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

**November is
Rotary Foundation Month**

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- President:** Katie Sharon
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- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
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- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Brewster
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ron Grissom, Ross LeBlanc
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson
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Today's Speaker: Don Gaetz Outgoing President of The Florida Senate



Don Gaetz was born in North Dakota and Moved to Florida when he was 30. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Political Science from Concordia College in Minnesota and his Master of Public Administration from Troy State University. Don co-founded and served as Vice-Chairman of VITAS Healthcare Corporation, a company that provides hospice and palliative care services.

Don was elected to the Okaloosa County School Board in 1994 and served as its chair 1995-1996. He served until 2000 when he was elected Okaloosa County Superintendent of Schools. He was re-elected in 2004. During his

tenure CHOICE Institutes were started and the program became a state and national model for delivering relevant career education.

Don was elected to The Florida Senate in 2006 and served as Senate President from 2012-2014. Don retired from the Senate this month.

Through his business and political careers he has been affiliated with numerous civic and political organizations and has been recognized locally and nationally for excellence in leadership, service and achievement.

Don is married to Vickie and they have two children, Matt and Erin.

Little Free Libraries

Just a reminder that we need your book donations for our Little Free Libraries. We are looking for children's books (early reader through middle school), fiction novels, non-fiction biographies (specifically those who were instrumental in shaping the history of the United States), cookbooks and self-help books. If every member donated 2 books, we'll have 75 books for each library. Please bring your donated books to the next club meeting.

For more information contact Rick Owen at rick@united-way.org.

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**Celebrate The
Rotary
Foundation's
Centennial
at the
RI Convention
Atlanta, GA
June 10-14, 2017**

**Current Reg \$340
Dec 16—\$415
April 1—\$490**

**Registration rates
will change next
month! Beginning
December 16 the
cost will be \$415,
\$75 more than to-
day.**

**Joe Meyer, Jean
Woo and Jan Pooley
have taken advan-
tage of the reduced
rates. Over 100 of
our 6940 Rotarians
have already regis-
tered. Won't you
consider joining
them in Atlanta?**

**Plan now to
Attend!**

**For more informa-
tion visit:
www.riconvention.org**

RI President John Germ's Message



In the summer of 1917, only a few months after the United States entered World War I, Rotary held its 8th annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Although many Rotarians at the time felt the convention should be canceled, the Board of Directors ultimately agreed with Paul Harris that it should continue as planned. In the midst of such uncertainty and fear, Harris penned, as part of his convention greeting, some of the most-quoted words in Rotary.

Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs

but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.

Fittingly, it was at this convention that then-president Arch C Klumph proposed the idea of a Rotary endowment fund “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” The power of combined effort was joined by a new power: that of combined resources. It was a combination that has proved unstoppable, and that has been behind so much of Rotary’s work for the last 100 years.

What started with a \$26.50 donation has grown into a foundation that has spent over \$3 billion on programs and projects to make a difference throughout the world. We will continue to make great strides toward our goal of polio eradication, to grow our membership base, and to show the public that Rotary is made up of dedicated individuals who work together to accomplish great things.

Our celebrations this Rotary year will culminate in the city where it all began, Atlanta. Our 108th Rotary International Convention promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your Rotary service forward. And of course, we’ll be celebrating the Foundation’s centennial in style.

The Rotary Foundation is critical to all that we do and all that we hope to do/ We’ve done so much good in the first 100 years of our Foundation, imagine what we can do in another 100.

District 6940 Conference Early Registration

The 2017 District Conference will be held April 6-9, 2017 at the Grand Sandestin. Bring your family and enjoy all this beautiful resort has to offer. Registration is open.

Through November 30 registration fee is only \$125!

December 1—January 15 Registration fee is \$150.

After January 15 Registration fee is \$175.

Your registration fee includes 5 meals and all sessions.

To register log on to www.rotary6940.org and look for the link or go to the Calendar on DaCDB.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

RLI's purpose is to give you the necessary tools and skills to be better Rotarians. As in every endeavor, the more you know about anything, the more interesting it becomes. Rotary is most assuredly one of those areas that the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Graduates of RLI are more likely to remain in and become a bigger part of Rotary than any other demographic. For more information: www.rlitraining.org.

Upcoming Programs and Activities November is Rotary Foundation Month

11/23	No Meeting	Happy Thanksgiving
11/30	Regular Meeting	Steve Duke, Florida Trail Association
12/14	Christmas Social	Location TBD
12/21	No Meeting	Merry Christmas
12/28	No Meeting	Happy New Year
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola (Levels 1, 2, 3)
2/18	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City (Levels 1, 2, 3)
3/25	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee (Levels 1, 2, 3)
4/6-4/9/17	District Conference	Baytowne Wharf

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays	Charlie Potts	11/23	11/6	Ron & Pam Grissom
Lyndon Poff	11/08	Matt Turpin	11/24	11/29 Kevin & Sue Ann
John Morgan	11/16	Jack Yeiser	11/25	Cagle
Rick Owen	11/18	Ross Hamilton	11/28	
Jean Woo	11/18			
Kent Tinsley	11/19	Anniversaries	Membership Anniv	
Jamie Mattern	11/20	11/2 Dave & Debra	Lisa Williams	11/18 1 yr
		MacDonald	Ross Hamilton	11/20 3yrs

Club History Corner

1998 — Received the Presidential Citation. Had a very successful golf tournament allowing us to give scholarships to a number of deserving students. Named a scholarship in memory of Jim Pugh, a member recently killed in a boating accident. Donated \$1,000 to Camp Rockwood Rotary Youth Camp to assist in debt reduction. Donated \$1,000 to the District "Coin Count". Created our own local television public service announcements, and ran them on our local station. Donated \$500 to the District Youth Exchange. Donated \$1,000 to Shelter House to help purchase a van. Contributed \$250 to Waterfront Rescue Mission to assist in preparing Thanksgiving meals for those in need. Hosted a Brazilian exchange student. Named 3 new Paul Harris Fellows, and signed up a \$1,000 benefactor. Contributed \$10,000 matching funds to the Children's Advocacy Center. Endowed a \$45,000 teaching chair at OWCC (now Northwest Florida State College), matched by \$30,000 from the state.

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.



Through November 15, 2016 32 cases of the

wild poliovirus have been reported world-wide, all in the endemic countries (Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan). This compares to 52 cases during the same period in 2015.

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:
 Laura Kirby
LKirby@Landrumcompanies.com or
 Andy Corbin
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

Bill Alexson
 Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
 CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
 Insurance

James Bass, SM
 Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM
 Insurance

Debbie Bodenshine, PHF SM RotY
 Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM
 Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
 Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
 County Planning

Mack Busbee, SM **
 County Government

Tom Butcher
 Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM
 Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (9) 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

Ralph Fallin, (35) PHF SM RotY*
 Dairy Products

Bob Foster
 Business Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM
 Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
 Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM
 Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM
 Utilities

Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM
 Education

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

Laura Kirby (3) SM
 Business Development

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

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
 Public Safety

Jamey Mattern, PHF
 Architect

David Macdonald PHF SM **
 Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
 Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF
 Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (13) 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
 Non-Profit Management

Susan Page,
 Professional Counseling

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*
 Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF
 Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
 Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, SM
 Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (10) PHF SM RotY*
 Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
 Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
 Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
 News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
 Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *
 Moving & Storage

Scott Smith, PHF SM*
 Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva
 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, SM
 Condo Management

Charles West, (1) PHF SM*
 Investment Broker

Lisa Williams
 Utilities

Jean Woo, PHF
 Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF
 Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **
 Psychologist