



# The Rotary Reader

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## August is Membership and Extension Month

### Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
- President Elect:** Matt Simpson
- Secretary:** John Roper
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- Past President:** Ron Grissom
- At Large:** JT Edwards & Athena Riley
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### Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
  - **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
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- Rotary Foundation:** Gerry Chalker
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- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
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- Executive Secretary:**  
Lorrageia Jackson  
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## Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

### Today's Speaker: Representative Matt Gaetz U. S. House of Representatives



Matt Gaetz, a member of the 116th Congress, is currently serving his second term. He is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee. His work in Congress focuses on national security, tax reform, regulatory reform, and adherence to constitutional principles. Matt is devoted to the values upon which our country was

founded, earning the nickname of "constitutional conservative champion." Matt is an active member on the Climate Solutions, Reformers, Animal Protection, and Robotics Caucuses.

Prior to serving in Congress, Matt worked as an attorney in Northwest Florida with the Keefe, Anchors & Gordon law firm, where he advocated for a more open and transparent government. In 2010, Matt was elected to serve in the Florida House of Representatives to represent portions of Okaloosa and Santa Rosa county. He was chairman of the Finance and Tax Committee, where he authored and passed \$1 billion in tax cuts, all while balancing the state budget and repealing or replacing over 4,000 regulations. Matt also served as chairman of the Criminal Justice Subcommittee, where he authored and passed some of America's toughest penalties against violent sexual predators.

From Florida to D.C., Matt has lived up to his reputation as an outspoken conservative firebrand. Matt has been a prominent voice for uncovering corruption within the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Matt is passionate about making sure government is accountable, transparent, honest.

Matt is proud to be a part of the historic passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which provided tax relief for workers, families, job creators, and helped revitalize our nation's economy.

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

## Rep Matt Gaetz (con't)

Matt's first bill that successfully passed through the House was H.R. 2370, the Escambia County Land Conveyance Act, giving leaseholders in Santa Rosa Island the option to acquire fee simple titles to their property. The bill also stipulates that the non-federal areas dedicated for conservation, preservation, public access, and parking will all be preserved permanently.

Since Northwest Florida is home to strategic military installations such as Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, and Pensacola NAS, Matt has made it a priority to ensure the military has extraordinary capabilities to protect America. During the FY2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Matt secured numerous provisions, including an amendment for SPACE-A travel benefits for veterans with service-related disabilities, and a \$41.9 million increase in funding to military test ranges, including the Gulf Test Range.

Matt graduated from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary sciences. After finishing his undergraduate studies, Matt moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, to attend William & Mary Law School, where he received his Jurist Doctorate.

Matt was born in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and is the son of Don and Vickey Gaetz. Matt is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, which has given him an A+ rating throughout his time in the legislature, and First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach. When Matt is not fighting for his constituents, he enjoys spending time with his family and his dog Scarlett.

## It Pays to Come to Rotary!



At last week's meeting, Debbie Bodenshine drew the Ace and won over \$240!

It pays to attend!

Jackpot starts over this week.

Who will be our next winner?

## Rotary Vision Statement



**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD  
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO **CREATE** LASTING  
**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

## Little Free Libraries



We have a continual need for books to keep our Little Free Libraries full. Hardbacks and paperbacks children, youth and adults can be used. Bring your books to any Wednesday meeting. Thanks to Dave Miller for overseeing the maintenance of our libraries.

## Last Week's Meeting



At last week's meeting Drawdown Chair Matt Simpson recognized our Presenting Sponsors for the 2019 event. Rotarian Eric and Stephanie Polson, owners of Emerald Coast Collision Repair, and Rick Rausch, owner of Triple R Construction, each supported us with \$3,000 sponsorships. The club thanked them and Matt presented each with plaques. Rotarian Tony Leonard was the club member responsible for securing the sponsorship from Triple R. In addition, Tony Leonard and Gerry Chalker were recognized as the top ticket sellers. In recognition of their efforts the club is donating \$100 to a charity of his choice in Tony's name, and \$100 to Alaqua Animal Refuge in Gerry's name.

*Thank You!*

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

8/21	Regular Meeting	Linda Evanchek—Report from the School District
8/28	Regular Meeting	Athena Riley—Franklin's Tree House Foundation
9/04	Regular Meeting	TBD
9/11	Regular Meeting	TBD
9/18	Regular Meeting	District Governor Innes Richards—Official Visit

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 Lorrigena know.

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Birthdays**  
 8/17 Chad Hamilton  
 8/23 Dan Nelson  
 8/24 Athena Riley  
 8/25 Rudy Hill  
 8/29 Debbie Bodensine

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 8/04 Mitzi & Bear Henley (40)  
 8/12 Jeff & Mona Hooton (30)  
 8/14 Herb & Dolly Tinsley (48)  
 8/18 Andy & Therese Corbin (40)  
 8/28 Eulice & Wilma Shelley (71)

**Club Anniversaries**  
 8/03 Russ Youngblood (33)  
 8/04 Joe Brewster (26)  
 8/10 Rick Owen (3)  
 8/12 Neal Bern (4)  
 8/13 Diane Poff (5)  
 8/17 Scott Smith (14)

## 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.



Victory against polio in Asia will be a monumental human achievement. When it comes, it will belong not to any int'l organization or even any nat'l government. The fight against polio will have been won by the 500,000+ people on the frontlines. Who are they? They are vaccinators, health care activists and community mobilizers. They are teachers and nurses, imams and priests, community elders and local council members. Being a frontline worker is a test of commitment, endurance and courage.

# 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:** 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**  
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, (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 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, (1) RotY PHF**  
*Retail/Computers*  
**David O. Miller, (17) 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 (3) PHF PHS RotY  
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**  
Collision Repair  
**Jean Poole**  
Staff Geneticist  
**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 RLI 2**  
*Developmental Disabilities*  
**Dick Rynearson**  
Honorary Member  
**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***  
Moving & Storage

**Matt Simpson**  
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  
**Alex Trum, PHF**  
Orthodontist Retired  
**Matt Turpin, SM**  
Certified Public Accountant  
**Aaron Webber, PHF SM \* RLI2**  
Condo Management  
**Charles West, 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.