



BE THE INSPIRATION

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June is Fellowship Month

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:** Rick Stevens
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- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:**
- Membership:** Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Meyer
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Joe Garvie
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Scholarship Drawdown:**
Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

The Rotary Reader

Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach 2017-2018 Rotary Citation Earner

Today's Speaker: Bernard Johnson Gulf Power



Bernard H. Johnson, Jr. is the District General Manager for the Central District at Gulf Power Company, a Southern Company subsidiary headquartered in Pensacola, Florida. In this role, Johnson is responsible for the Customer Service, Sales and Operations, and Economic Development in the Fort Walton District, including Fort Walton Beach, Destin, Niceville, and Crestview and DeFuniak Springs.

Bernard serves as a representative of Gulf Power on many community boards and with government officials.

He has over 30 years of service with Gulf Power. He started out in the line crew, spent time in Engineering, Customer Service, and Marketing and is now the Central District General Manager. He has been married for 27 years. He lives in Niceville and has five children and two grandchildren.

Civic and Professional Organizations:

- Executive Board Member - United Way of Okaloosa/Walton
- Board Member - FWB Chamber of Commerce
- Executive Board - Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County
- Board Member - BBVA Compass Bank Board of Directors
- Member - NWF State College Triumph Task Force
- Board of Trustee Member - FWB Medical Center
- Board Member - Public School Foundation
- Board Member - Take Stock in Children Board of Directors
- Board Member – FCA
- Commissioner of FWB Housing Authority
- Board Member – All Sports Association (Past President)
- Board of Member - Peoples Trust Company

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**RI Convention
Hamburg
June 1-5, 2019**

Registration is Open!

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

The Year in Review

Under the Leadership of President Ron, 2018-2019 has been an active year for our club. Projects include:

Scholarships: Awarded 10 \$2,000 Scholarships and 5 \$2,000 renewals with funds raised at the 2018 Scholarship Drawdown

4-Way Test Speech Contest: Contest for local students to support public speaking skills and ethical living

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) - sponsored 3 10th grade students to attend this weekend leadership development event held in April

NIE Literacy Program—In partnership with Crestview, Mid-Bay, and South Walton Rotary Clubs, the Northwest Florida Daily News and the Rotary Foundation, sponsored the weekly Mini Page and monthly Kid Scoop News.

Read-A-Thon at Longwood Elementary—Members read to classes at Longwood during Literacy Week

Little Free Libraries: Maintained two, one at the Fort Walton Landing and one at the Housing Authority on Robinwood.

City Championship Trophy—Presented the trophy to Choctawhatchee High School football team after their 2018 win over FWB High School.

Feed the Need – Volunteered at this food-packing event supporting local food pantries; \$1000 sponsorship

United Way Day of Caring—Volunteered at the Emerald Coast Science Center; Event Sponsor

Homeless Veterans Stand Down—Provided volunteers for set up and professional services

Salvation Army Bell Ringing—Rotarians and family members rang the bell at Santa Rosa Mall

Hurricane Michael Relief/Recovery—Member & club donated funds to support Rotary relief effort

ShelterBox USA—Purchased a ShelterBox to be sent to country impacted by catastrophic disaster.

Reef Building—In partnership with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance will build another reef in Valparaiso 6/15

In addition we have a net gain in membership and giving to the Rotary Foundation was over \$7,000 (\$113.55 per capita).

Our club is on track to earn both the Rotary Citation and the Governor's Citation. Thanks to all who contributed to these efforts!

Annual Installation Dinner

Wednesday, June 26 beginning t 5:30pm

Air Force Armament Museum

2 drink tickets per person; beyond that, cash bar

This dinner is in lieu of our normal lunch meeting

Every member needs to be on hand to thank President Ron and his board for their efforts in 2018-2019 and welcome 2019-2020 President Ross and his board!

Reef Building Project this Saturday!

9:30am—noon

Lincoln Park in Valparaiso

Come out to help build an artificial reef in partnership with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance—20 volunteers are needed

Family members are welcome to come and assist.

Hot Dog and Hamburger cookout to follow.

Contact Rick Owen to RSVP or for more information.

News from the Board of Directors

- The board voted to support Rotary Youth Camp of Northwest Florida with the sponsorship of 1 camper and to serve dinner one night during the July camps—date to come. Camp will take place at Tri County Christian Camp in DeFuniak
- Next week's meeting is a noon social on the patio at the Fort Walton Yacht Club. It will be a cookout with entertainment and games. Come join the fun!

Upcoming Programs and Activities

6/12	Regular Meeting	Bernard Johnson—Gulf Power
6/19	Lunch Time Social	Fort Walton Yacht Club on the patio
6/26	Installation Banquet	Air Force Armament Museum 5:30pm
7/03	No Meeting	

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 meet-

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

6/01 Alex Trum
6/09 Michele Nicholson
6/17 Fred Pryor
6/28 George Dorris
6/29 Joe Meyer
6/30 Scott Smith

Wedding Anniversaries

6/13 Joe and Janet Brewster (49)
6/21 Chad and Nancy Hamilton (22)
6/23 Forrest and Sally Townsend (46)

Club Anniversaries

6/01 Matt Turpin (8)
6/22 Tom Hayes (38)
6/22 Andy Corbin (33)

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

Rotary is giving \$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year. The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches 3 years without any cases.

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: 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
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, (11) 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, PHF SM RLI 3
Utilities
Chad Hamilton, PHF SM
CPA
Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1
Education— College
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, 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, PHF SM
Communications
Rick Owen (2) PHF PHS 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 (1)
Collision Repair
Jan Pooley, (12) 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, PHF RLI 2
Developmental Disabilities
Liza Round
Exercise Guru
Dick Rynearson
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* 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, (2) PHF SM * RLI2
Condo Management
Charles West, (3) 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.