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# The Rotary Reader

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

### **April is Maternal and Child Health Month**

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### **Board of Directors**

- President:** Ron Grissom
- President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc
- Secretary:** Dusty Ricketts
- Treasurer:** Matt Simpson
- Past President:** Aaron Webber
- At Large:** John Roper and Eric Polson
- Senior Member:** Fred Pryor
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and John Roper

### **Committee Chairs**

#### **Club Admin:**

- **Programs:** Rick Stevens
- **Socials:** Neal Bern
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley

#### **Public Relations:**

**Membership:** Andy Corbin

**Rotary Foundation:** Joe Meyer

**Service Projects:** Rick Owen

**Youth Services:** Joe Garvie

**Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer

**Scholarship Drawdown:**

Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson

#### **Executive Secretary:**

Lorrageia Jackson

executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

## **Today's Speakers District Conference Attendees**



Today our club members who attended the recent District Conference will share the highlights from their point of view.

- Andy Corbin
- Ron Grissom
- Sallie Hardy
- Rick Owen
- Jan Pooley
- Athena & Franklin Riley
- Katie & J.D. Sharon
- Charles West
- Jean Woo

## **Today's Rotary Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
 Life is the greatest event we will ever be invited to.  
 Today Lord, you are giving us another chance.  
 Guide us to act justly in all our dealings.  
 Help us to show kindness,  
 Knowing such actions help to overcome people's fears.  
 And instill in us the importance of walking humbly through the day before us.  
 Amen

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## RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

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)

## 5th Annual Scholarship Drawdown



We are 45 days away from Drawdown and we as a club need to do all we can to work our own contacts, sponsors, food vendors, auction prizes large or small.

Everyone can do their part. Ask yourself what can I do to contribute?

Matt Simpson and Dusty will be kicking it in to high gear and will be delegating event responsibilities to certain members very soon. Currently entertainment is being taken care of, but special areas we really need help in is food vendors, door and auction prizes, sponsorships, decorations, libations, and manpower. Our expectation is for everyone to do what they are able, so please let Matt or Dusty know what you can do to make this event a success and be willing when called upon to serve in needed areas.

Through 4/3 we had collected \$8,250 in sponsorships and ticket sales. 238 tickets have been picked up by 26 Rotarians and we have signed up 9 corporate sponsors.

The event is Friday May 24 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. We have 2 Co-Presenting Sponsors: Emerald Coast Collision Repair (thank you Eric Polson) and Triple R Construction (thank you Tony Leonard). We need everyone's help secure sponsorships, sell tickets, and volunteer. Proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales fund scholarships awarded by Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc, our 501(C)3 Foundation.

## Health Updates

Fred Pryor is doing some better. The infection in his blood stream has cleared up but he still has an abscess on his spine which is causing pain. His pacemaker has been removed; medical staff continues to monitor his heart. He may not need the follow-up heart surgery. Fred is in Select Specialty Hospital in Pensacola.

Lauren Roper was flown to Children's Hospital in Birmingham Saturday. She is moving her feet and hands (great news!) and answers all questions by blinking. The doctors seem to believe she has suffered no brain damage. John is going back and forth. Alicia will stay in Birmingham, hoping to get a room at the Ronald McDonald House this week.

Please keep both Fred and Lauren and their families in your prayers!

## Welcome New Members!

Last week we welcomed 3 new members to our club. Kent Tinsley is a returning member sponsored by Herb Tinsley. Brandon Lewis (State Farm Insurance) is sponsored by Andy Corbin. Clint Aden (Hancock-Whitney Bank) is part of a corporate membership team with Stacey McGilvray. We welcome you!

## Area Club Activities

3 area clubs have fundraisers coming up soon:

- Crestview will host its Crestview Rotary Roundup (Formerly named the Wild Game Feast). It will be held Friday, May 3 at the Baker Arena. It features Guest Speaker Ed Hubbard, live entertainment, a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, great food and an open bar. Tickets are \$50 per person or we can do a club sponsorship at one of the many levels. Info on the club's facebook page.
- Destin hosts its 7th Annual Cajun Crawfish Bash Friday, May 3 from 5:30pm—9:00pm at the Seascape Towne Centre. \$30 for a full flat of crawfish and trimmings, or BBQ pork sandwich, hamburgers, hot dogs for those who don't eat mudbugs. Kamado Joe grill raffle Info on the club's facebook page.
- Mid-Bay hosts its 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament Friday June 7; sign-in and lunch at noon, shotgun tee off at 1pm. Format is Four Person Florida Scramble. Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place (A and B Flights), Closest to the Pin, Hole-in-One, Putting Contest. 4 person team is \$300. Sponsorships are also available. For more information contact Art Jean at 850-897-3658

Let's support our Fellow Rotarians!

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

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|---------|---|--|
| 4/24    | Regular Meeting   | 4-Way Speech Contest—Forrest Townsend    |
| 4/25-28 | Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Adventures Unlimited |  |
| 5/01    | Regular Meeting   | Bill Dillman—Goodwill Industries         |
| 5/08    | Regular Meeting   | Ted Corcoran—FWB Chamber of Commerce     |
| 5/15    | Regular Meeting   | Mitzi Henley                             |
| 5/22    | Regular Meeting   | Joyce Dove—Rotary Youth Camp of North FL |
| 5/29    | Regular Meeting   | David Pienta—Rotary Youth Exchange       |

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.

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <b>Birthdays</b>   | <b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>  |                         |
| 4/08 Ross LeBlanc  | 4/06 Russ & Jackie Youngblood | 4/04 Richard Kunkel (7) |
| 4/11 Gerry Chalker | (29)                          | 4/12 Charlie Potts (24) |
| 4/18 Katie Sharon  | 4/17 Dan & Bobbi Nelson (50)  | 4/16 Forrest Townsend   |
| 4/19 JT Edwards    | 4/23 Ben & Amanda Gordon (?)  | (32)                    |
| 4/30 Joe Garvie    | <b>Club Anniversaries</b>     | 4/19 Matt Simpson (2)   |
|                    | 4/04 Ron Grissom (7)          | 4/20 Tony Leonard (14)  |
|                    |                               | 4/22 Lyndon Poff (10)   |
|                    |                               | 4/25 Ross LeBlanc (7)   |

## 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.

**END POLIO NOW** Afghanistan and Pakistan have introduced all-age polio vaccination for travellers crossing the international borders in an effort to increase general population immunity against polio and to help stop the cross-border transmission of poliovirus. Although polio mainly effects children under the age of five, it can also paralyze older children and adults, especially in settings where most people are not well-immunized. These are the two remaining endemic countries.

# 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

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### 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:** 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

RLI 1

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 \* 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, PHF SM RLI 3

Utilities

#### Chad Hamilton, PHF SM

CPA

#### Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1

Education— College

#### 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, 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 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 (1)

Collision Repair

#### Jan Pooley, (12) PHF SM BS RotY\*

RLI 3 RLIDL Department Store

#### Charlie Potts, PHF SM\*

Jeweler

#### Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\*

Utility Service-Gas

#### Dusty Ricketts, SM RLI 2

News Media

#### Athena Riley

Attorney

#### John Roper, PHF RLI 2

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\* 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

#### Jay Walker

Pedestrian Coach

#### Aaron Webber, (2) PHF SM \* RLI2

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

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.