and exposing his audiences to a variety of classical and contemporary works. In 2003 Mr. Allen received the *Cox Bravo Champion of the Arts Award* in Northwest Florida for his work in establishing the *NFB Académie*, a free public school for dance run in collaboration with the Okaloosa County School District for grades 3-12 located on the NFB campus, he has also received the *Elvie DeMarko Dance Achievement Award* from The Arts Council of Northwest Florida and has served on various grant panels in the state of Florida for the Division of Cultural Affairs and Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation. His groundbreaking work in arts education was featured in *Dance Teacher* magazine (Nov, 2004) and in *Teacher Magazine*, a Department of Education publication (May 2005). The Northwest Florida Ballet is now one of the largest and most respected arts organizations in Northwest Florida and has received national recognition for its innovative programs.



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**2020-2021 Rotary Youth Exchange**

For the first time in many years and with the blessings of President-Elect Matt Simpson, our club will participate in the Long Term Rotary Youth Exchange Program for the 2020-21 Rotary year. Katie Sharon and her family are very excited about hosting a high school student from another country. It will be a few months before we know the name, gender and country of the student. Our club will have many opportunities to assist and make this student welcome during his or her time with us so stay tuned

**2020 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)**

Once again, our club will sponsor 3 10th grade students for RYLA. This year's leadership development program will be held at Adventures Unlimited near Milton Thursday, March 26—Sunday, March 29. Several candidates have been identified. If you know a 10th grader who would benefit from this program, please contact Joe Garvie immediately.

**2020 District Conference**

Our annual District Conference is a time for inspiration, fellowship, recognition and learning. This year's conference is scheduled for April 17-19 at the Baytowne Conference Center at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Registration is open on DACdb. The \$210 registration fee covers all meals (2 dinners, 1 lunch and 2 breakfasts), general sessions and breakout sessions. Speakers will address Alzheimers Research, Human Trafficking and the I-10 Corridor, and the Opioid Crisis. 2 International Service Projects will be highlighted and a service project will take place on site. The conference will be preceded by the annual Foundation Cruise on the Solaris. Register for this event separately through Event Brite. The District Assembly (PETS 3) will take place on site Friday, 4/17 from 10am-4pm. This event is for incoming club officers and committee chairs. Plan now to go!

**Upcoming Programs and Activities**

- 2/19 Regular Meeting Barbara Britt—Student to Student
  - 2/26 Regular Meeting Pete Shinnick—UWF Head Football Coach
  - 2/29 Rotary Leadership Institute Tallahassee (Register on DACdb)
  - 3/04 Regular Meeting Nathan Monk—One Hopeful Place
- 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.

**February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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| <b>Birthdays</b>    | <b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>  | 2/12 Rick Stevens (28)  |
| 2/10 Richard Kunkel | 2/04 Tony & Gretchen Gilligan | 2/14 Eric Polson (2)    |
| 2/19 Matt Zasada    | (37)                          | 2/15 Tony Gilligan (25) |
| 2/21 Tony Leonard   | 2/14 John & Alicia Roper (11) | 2/15 Matt Zasada (3)    |
| 2/22 Joe Brewster   | <b>Club Anniversaries</b>     | 2/22 Jeff Hooton (14)   |
|                     | 2/01 George Dorris (42)       | 2/27 Athena Riley (1)   |

**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.

**END POLIO NOW** A delegation of Rotary leaders, led by Rotary Int'l President Elect Holger Knaack, met with government leaders in Pakistan last week. Knaack expressed satisfaction with the visit and the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to eliminate polio, stating, "We are grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with key leaders in Pakistan to learn about renewed efforts to eradicate the disease once and for all. We're confident that with the support of the government and the Army, that Pakistan will get the job done."