



# The Rotary Reader

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## Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
- President Elect:** Matt Simpson
- Secretary:** John Roper
- Treasurer:** Rick Owen
- Past President:** Ron Grissom
- At Large:** JT Edwards & Athena Riley
- Senior Member:** Charlie Potts
- Sergeant at Arms:** Andy Corbin & Brandon Lewis

## Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
  - **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
  - **Socials:** Neal Bern & Charles West
  - **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Image:**
- Membership:** Joe Meyer
- Rotary Foundation:** Gerry Chalker
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Joe Garvie
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Fundraisers:** Aaron Webber
- Executive Secretary:**  
Lorrageia Jackson  
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

## Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

### Today's Speaker: Matt Simpson 2019 Scholarship Drawdown Update



Today President-Elect Matt Simpson will update us on the 2019 Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown held in May. Matt joined our club in April of 2017 and quickly got involved. He will serve as club president for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. Matt is a commercial Insurance Agent with Gilmore Insurance and Bonding. He lives in Holley by the Sea with his wife Jessica and their children.

### Club Members Serve at Rotary Youth Camp of North Florida



Seven club members travelled to DeFuniak Springs Monday to provide and serve dinner to the campers and counselors. The delicious dinner of chicken tenders, mac n cheese and green beans was prepared by Market 21 Coastal Provisions and the delicious Frios Pops were donated by John Roper. Exec Director Joyce Dove shared some of the innovative programs taking place this year.

Thanks to President Ross, Michele Nicholson, Debbie Bodenshtine, Sallie Hardy, Dan Nelson, Joe Meyer and Jan Pooley for volunteering. People of Action!



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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)

## Rotary International and Shelter Box Renew Partnership

Rotary International announced on 3 June a three-year partnership renewal with its disaster relief project partner, ShelterBox. For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster.

Rotary is a global network whose members take action to make a lasting difference in their communities – and worldwide. ShelterBox provides emergency shelters and other essential items to support families who have lost their homes in disaster.

What began as a local connection with one Cornish Rotary Club has led to an international movement that's provided 140,000 ShelterBox family tents or 390,000 ShelterKits worldwide to date (a value of over £54 million).

First adopted as a millennium project by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in 2000, the support of Rotary members and clubs around the world saw ShelterBox become Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief in 2012. Since then, the partnership has helped transform ShelterBox into an internationally recognized disaster relief charity, supporting families with emergency shelter after disaster.

The partnership extends far beyond financial support. Around 1,000 Rotary members are involved in ShelterBox as volunteers, staff or response team members. And clubs worldwide offer valuable, practical assistance to help ShelterBox reach more families fleeing disaster or conflict.

This has recently included support for families in Malawi flooded from their homes by Cyclone Idai and communities in Lombok devastated by the 2018 earthquake and tsunami (quotes and details at the end of this release).

"ShelterBox has been Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief since 2012, and we are excited to renew the partnership for another three years," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko.

"Through this project partnership, Rotary members around the globe can collaborate with ShelterBox to support communities in desperate need of emergency temporary shelter and vital supplies following natural disasters," adds Hewko.

"Additionally, Rotary and ShelterBox will continue to expand cooperation efforts through preparedness training and stockpiles of prepositioned aid in disaster-prone regions."

Caroline White, interim Chief Executive at ShelterBox, said: "Whenever disaster strikes, Rotary is beside us. From the earliest planning stages to final evaluations, Rotary members help ShelterBox make community contacts, organize logistics, and reach disaster-affected families in remote areas who might otherwise go without.

This partnership has helped ShelterBox become who we are today. Our global network of 17 ShelterBox affiliates, who raise funds and awareness worldwide, evolved from Rotary relationships."

## Installation of Officers



Our annual Installation of Officers was held at the Air Force Armament Museum June 26. Members, their spouses/guests and children enjoyed a catered BBQ dinner prior to the recognitions and installation. Assistant Governor Bill Lindsley was on hand to install President Ross and his new board.

Other highlights included:

- President Ross recognized and thanked outgoing President Ron
- Outgoing President Ron thanked his board
- Rick Owen was named Rotarian of the Year for 2018-2019
- Executive Secretary Lorrageia Jackson was thanked for the many ways she helps our club and club members
- President Ross unveiled the Rotary Theme for 2019-2020 “Rotary Connects the World”

## 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.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

7/24	Regular Meeting	TBD
7/31	Regular Meeting	TBD
8/07	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.

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

7/11 Matthew Morgan  
7/15 Forrest Townsend  
7/26 Diane Poff  
7/27 Eric Polson

### Wedding Anniversaries

7/10 Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor (54)  
7/14 Matt and Jennifer Zasada (12)  
7/23 Alex & Donna Trum (59)

### Club Anniversaries

7/01 John Linn (30)  
7/02 Aaron Webber (10)  
7/02 Matthew Morgan (10)  
7/10 Mary Plummer (17)  
7/12 JT Edwards (11)  
7/29 Robert Anderson((10)



Africa stands on the cusp of a historic public health success:

the potential certification of the eradication of the wild polioviruses, which could occur as early as 2020. Certification—the independent ‘stamp of approval’ that wild poliovirus indeed is gone from the continent, and with it the assurance that no African child will ever again suffer the lifelong pain and disability caused by wild poliovirus.

This stands in stark contrast to 1996 when wild poliovirus paralyzed more than 75,000 children across every country on the continent.

# 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:** 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

**Neil Down**

Staff Chaplain

**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

**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.**