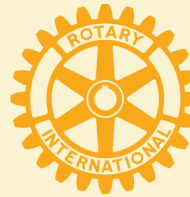




# The Rotary Reader



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

### September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

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### Board of Directors

- President:** Aaron Webber
- President Elect:** Ron Grissom
- Secretary:** Ross LeBlanc
- Treasurer:** Dusty Ricketts
- Past President:** Katie Sharon
- At Large:** Forrest Townsend and Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Bob Fowner
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and John Roper

### Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
- Membership:** Lisa Williams, Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Katie Sharon
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton and Charles West
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ross LeBlanc, Dusty Ricketts
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson

## Today's Speaker: Dr Melinda Bowers Director, University of West Florida Emerald Coast



Dr. Bowers is Director, UWF Emerald Coast (Fort Walton Beach Campus) and Associate Vice President of Administration/Facilities and Operations (Pensacola Campus).

Dr. Bowers is an alumna of the University of West Florida (UWF) where she received a Doctor of Education degree with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction/ Diversity Studies. Prior to coming to UWF in 2013, she was the Dean of Professional and Continuing Education at Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC). During her 20+ years of service at NWFSC, Dr. Bowers provided ad-

ministrative leadership, budgetary oversight, and day-to-day supervisory support for more than ten departments. She was a lead member of the Facilities Planning Team, the College Assessment Team, and served as the SACS Liaison for over ten years. Dr. Bowers currently teaches for the Division of Business and Computer Technology at NWFSC as an adjunct professor.

Dr. Bowers also serves on the Okaloosa/Walton United Way Board of Directors, the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Board of Directors, and the Economic Development Council Executive Committee and Business Leadership Council.

## Rotary and Virtual Reality

Rotary is harnessing the immersive power of virtual reality to create a stronger, more connected world. By connecting with people on a visceral lever, VR films can be a powerful advocacy tool. "The final push to end polio requires significant resources and emotional investment. This type of innovative technology has the potential to inspire that," says Vincent Vernet, director of digital and publishing with Rotary's communications team, who spearheaded the project. Combining the power of Rotary's virtual reality app with a VR viewer and a smartphone, you can immerse yourself in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Gain a 360 degree perspective on the causes Rotary champions—including polio eradication and peacebuilding—and learn how you can take action to change the world. Download the app for apple or android phones at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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## RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

June 15-December 15  
\$335 per person

December 16-March 31  
\$410 per person

April 1—June 27  
\$495 per person

Toronto is Canada's largest city, fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of 2.8 million people. It's a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities.

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](http://www.riconvention.org)

## District 6940 Disaster Response News

District 6940 will be reaching out to fellow Rotarians in Florida who have been impacted by Hurricane Irma through a Disaster Network of Assistance—Rotarian Action Group for District 6940. Each club is being asked to appoint one member to serve as the contact person in the event of an emergency. This will be an ongoing effort to serve current and future emergencies/disasters. Stay tuned for more details.

Efforts to support victims of Hurricane Harvey include:

- If you want to assist financially as individual Rotarians or as a Rotary Club donation, you are encouraged to send checks to the District 501(C)3 Foundation. Checks should be made payable to The Rotary District 6940 Foundation with notation in the memo line of the check. Mail to Mark Jones, District Foundation Treasurer, at 7121 Midland Pass, Tallahassee, FL 32312. Non-Rotarians and corporate partners may also make donations to support these efforts.
- The district leadership will maintain a dialogue with the affected districts' leadership to ensure your support is used toward those efforts that have the greatest impact and make the greatest difference. Up to a certain undetermined amount, District 6940 will augment the collected donations and forward the funds to Rotary Districts in the affected areas.
- Clubs will be periodically updated through the district newsletter and other means on Rotary's recovery initiatives and efforts in the affected areas.
- If you wish to donate funds directly to Houston, Rockport or other location, contact information is available. See President Aaron and ADG Jan Pooley

## Area Club Fundraisers

### Walt Ruckel Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

Friday, September 22, 2017—Eglin Golf Course (Eagle)

11:30 am Registration and lunch

Shotgun Start

Sponsored by Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club

\$400 per team includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, specialty holes and gift bag  
You can also participate by sponsoring a hole (\$100) or donating a gift certificate,

auction prize or small items for gift bags

### 23rd Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, September 29 (5-10pm) and Saturday, September 30 (11am—10 pm)

Features: German Bratwurst & Sauerkraut, Chicken & Hotdogs, German Beer, Sodas  
Giant Slide, Bounce House and Rock Climbing Wall for kids

40 vendors selling food and arts & crafts; Entertainment including a German Band  
Fire Engine Pull and Rescue Demo by North Bay Fire Department

Proceeds support organizations and causes supported by the Mid-Bay Rotary Club

## Little Free Libraries

Please continue to bring books for our Little Free Libraries to our Wednesday meetings. Books for children and adults are appropriate. Biographies, novels, cookbooks, non-fiction, inspirational, etc. are all good choices for restocking our libraries.

## 2018 Veteran Stand Down—Last Week

The Annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down will be held Friday, November 3, 2017. Donations are needed by September 15 to fill 300 Veteran’s Personal Care Bags. Item needed include Band-Aids, Combs, Decks of Cards, Deodorant, Floss, Winter Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, Hats & Knitted Caps, Kleenex, Lip Balm, Nail Clippers, Pens, Plastic Rain Ponchos, Puzzle Books, Q-tips, Sewing Kits, Shaving Cream, Shaving Razors, Snack Cracker Packages, New Socks, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Washcloths, Wet Wipes and Pocket T-Shirts (new in sizes, XL & 2X only). Cash donations are welcome. Drop off to Mental Health Assn, 571 Mooney Rd.  
For details see Jean Woo.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/20	Regular Meeting	Lisa Weeks, District Governor’s Official Visit
9/27	Regular Meeting	Todd Allen, Northwest Florida Ballet
10/04	Regular Meeting	XTRAS (Extreme Temperature Rescue Alert System)
10/11	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/18	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/24	World Polio Day	
10/25	Regular Meeting	TBD
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee

Did You Know? You can attend a club board meeting , committee meeting or project as a make-up.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries	September Club Anniversaries
9/06 Mary Plummer	9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (4)	9/01 John Morgan (41)
9/15 Chuck Landers	9/03 Matt & Jessica Simpson (6)	9/05 Katie Sharon (5)
9/17 Aaron Webber	9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (28)	9/08 Roger Peadro (13)
9/29 Charles West	9/20 Lisa & Steve Williams (31)	9/24 Gerry Chalker (20)
		9/25 Cliff Ennis (4)

## 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.



In July and August health workers and volunteers vaccinated hundreds of thousands of children in targeted campaigns in Syria to protect them from an outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type2 (cVDPV2). These campaigns were held in Deir Ez-Zor and Raqqa Governorates.

# 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:

Lisa Williams at

[lmwillia@southernco.com](mailto:lmwillia@southernco.com)

or

Andy Corbin

[ajc@tslinc.com](mailto: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

**Robert Anderson, SM**

CPA

**Jack Arthur, PHF SM**

Insurance

**Neal Bern SM**

Insurance

**Debbie Bodenstine, PHF SM RotY**

Economic Development

**Ann Boynton SM** Property Management

**Joseph Brewster, PHF SM** Cable Television

**Mack Busbee, SM \*\***

County Government

**Tom Butcher**

Honorary Member

**Kevin Cagle, SM LP**

Office Machines

**Gerry Chalker, (10) 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

**Cliff Ennis**

Business IT Management

**Bob Fowner, PHF SM**

Association Manager

**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

**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

**Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF**

Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (15) 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 (1)**

Non-Profit Management

**Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY\***

Pastor

**Mary Plummer, PHF**

Real Estate Sales

**Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY**

Paint & Body Shop

**Diane Poff, (1) SM**

Paint & Body Shop

**Jan Pooley, (11) 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 Rynearson**

Honorary Member

**Katie Sharon, (1) PHF SM \***

Banking

**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***

Moving & Storage

**Matt Simpson**

Insurance and Bonding

**Scott Smith, PHF SM\***

Chiropractor

**Oxana Solovieva (1)**

Commercial Real Estate

**Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY\***

Surge Suppression Systems

**Steve Taylor**

Management Consultant

**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, (1) PHF SM**

Condo Management

**Charles West, (2) PHF SM\***

Investment Broker

**Lisa Williams**

Utilities

**Jean Woo, PHF**

Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF**

Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***

Psychologist

**Matt Zasada**

CPA

**Recent Meeting Attendance**

July 26—60.0%

Month of July Avg: 57.63%

Aug 2—57.4%

Aug 9—51.7%

Aug 16—70.5%

Aug 23—62.7%