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**December is The Rotary  
Foundation Month**

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# The Rotary Reader

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

### **Today's Program: Lt Gary Venuti School Resource Officer Program**



Lt. Gary Venuti is closing in on 30 years of service with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and he is considered a subject matter expert in the field of Youth Services.

He has truly made his mark helping develop and lead the progression of the OCSO's nationally renowned School Resource Officer program.

He began his journey as an SRO in 1997 and his first assignment was at Ruckel Middle School in Niceville. His innovative programs, interactions with students and teachers, and dedication to their security and safety helped set the standard for the agency's SROs. He authored the first curriculum for the Junior Deputy Youth Week program, served at several other schools, and continued to be promoted based on his quality of work and achievements.

After the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012, Sheriff Larry Ashley expanded the OCSO SRO program to include all elementary schools and Gary Venuti was at the core of this expansion, overseeing and training the newly assigned SROS.

It's during that timeframe he was also named the Florida Association of School Resource Officers Association SRO of the Year.

Under his leadership the agency's SRO program went on to be named Florida's Unit of the Year in 2014, and also earned the National Association of School Resource Officers "Model Agency" Award in 2015.

He's a graduate of the Florida Commander's Academy and his commitment to the protection of our local schools and the advancement of the OCSO SRO program has been both steadfast and an inspiration to his colleagues.

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## RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

June 28-December 15  
\$395 per person

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

## Support The Rotary Foundation in November

In November we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month and the contributions our members make to their communities and around the world. November 27 is Giving Tuesday, a global online movement for charities and individuals to celebrate and encourage giving. This year make The Rotary Foundation your charity of choice on Giving Tuesday. Donations to the Foundation help supply vaccines to protect children from polio, train peace builders in conflict resolution, and build sustainable communities for a better future. You can make a difference!

## Speech Contest

Forrest Townsend is working to establish a 4-Way Test speech contest for local high school students. Becoming proficient in public speaking helps build confidence and prepare students for future opportunities. His goal is to start at the club level, expand to the area level and work up to a district level program in 2-3 years. Dave Miller and Dusty Ricketts are working with Forrest. If you want to be part of this initiative, please contact Forrest.

## News From the Board

Your FVB Rotary Board met yesterday, at the ARC Aquatic Center (Thank you, John Roper, for the usage of the facility). Among the topics discussed were the following—

- No Lunch meeting next week. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!
- Rick Owen has coordinated with the Salvation Army, and Rotarians can now sign up to “Ring the Bell” at the Mall, on Saturday, December 8th. See Rick for more information and to volunteer for this service project.
- Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson are working on the 2019 Drawdown. Meetings will be scheduled in the near future. Please bring your suggestions to help continue to improve this important fundraiser, to these meetings.
- Our Sergeant at Arms, John Roper, reported that “We are doing a heck of a job.”
- The Slate for next year’s board will be voted on in the coming weeks.



Mark your calendars now for the 2019 District 6940 Conference at Baytowne Conference Center.

Join fellow Rotarians from around the district as we serve together (Socks of Love and potential hurricane relief project), learn together (great speakers and breakout sessions), celebrate together (district awards and recognition) and remember together (memorial service).

Medina’s Treasure theme will carry throughout the conference. Family friendly Registration will open soon. Plan to attend...you won’t regret it.

## 2019 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

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 identified as potential leaders by their club officers. Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

Dates in District 6940 for 2019 have been announced: January 12—Pensacola; February 2—Panama City; February 23—Lake City; March 23—Tallahassee

Make plans to attend. **Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.**

## 2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program for 10th graders and is held annually at Adventures Unlimited in Milton. The dates for 2019 are April 25-28. Besides nominating a student to attend (Rotary pays the cost), you can also participate by volunteering to be a Group Leader, Facilitator, or a number of other positions. This is an excellent program and deserves our full support. For more information, see President Ron, Youth Services Chair Joe Garvie or DGN Jan Pooley.

## Little Free Libraries



Our Little Free Libraries are once again in need of books. Please bring fiction or non-fiction for adults and children to any Wednesday meeting so they can be placed in the libraries. Our libraries are located at The Landing and in the Housing Authority neighborhood on Robinwood.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

11/21	No Meeting	Happy Thanksgiving!
11/28	Regular Meeting	Sarah Robinson, Shelter Box USA
12/05	Regular Meeting	TBD
12/12	Regular Meeting	TBD

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.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>November Birthdays</b>	11/24 Matt Turpin
11/08 Lyndon Poff	11/25 Jack Yeiser
11/08 Matt Simpson	11/28 Ross Hamilton
11/16 John Morgan	11/30 John Roper
11/18 Jean Woo	<b>November Anniversaries</b>
11/18 Rick Owen	11/2 Mac & Debra Macdonald
11/23 Charlie Potts	(33)
	11/6 Ron & Pam Grissom (42)

<b>Club Anniversaries</b>
11/01 Rudy Hill (1)
11/20 Ross Hamilton (5)
11/20 Mack Busbee (5)

## 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.



New outbreaks of polio continue to be a problem in Afghanistan and, to a lesser degree, Pakistan. To date 19 new cases have been identified in Afghanistan compared to 8 for the same period in 2017. In Pakistan 6 new cases have been identified compared to 5 for the same period in 2017. These two endemic countries are the only countries in the world with documented cases of the wild poliovirus in 2018.

# 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. 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 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

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 \*

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

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, PHF SM

Retail Shopping Center

### Rudy Hill, SM

Office Products

### 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

### Stacey McGilvray

Commercial Lending

### Mack McElhose (1)

Mass Transit

### 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

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\*

Department Store

### Charlie Potts, PHF SM\*

Jeweler

### Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\*

Utility Service-Gas

### Oscar de la Rental

Fleet Manager

### Dusty Ricketts, SM

News Media

### John Roper, PHF

Developmental Disabilities

### 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\*

Surge Suppression Systems

### 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, (2) PHF SM \*

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

## Recent Attendance

Oct 3	61.0%
Oct 10	No Meeting
Oct 17	37.0%
Oct 24	71.9%
Oct 31	57.6%
October	57.2%
Nov 7	61.0%

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

Members in purple have perfect attendance.