



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

# The Rotary Reader



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

**July is  
Beginning of the  
Rotary Year**

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## Board of Directors

- President:** Aaron Webber
- President Elect:** Ron Grissom
- Secretary:** Ross LeBlanc
- Treasurer:** Dusty Ricketts
- Past President:** Katie Sharon
- At Large:** Forrest Townsend and Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Bob Fowner
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Stevens and John Roper

## Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** ????
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
- Membership:** Lisa Williams, Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Katie Sharon
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton and Charles West
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ross LeBlanc, Dusty Ricketts
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson  
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

## Today's Program: Andrew Young's RI Convention Address



**Andrew Jackson Young, Jr.** (born March 12, 1932) is an American politician, diplomat, and activist. Beginning his career as a pastor, Young was an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement, serving as executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and a close confidant to Martin Luther King Jr. Young later became active in politics, serving first as a U.S. Congressman from Georgia, then United States Ambassador to the United Nations, and finally Mayor of Atlanta. Since leaving political office, Young has founded or served in a large number of organizations working on issues of public policy and political lobbying. Young gave an address Tuesday, June 13, at the International Convention in Atlanta. The topic was giving back and paying it forward. Today we have the opportunity to watch a video of his well-received address.

## Thanks Rick Owen and John Roper Help Still Needed

Last week President Aaron announced that he needed members to serve as Sergeant at Arms and Program Chair. Thank you Rick Owen and John Roper for volunteering to serve as the Sergeants! We appreciate it... Aaron still needs a program chair. The program chair is responsible for insuring that we have a meaningful program each week, to provide the information to the bulletin editor and to arrange for the speaker to be introduced at the meeting. Some of the benefits of filling this role are getting to know your fellow Rotarians better and strengthening your club. Please consider volunteering. If you are willing, please contact President Aaron.

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## RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

June 15-December 15  
\$335 per person

December 16-March 31  
\$410 per person

April 1—June 27  
\$495 per person

Toronto is Canada's largest city, fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of 2.8 million people. It's a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities.

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)

## A Look Back at 2016-2017

We had a busy and productive year under President Katie's leadership. Here's a look back:

- **Little Free Libraries:** Established and maintain two, one at the Fort Walton Landing and one at the Housing Authority on Robinwood. A third library is planned for the Kenwood area.
- **Boy Scout Hut**—Provided financial support and manpower to the renovation of the hut located next to Kenwood Elementary School. The hut was dedicated in February to JB Lackey, former scoutmaster, whose effort to renovate the hut was cut short when he was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2010.
- **City Championship Trophy**—Presented the trophy to Choctawhatchee High School football team after their 2016 win over Fort Walton Beach High School.
- **Clean Up Day at Longwood Elementary** – provided manpower to clean classrooms in March
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** - sponsored 3 10th grade students to attend this weekend leadership development event held in March
- **Interact Clubs**—sponsored Interact clubs at Fort Walton Beach and Choctawhatchee high schools
- **Feed the Need** – provided financial support and volunteers to this community effort that packed 75,000 meals. The meals were distributed to several organizations that work to feed the hungry in our community
- **Angel Tree Children** – sponsored at-risk children at Longwood Elementary School by providing Christmas gifts
- **NIE Literacy Program**—In partnership with Crestview, DeFuniak Springs, Destin, Mid-Bay, Niceville-Valparaiso and South Walton Rotary Clubs, the Northwest Florida Daily News and the Rotary Foundation sponsored the weekly Mini Page and monthly Kid Scoop News. Also sponsored an essay contest on the benefits of living by the Rotary 4-Way Test. Received a district award for this program
- **Scholarships** – In May Scholarship Inc awarded 8 new scholarships and 3 renewals totaling \$16,600.
- **District Conference** – Several members attended the district conference held in April at the Grand Sandestin Conference Center
- **RI Convention** – Seven members attended the convention in Atlanta
- **The Rotary Foundation** – Members contributed \$8,654.50; \$6,726.50 to the Annual Fund and \$1,928 to Polio Plus and Clean Water/Sanitation. The club's all-time giving is \$304,909.46
- **Club Socials** – The club held evening socials at The Gulf and the now closed German Restaurant, a Christmas party at Two Trees and an installation banquet at Hurlburt Soundside Club

## The Power of One



Human trafficking survivors Brook Bello and Tenesha Cargil join Tenesha's daughter Amanda in raising their fingers to symbolize the Power of One.—how one person can make a difference to end modern slavery. They participated on stage at the Candlelight Vigil for Human Trafficking Awareness in Atlanta.

## Annual Foundation/Grant Seminar

Interested in finding out more about The Rotary Foundation and the work we do through District and Global Grants? Plan to attend the annual Foundation/Grant Seminar. Two are being held for the district, one nearby in Niceville. The Niceville event will be held Saturday, August 26 from 10am—2pm. There is no charge for this seminar. If you plan to go you will need to register in DaCDB. For more information, please see Club Foundation Chair Katie Sharon or Asst District Governor Jan Pooley.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

7/26	Regular Meeting	Deputy Tom Henry, Choctaw HS Resource Officer
8/02	Regular Meeting	TBD
8/09	Regular Meeting	Charles West and RYLA Participants
8/16	Regular Meeting	Carolyn Ketchel, Okaloosa County County Commissioner
8/23	Regular Meeting	Gerald Rush, Genealogy
8/26	Foundation Seminar	NWFSC, Niceville
9/26	Regular Meeting	Lisa Weeks, District Governor's Official Visit

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>July Birthdays</b>		<b>July Anniversaries</b>		John Lynn	7/01	28 yrs
Matthew Morgan	7/11	Fred & Mayrelizbeth		Matthew Morgan		
Forrest Townsend		Pryor	(52 yrs)		7/02	8 yrs
	7/15			Aaron Webber	7/02	8 yrs
Diane Poff	7/26	7/14 Matt & Jennifer	Zasada	Bob Fowner	7/10	21 yrs
			(10 yrs)	Mary Plummer	7/10	15 yrs
		7/23 Alex & Donna	Trum	JT Edwards	7/12	9 yrs
			(57 yrs)	Robert Anderson		
		<b>July Club Anniversaries</b>			7/29	8 yrs

## 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.



In May the World Health Organization reviewed progress toward polio eradication and adopted a resolution on the polio transition planning process, to ensure the infrastructure established to eradicate polio will continue to benefit broader public health efforts even after the disease has been eradicated.

# 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:

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or

Andy Corbin

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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

**Robert Anderson, SM**

CPA

**Jack Arthur, PHF SM**

Insurance

**Neal Bern SM**

Insurance

**Debbie Bodenshtine, PHF SM RotY**

Economic Development

**Ann Boynton SM** Property Management

**Joseph Brewster, PHF SM** Cable Television

**Mack Busbee, SM \*\***

County Government

**Tom Butcher**

Honorary Member

**Kevin Cagle, SM LP**

Office Machines

**Gerry Chalker, (10) 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

**Bob Fowner, PHF SM**

Association Manager

**Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY**

Government Contractor

**Ben Gordon, SM**

Attorney

**Ron Grissom, PHF SM**

Utilities

**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

**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

**David Macdonald PHF SM \*\***

Shopping Center Manager

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

Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (15) 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 (1)**

Non-Profit Management

**Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY\***

Pastor

**Mary Plummer, PHF**

Real Estate Sales

**Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY**

Paint & Body Shop

**Diane Poff, (1) SM**

Paint & Body Shop

**Jan Pooley, (11) PHF SM RotY\***

Department Store

**Charlie Potts, PHF SM\***

Jeweler

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

Utility Service-Gas

**Dusty Ricketts, SM**

News Media

**John Roper, PHF**

Developmental Disabilities

**Dick Rynearson**

Honorary Member

**Katie Sharon, (1) PHF SM \***

Banking

**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***

Moving & Storage

**Matt Simpson**

Insurance and Bonding

**Scott Smith, PHF SM\***

Chiropractor

**Oxana Solovieva (1)**

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, (1) PHF SM**

Condo Management

**Charles West, (2) PHF SM\***

Investment Broker

**Lisa Williams**

Utilities

**Jean Woo, PHF**

Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF**

Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***

Psychologist

**Matt Zasada**

CPA