



The Rotary Reader

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

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

Today's Speaker: Sandra Atkinson The Role of a State Committee Person



Sandra Atkinson is a conservative Republican with a proud history of Military service in the U.S. Army. Her mission is to defend the Constitution, represent the Republicans in her county, get and keep Republicans elected into office and help educate people about Republican values and principles. She is not afraid to stand up for what is right, even if it means standing alone.

She has served on the RPOF Trump voter engagement and ethics committee. She is the vice chairman of the RPOF 2nd Amendment committee. She was the Trump and DeSantis chairman. She was given the opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance at 2 Trump Rallies and had the pleasure of chatting with and meeting Donald Trump.

Sandra's life has been shaped by her family including her father a Vietnam Veteran. Her brother also a veteran, instilling the honor and desire to serve as a Military Policeman. Sandra served honorably the senior Army combat field medic in a Military Police Unit as well as overseas for the Department of Defense as a Civil Service employee.

Sandra has made an unwavering commitment to the defense of the United States Constitution and our Nation's freedom. Sandra decided to run for office because she saw the U.S. Constitution is getting shredded. She is a defender of the unborn, less taxes and smaller government. She is honored to have the opportunity to serve you another four years. Her 8 year term ends December 1, 2020.

Sandra Atkinson is currently an entrepreneur and small business owner in Fort Walton Beach. As a business owner Sandra understands that the private sector creates jobs and that the government only gets in the way of the free market creating jobs. She is committed to helping our Nation prosper by helping fight against unconstitutional regulations and activities.

Sandra is a not perfect but is a Christian and strongly believes we should "Vote The Bible". She residing in Fort Walton Beach with her husband and 3 Yorkshire Terriers. Sandra was born and raised in the Suburbs of Detroit, Michigan. She is happily married to her husband, who was born and raised in Mississippi. Mr. Atkinson is an Aerospace Engineer on Eglin Air Force Base.

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RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

Now - December 15
\$450 per person

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

Sandra Atkinson con't

The Right To Keep and Bear Arms is a Passion of hers and she is a lifetime member of the NRA and also a member of the GOA (Gun Owners Of American).

As a Republican State Committeewoman Sandra will strive to help the Republican Party win by standing on conservative principals while in office. One of her favorite sayings is: 'Stop waiting for somebody to do something... be that somebody'.

This is a unpaid, voluntary position with a four year term and is elected by the Republican voters in Okaloosa County.

PolioPlus Giving Update

Last week Past President and current club Foundation Chair Gerry Chalker gave a very informative update on Rotary's role in the global effort to eradicate Polio. He also challenged the club members to raise \$1500 for PolioPlus during the month of November. Club members present at the meeting responded beyond expectations! 286.84 was donated in cash and another \$1401 was pledged through club billing...**a total of \$1,687.84!!** We have 2 more meeting in November. How much more can we raise? Gerry will bring the bowls each week and you can always contact Lor-rogenia to make your additional pledge. Thank you for having giving hearts!

Bring Yourself and Bring a Guest Promo

Our sergeants announced a 7 week promotion. One lucky member will win \$25! Each week you attend you will receive a card. Bring a guest and receive an extra card. At the end of the promo, the member with the best 5 card hand wins \$25. If you bring guests, you will have more cards to choose from to make the best hand. For more details, contact Andy Corbin and/or Brandon Lewis.

Rotary Leadership Institute

The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sunshine Division is to provide an up-to-date, practical, and user-friendly educational opportunity in convenient locations for Rotarians. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend! Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians. Parts 1, 2 and 3 must be taken consecutively and on separate days. Graduate courses are offered for those who have completed all 3 parts.

Our club will reimburse you for the tuition after you attend the Dates in District 6940 for 2020 have been announced:

January 11—Pensacola

January 25—Lake City

February 8—Panama City

February 29—Tallahassee

Make plans to attend. You'll be glad you did. In the words of a 15-year Rotarian in the Destin club, "I didn't know how much I didn't know until I came to RLI!" He took all 3 parts in 1 year!

Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.

Our Paul Harris Fellows

November is Rotary Foundation Month, so it's a good time to recognize our Paul Harris Fellow's:

PHF +8

Gerry Chalker—Major Donor

PHF +6

Forrest Townsend

PHF +4

Jan Pooley

Rick Stevens

PHF +3

Andy Corbin

George Dorris

Fred Pryor

Herb Tinsley

PHF +2

Tony Gilligan

Tom Hayes

Jody Henderson

John Morgan

Lyndon Poff

Eulice Shelley

Scott Smith

PHF +1

Debbie Bodenshtein

Joe Brewster

Chad Hamilton

Sallie Hardy

Tony Leonard

John Linn

Dave Miller

Charlie Potts

Katie Sharon

Alex Trum

Aaron Webber

Charles West

Jean Woo

Russ Youngblood

PHF

Mack Busbee

JT Edwards

Ron Grissom

Mitzi Henley

Jeff Hooton

Richard Kunkel

Chuck Landers

Joe Meyer

Michele Nicholson

Mary Plummer

Diane Poff

John Roper

Jack Yeiser

Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation. Your continued support helps Rotarians around the world to make transformational change here at home and around the world!

Did you know? You can make a gift to the Foundation at any time by using Rotary Direct at www.rotary.org. If you are not currently giving, why not? A sustaining member commitment (\$100/year) equates to only \$8.34 per month.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

11/20 Regular Meeting Drawdown Planning and Thanksgiving Celebration

11/27 No Meeting Thanksgiving Holiday

1/11 Rotary Leadership Institute Pensacola (Register on DACdb)

2/08 Rotary Leadership Institute Panama City (Register on DACdb)

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.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

11/07 John Lysaght

11/08 Lyndon Poff

11/08 Matt Simpson

11/16 John Morgan

11/18 Jean Woo

11/19 Kent Tinsley

11/23 Charlie Pots

11/24 Matt Turpin

11/25 Jack Yeiser

11/30 John Roper

Wedding Anniversaries

11/06 Ron & Pam Grissom (43)

Club Anniversaries

11/20 Mack Busbee (6)

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.



The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is a public

-private partnership led by national governments with 5 partners: World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Besides the 5 core partners there are 200 countries and 20 million volunteers. Over 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated.

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: Joe Meyer

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

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

Travel Services

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

Retail Shopping Center

Rudy Hill, SM

Office Products

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

John Lysaght

Life Cycle Logistics

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

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*

Utility Service-Gas

Athena Riley

Attorney

John Roper, (1) PHF SM RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson SM

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

**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

Val and Dick Torian

Graduation Coordinators

Alex Trum, PHF

Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM

Certified Public Accountant

Aaron Webber, PHF SM * RLI2

Condo Management

Charles West, PHF SM BS *

Investment Broker

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.