



# The Rotary Reader

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## February is Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution Month Board of Directors

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- Secretary:** John Roper
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### Committee Chairs

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- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Fundraisers:** Aaron Webber
- Executive Secretary:**  
Lorrageia Jackson  
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## Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

### Today's Speaker: **Barbara Britt** Student 2 Student Program



Barbara Britt has a passion for making a difference in the lives of others. She developed the largest leadership program in the country for high school students and spent 16 years working with that program. She is now using that experience and expertise in the corporate world.

As a sought after member of John C. Maxwell's international speaking, training and coaching team, she conducts leadership, personal and professional development training for a variety of organizations. Barbara's no-nonsense style helps take companies to a new level of growth.

As an executive coach to management teams and entrepreneurs, and a life coach to individuals, Barbara helps redefine her client's purpose, vision and goals. She speaks & trains on many different topics based on individual or company needs. Topics include Personality Work Styles, Excellence in Customer Service, and Power Networking. She also has developed a Roadmap for College Preparation Program that is helping parents and their children prepare financially, academically, and emotionally for one of the most important times in their family's life.

Barbara will speak about Student 2 Student, an international program established in 2004. This program brings military and civilian students together to welcome new students, create a positive environment, support academic excellence, and ease transitions.

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## RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

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)



## Scholarship Drawdown

The 6th Annual Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown will be held Friday, April 24. This year the event moves to a new venue...The Island on Okaloosa Island.

Our goal is to sell \$50,000 in sponsorships and tickets. By reaching this goal we will net a significant amount of funding for the Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarship (for nursing and health-related fields), the James Sutton Scholarship (for any discipline of study), and the John T Morgan III Scholarship (for those who have overcome significant obstacles). Last year our scholarship foundation, Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc raised the amount of the awards to \$2,000. Our scholarships can be renewed annually if the students meet certain requirements and the funding is available.

Mary Plummer and Sallie Hardy will be heading up the collection of "Loser Prizes". We've had some awesome prizes in the past and want to keep that up. Ask for prizes from businesses you support and consider donating a prize from your business as well.

Tickets, brochures and sponsorship information will be available soon, but don't wait...get commitments now! We need everyone's participation to reach our goal.

## 2020 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)



Once again, our club will sponsor 3 10th grade students for RYLA. They are Henry Endt from Fort Walton Beach High School, Quin Gable from Choctawhatchee High

School and Gabriel Valladeres from Fort Walton Beach High School.

This year's leadership development program will be held at Adventures Unlimited near Milton Thursday, March 26—Sunday, March 29. Thank you Joe Garvie and Charles West for recruiting these participants.

## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)



The last session of Rotary Leadership Institute for 2020 in District 6940 will be held Saturday, February 29 in Tallahassee. You may just run into old friends and former club members there. Pete Burrell and Carole Cartier, our Canadian friends, will be there. Registration is still open on DACdb.

It was great to see Rick Owen at RLI in Panama City February 8. Rick is now a member of the Tallahassee Sunrise Club and has completed all 3 parts of RLI. He was in Panama City to take the Discussion Leader Course

## 2020-2021 Rotary Youth Exchange



For the first time in many years and with the blessings of President-Elect Matt Simpson, our club will participate in the Long Term Rotary Youth Exchange Program for the 2020-21 Rotary year. Katie Sharon and her family are very excited about hosting a high school student from another country. It will be a few months before we know the name, gender and country of the student. Our club will

have many opportunities to assist and make this student welcome during his or her time with us so stay tuned

## 2020 District Conference



Our annual District Conference is a time for inspiration, fellowship, recognition and learning. This year's conference is scheduled for April 17-19 at the Baytowne Conference Center at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Registration is

open on DACdb. The \$210 registration fee covers all meals (2 dinners, 1 lunch and 2 breakfasts), general sessions and breakout sessions.

Speakers will address Alzheimers Research, Human Trafficking and the I-10 Corridor, and the Opioid Crisis. 2 International Service Projects will be highlighted and a service project will take place on site.

The conference will be preceded by the annual Foundation Cruise on the Solaris. Register for this event separately through Event Brite. The District Assembly (PETS 3) will take place on site Friday, 4/17 from 10am-4pm. This event is for incoming club officers and committee chairs. Plan now to go!

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 2/26 Regular Meeting Pete Shinnick—UWF Head Football Coach
- 2/29 Rotary Leadership Institute Tallahassee (Register on DACdb)
- 3/04 Regular Meeting Nathan Monk—One Hopeful Place
- 3/11 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.

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	2/12 Rick Stevens (28)
2/10 Richard Kunkel	2/04 Tony & Gretchen Gilligan	2/14 Eric Polson (2)
2/19 Matt Zasada	(37)	2/15 Tony Gilligan (25)
2/21 Tony Leonard	2/14 John & Alicia Roper (11)	2/15 Matt Zasada (3)
2/22 Joe Brewster	<b>Club Anniversaries</b>	2/22 Jeff Hooton (14)
	2/01 George Dorris (42)	2/27 Athena Riley (1)

## 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.



To end polio we must stop transmission in the 2 countries where it is still endemic...Pakistan and Afghanistan. We must keep all other countries polio-free until we are certain it won't resurface. Up to 60 high-risk countries still operate large-scale immunization campaigns to protect children against polio. If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it annually.

# 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

**Ken Erdberg RLI 1**

Travel Services

**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

**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

**Kyle Lowrey**

Law Enforcement

**John Lysaght**

Life Cycle Logistics

**Matrix, Dot**

Director of Computer Services

**Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM**

Retail/Computers

**Jason Monroe RLI 1**

Information Technology

**John Morgan, PHF SM\***

Computer Engineer

**Matthew Morgan,**

Electrical Engineer

**Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM**

Communications

**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

**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 3**

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 PHF**

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.