



# The Rotary Reader



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

**August is  
Membership and New Club  
Development 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  
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**Today's Program: Carolyn Ketchel  
Okaloosa County Commissioner, District 2**



Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel is Chairman of the Okaloosa County Commission for FY2017. She has been a resident of Okaloosa County for over 30 years, and brings a comprehensive background in Federal, State and local experience, with an emphasis on social services policy and administration which spans decades. She was named the Social Worker of the Year for the State of Florida in 2015 by the National Association of Social Workers.

Carolyn was accepted into the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship program after graduate school. While in Washington, she served on the White House Conference on Families under President Carter, and the Commission to Reform Social Security under President Reagan. She was recognized for her work on Social Security by President Reagan. Carolyn worked in the United States Congress as a Subcommittee Director for the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

Carolyn holds a Master's Degree in Social Work in Administration, Social Policy and Clinical Counseling, and has a license in Clinical Social Work. During her years as a Social Worker she has worked on the macro-level, assisting to pass legislation on Social Security, child welfare and foster care. Carolyn's public service in Florida includes serving on Congressman Jeff Miller's district staff, and serving as Senator Don Gaetz's legislative director. While working in Tallahassee, she was instrumental in passing legislation to bring a social work program to the University of West Florida.

Carolyn's local service includes directing Catholic Charities throughout Okaloosa and Walton Counties from 2007 to 2012. Carolyn has had a private Christian counseling practice for many years. She is also a long time radio talk show host on WPSM, hosting a show called *Christian Perspective with Carolyn Ketchel*. Carolyn was the Chairman of the St. Mary's School Board, and served on the Diocesan Commission on Catholic Schools. She received the Christus Medicus Award for her work in social programs from Bishop John Ricard. In 2013, she was appointed to the Florida Gubernatorial Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council by Senate President Don Gaetz. She also serves as the Vice Regent of the Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Carolyn Ketchel has distinguished herself as a leader in Northwest Florida with a reputation for integrity and conservative ideals. She has been active in Republican politics for many years, serving as campaign director for two Republican congressional campaigns, and as an Okaloosa County Republican precinct committeewoman. She was elected to the Okaloosa County Commission, without opposition, and took office in November of 2014.

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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)

## Today's Speaker—con't.

**Commissioner Ketchel's community and county liaisons are as follows:**

**Community:** Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Military Relations with Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base, Okaloosa Walton TPO and Okaloosa League of Cities, Ft. Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Okaloosa and Walton Transportation and Planning Organization.

**County:** Airports Department-VPS and Okaloosa County Aviation Board, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Director on Gulf Consortium and Supervisor of Elections' Canvassing Board.

**Achievements:** Led in the development of the Okaloosa County Aviation Board, and the formation of the Miss Ruth's Farmers Market. Spearheaded the creation of the Lazarus Field for the burial of the indigent poor. Completed certification with the Florida Association of Counties as a Certified County Commissioner.

Carolyn is a devoted wife and mother of two adult sons. She was extremely active in various school and youth activities with her sons. She served in numerous leadership functions in Boy Scouting, where both her sons achieved Eagle Scout rank. Carolyn has been married for 34 years to Circuit Judge Terry Ketchel.

**Please continue to bring books for our Little Free Libraries.  
All books previously brought have been used.**

## Club Social Planned for August 31

Make plans now to come to the club social Thursday, August 31 at 6pm at the Elk's Lodge on Okaloosa Island. This will be our meeting for the week...no regular meeting Wednesday, August 30. The theme is football...wear your favorite team's colors!

Cash bar.

Be sure to invite and bring friends and business associates who would be good Rotarians. It will be a great opportunity to acquaint them with our club and Rotary.

## A Membership Message from RI President Ian

I joined Rotary in 1978, when I was relatively young and had just started my accounting practice. My reason for doing so was because I thought that it would be good for my business to be associated with the movers and shakers of my community. But it didn't take long for Juliet and me to realize that Rotary offered us so much more. Yes, Rotary provided us with ways to make friends and help build a business. But it also became the best way I know of to make a difference in our communities, both local and globally.

Every August we celebrate Membership and New Club Development Month. I hope that you not only take time to reflect on your path to Rotary, but also to think about what you can do to help others in your community begin theirs. There is a potential Rotarian in anyone who wants to make a difference, regardless of age or gender, and you can help them join us.

Providing you with the materials to help cultivate and maintain membership is something Rotary strives to do. Clubs can use our new customizable club brochure, now available in the Brand Center. The club brochure template allows you to upload your own photos or choose from a gallery of Rotary photos, provide your club's meeting details, as well as showcase your club's events and projects to show how it is involved in your community. This, along with the Discover Rotary presentation, is a great way to introduce Rotary to prospective members. You can find more resources on the membership page of [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org).

As the world changes Rotary changes with it. I'm happy to say that Rotary has changed too much since I joined to think that your Rotary path has been anything like mine.

The future of Rotary will not be my story to tell, it will be yours. Thank you for all that you do and all that you will continue to do to be part of *Rotary Making a Difference*.

## 2018 Homeless Veteran Stand Down

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. Items 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.

## Annual Foundation/Grant Seminar

Interested in finding out more about The Rotary Foundation and the work we do through District and Global Grants? Plan to attend the annual Foundation/Grant Seminar. Two are being held for the district, one nearby in Niceville. The Niceville event will be held Saturday, August 26 from 10am—2pm. There is no charge for this seminar. There is still time to register in DaCDB. For more information, please see Club Foundation Chair Katie Sharon or Asst District Governor Jan Pooley.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities August is Membership and New Club Development Month

8/23	Regular Meeting	Tony Gilligan, Traveling the US on 2 Wheels
8/26	Foundation Seminar	NWFSC, Niceville
8/30	NO REGULAR MEETING	
8/31	Club Social	Elk's Lodge
9/06	Regular Meeting	Dr Devin Stephenson, NWFSC President
9/13	Regular Meeting	Melinda Bowers, University of West Florida
9/20	Regular Meeting	Lisa Weeks, District Governor's Official Visit
10/24	World Polio Day	
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

### August Birthdays

8/09 Roger Peadro  
8/17 Chad Hamilton  
8/23 Dan Nelson  
8/29 Debbie Bodens-  
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### August Anniversaries

8/09 Mitzi & Bear Henley  
8/12 Jeff & Mona Hooton (28)  
8/14 Herb & Dolly Tinsley (46)  
8/18 Andy & Therese Corbin  
(38)  
8/28 Eulice & Wilma Shelley (69)

### August Club Anniversaries

8/03 Russ Youngblood (23)  
8/04 Joe Brewster (24)  
8/10 Rick Owen (1)  
8/10 Oxana Solovieva (1)  
8/10 Steve Taylor (1)  
8/12 Sallie Hardy (25)  
8/12 Neal Bern (2)  
8/13 Diane Poff (3)  
8/17 Scott Smith (12)

## 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.



This week marks a milestone occasion for

Somalia—three years since the detection of the last case of poliovirus in the country. With significant commitment and hard work, Somalia has effectively raised population immunity to the virus, and improved disease surveillance to help pick up any trace of the disease.

# 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

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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 19—55.9%

July 26—60.0%

Month of July Avg: 57.63%

Aug 2—57.4%

Aug 9—51.7%