



The Rotary Reader

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

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: Dan Nelson
Youth Services: Ross Hamilton
Scholarship Inc: Matt Turpin
Scholarship Drawdown:
Ron Grissom, Ross LeBlanc
Executive Secretary:
Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecreary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Speaker—Fred Pryor



Today's speaker is our own Fred Pryor. Fred joined the Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach in 1972 when he was the General Manager of Okaloosa Gas Company. Since that time Fred has distinguished himself in numerous ways at both club and district levels. Fred has served for many years as the District Chair for the Short-Term Youth Exchange Program. He and his wife, Mayrelizbeth have opened their home as a host family to many visiting Group Study Exchange Team Leaders and members. Fred was recognized as Rotarian of the Year for the 2012-2013 Rotary Year and has been a faithful supporter of The Rotary Foundation. He is currently a Paul Harris Fellow +3. Thanks for sharing with us today, Fred!

Joe Meyer Named Rotarian of the Year



Congratulations to Joe Meyer for being named 2015-2016 Rotarian of the Year. Joe was recognized by Immediate Past President Charles West for his willingness to step up anytime help was needed, and his can-do attitude. Joe served as the Program Chair, Bulletin Editor and a member of Scholarship Inc. Board, He was also very active in the club's 2016 Scholarship Draw-down. Joe has been a club member since 1987. For being named Rotarian of the Year the club honored Joe with a Paul Harris Fellow and a commemorative plaque. Well deserved, Joe!

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

**Current Reg \$340
Dec 16—\$415
April 1—\$490**

4 Reasons to Attend

- 1. Meet the Most Inspiring People in the World; people from over 130 countries**
- 2. Strengthen Your Club and Your Passion for Rotary—General Sessions, breakout sessions & House of Friendship (where the Rotary World Comes Together)**
- 3. Join the Rotary Foundation Celebration**
- 4. Enjoy special tours and events offered by the Host Organizing Committee**

RI President's Message



My friends, we are at a crossroads in Rotary. We are looking at a Rotary year that may one day be known as the greatest in our history: the year that polio finally fails. All of South Asia, and all of Africa, are now polio-free. Only two countries now share one remaining reservoir of the wild poliovirus—Afghanistan and Pakistan—and they are giving it everything they have, with our help, to make this the year that we eliminate the wild poliovirus. But even when that happens, it won't be over. Because getting to zero doesn't mean that we've gotten to the end. We'll only be done when we've reached our goal, a world that is certified polio-free. That means three full years without a single case.

When that moment comes, we need to be ready to leverage our success into more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the decades to follow.

Each of us has been given the opportunity to serve in Rotary. What we do with that opportunity— that's up to each of us. And the effects of our work, our decisions, ripple out all over the world to people we'll never meet but whose lives Rotary will change. All of that is what can happen— now what will happen, but what can happen—when we recognize that the opportunity to join Rotary was the opportunity of a lifetime.

Every day that you serve in Rotary, you have that opportunity to change lives. Those opportunities might look small. You might sometimes think that what you do doesn't matter. But one good work at a time, one day at a time, is all that it takes to make a difference.

As a member of Rotary, we are out to change as many lives as we can, for the better. Not alone. Not as individuals, But together—as a team — through Rotary Serving Humanity.

The Rotary Foundation—100 Years of Doing Good in the World

In 2016-17, our Rotary Foundation turns 100. That's a century of Rotary members changing lives and improving communities all over the world. And that's definitely something worth celebrating.

Through our Foundation, Rotary members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, and grow local economies. We've also been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

The centennial is the perfect time to share this impressive record with the world. Join us in making sure that every Rotary member and people in every community know about the vital work of Rotary and its Foundation.

New Member Proposals—First Publication

Oxana Solovieva

Company—NBI Properties

Classification—Commercial Real Estate

Proposed by Charlie Potts

Steve Taylor

Company—Gulf Coast CFO

Classification—Management Consultant

Proposed by Andy Corbin

Upcoming Programs and Activities

7/20	Regular Meeting	Pam Braseth, Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation
7/27	Regular Meeting	Jeff Peters, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Fort Walton Beach
8/27	Foundation Seminar	Pensacola State College—register on DaCDB
9/21	Regular Meeting	District Governor Roger Champion's Official Visit

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

Matthew Morgan 7/11
 Forest Townsend 7/15
 Diane Poff 7/26

Happy Birthday!

July Anniversaries

Susan and Henry Page
 7/4 4 years
 Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor
 7/10 51 years
 Alex and Donna Trum
 7/23 56 years

Membership

Anniversaries

Jack Arthur 7/1 25 yrs
 Matthew Morgan 7/2 7 yrs
 Aaron Webber 7/2 7 yrs
 Bob Fowner 7/10 20 yrs
 Mary Plummer 7/10 14 yrs
 JT Edwards 7/12 8 yrs
 Robert Anderson 7/29 7 yrs
 Laura Kirby 7/31 3 yrs

Club Foundation Statistics

Club's All-Time Giving:
 \$296,264.96

Highest Recent Giving
 Year: 2013-2014
 \$12,730

2015-2016 Polio Plus
 Giving—\$1,060

During the 2016-2017
 year, the Foundation's
 Centennial Year, each
 club has been chal-
 lenged to exceed
 their highest giving in
 the last 5 years

Paul Harris Fellows

PHF—19
 PHF+1—20
 PHF+2—6
 PHF+3—3
 PHF+4—1

"We don't need numbers; we need more caring hearts to help get the work done"

*RI President
 John Germ at Florida
 PETS*

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.

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

L.Kirby@Landrumcompanies.com or

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

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

Jeff Dunford, SM

Banker

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

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM

Public Safety

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

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

Whitney Smith, SM

Attorney

Allan Stearns, PHF SM*

Travel Agent

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY*

Surge Suppression Systems

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