



# The Rotary Reader

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## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

### 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:**

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

### Today's Speaker District Governor Innes Richards



Innes Richards was born in Washington, D.C. and spent her early years living in Chevy Chase, MD. Since Birmingham, Alabama was the family home, she enjoyed summers visiting relatives in Birmingham and Mobile. Innes earned a B.A. Degree from Judson College in Alabama and attended Johns Hopkins University for some graduate courses. She and her late husband, PDG Ron Richards, lived in Birmingham a number of years before moving to the Pensacola area in 1988.

Innes has worked most of her life in the area of Development at Children's Hospital of Alabama, The American Lung Association and Covenant Hospice. She was Executive Director of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra for a number of years and then Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Ballet when she retired to take care of her mother in law.

Innes has been very active in the community and has served on several Boards including the Navarre Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving on the Community Advisory Board of Gulf Breeze Hospital.

Innes is a member of the Rotary Club of Pensacola. She has served on many committees on the Club level, District level as well as the Zone level. She is a Major Donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society and a Discussion Leader for the Rotary Leadership Institute, having served as its Director for 3 1/2 years. She has been a Rotarian since 1998 and has perfect attendance.

She and her late husband Ron were married 33 years. She lives in Navarre with her 16-year-old Shi Tzu.

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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)

## Helping Hands in Panama City



Saturday Debbie Bodensine and Jan Pooley represented our club working on a community garden project in Panama City. We worked alongside Mid-Bay Rotarians and other community volunteers. The raised beds were cleaned out in preparation for planting fall vegetables and fruit and a fence was built around the 30 beds. Members of the neighboring community, hard hit by Hurricane Michael, sign up for a bed, work it and use the produce for personal consumption or to sell at farmers markets. This project is a joint venture with Area 3 Rotary Clubs, The Sonder Project and Master Gardeners.

## Homeless Veterans Stand Down

We are, once again, collecting supplies for the upcoming Homeless Veterans Stand Down. Items needed this year include:

- Decks of Cards, Puzzle Books
- Toiletries (Deodorant, Dental Floss, Mouthwash—small, Shave Cream—small, Lip Balm, Toothpaste, Wet Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Nail Clippers, Band Aids)
- Gloves, Socks, Knitted Hats, Rain Ponchos
- Insect Repellent
- Note pads
- Sewing Kits
- Snack Crackers
- Sunglasses, Sunscreen
- Tissues (travel size)
- Wash Cloths.

Up to 500 of each are needed. Items can be taken to Jean Woo's office or to Mental Health Assn at 571 Mooney Rd.

## Want to Learn More About Rotary?

Rotary Leadership Institute—Offered 4 times in early 2020. Part 1—The Rotarian; Part 2—The Rotary Club; Part 3—The Rotary Journey. Our club will reimburse your tuition. See Upcoming Programs and Activities for the dates for Pensacola and Panama City.

Visit The Learning Center on [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org). Over 450 on-line courses are offered on a variety of subjects. Gerry Chalker recently completed a course on the Rotary Foundation and said it was very informative. Check it out!

## District 6940 Respond to Hurricane Dorian

ROTARY DISTRICT 6940  
 DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE  
 P O Box 745  
 Madison, FL 32341-0745

### Basic Food and Water

Bottled Water (All Sizes)  
 Non-perishable Food  
 Canned Goods  
 Can Openers  
 Juice  
 Power-Aid/Gatorade  
 Paper Plates/Bowls/Cups  
 Plastic Knives/Forks/Spoons  
 Sterno  
 Coolers

### Safety and Support

Flashlights  
 Batteries (All Sizes)  
 Candles  
 Matches/Lighters  
 Basic First Aid Items  
 Insect Repellent  
 Work Gloves/Face Masks  
 Hammers (Basic Tools)  
 Chainsaw Oil/Files

### Babies/Small Children

Formula  
 Baby Food  
 Baby Bottles  
 Diapers (all sizes)  
 Baby Wipes  
 Toys  
 Pet Food

### Personal Items

Bath Tissue/Toilet Paper  
 Wet Wipes  
 Feminine Products  
 Paper Towels  
 Soaps  
 Shampoos  
 Razors/Blades  
 Toothpaste/Toothbrushes  
 Flossers  
 Portable Cots/Pillows  
 Sheets and Blankets

### Limiting Damage

Canvases (All— Large is great)  
 HD Plastic Sheathing  
 Mounting Strips  
 Ropes  
 Ground Anchors  
 Tie Down Strips  
 Plastic or Heavy Duty Boxes

### Clean Up Supplies

Detergents/Cleaners  
 Bleach/Bleach Wipes  
 Paper Towels  
 Large Garbage Bags  
 Buckets  
 Rags  
 Mops/Brooms  
 Shovels/Rakes  
 Mildew Killer  
 Latex Gloves

To arrange for pick-up contact Assistant Governor Dale Stone (Committee Chair) at (561) 818-5472 or drstonecpa@aol.com

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

9/25	Regular Meeting	Robert Reagan—Gold's Gym
10/02	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/05	Foundation Seminar	Northwest Florida State College
10/09	Regular Meeting	Nathan Sparks—Update from the EDC
1/11	Rotary Leadership Institute	Pensacola (Register on DACdb)
2/8	Rotary Leadership Institute	Panama City (Register on DACdb)

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.

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

9/06 Mary Plummer  
 9/15 Chuck Landers  
 9/17 Aaron Webber  
 9/25 Charles West

### Wedding Anniversaries

9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (6)  
 9/03 Matt & Jessica Simpson (8)  
 9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (30)  
 9/12 Eric & Stephanie Polson (27)  
 9/15 Athena & Franklin Riley (6)

### Club Anniversaries

9/01 John Morgan (43)  
 9/19 Katie Sharon (1+6)  
 9/19 Tim Chiasson (1)  
 9/24 Gerry Chalker (22)

## 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.



At the undergird of the polio program in Afghanistan are women—polio officers, health workers, frontline workers, mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers—some are anonymous and some are on the frontlines. They are able to step beyond the threshold of countless homes, and effectively cross socio-cultural barriers. From field visits, to encouraging parents, vaccinating children to sitting in the Expert Review Committee, Afghan women put shoulder to the wheel in efforts to eradicate polio.

# 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: Joe Meyer

[joe@on-site-help.com](mailto:joe@on-site-help.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. 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 Broussard's—Navarre Beach

**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 SM**

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 SM**

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 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 SM**

Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM**

Developmental Disabilities

**John Morgan, PHF SM\***

Computer Engineer

**Matthew Morgan,**

Electrical Engineer

**Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM**

Communications

**Rick Owen (3) PHF SM 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 SM**

Collision Repair

**Jean Poole**

Geneticist

**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 SM RLI 2**

Developmental Disabilities

**Dick Rynearson**

Honorary Member

**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***

Moving & Storage

**Matt Simpson SM**

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 SM BS \***

Investment Broker

**Jean Woo, PHF SM**

Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF**

Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***

Psychologist

**Matt Zasada SM**

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.**