



BE THE INSPIRATION

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**September is Basic
Education and Literacy
Month**

Board of Directors

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Lorrageia Jackson
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The Rotary Reader

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

Today's Speaker District Governor John Medina



John is a native of the Dominican Republic and has lived in Florida since the age of 10. He graduated from Suwannee High School (Live Oak) and Gateway Community College (Lake City). John has undergraduate degrees in International Business and Military Science from Florida State University and an MBA from the University of Florida. John also spent several years as an Army Airborne Infantry Officer in the Reserves and Florida Army National Guard. He was the Army ROTC Battalion Commander as a senior at FSU.

John joined First Union National Bank's management training program shortly after graduating from college. Over the next 19 years, he held a number of positions ranging from Commercial Banking, Private Banking, Regional Consumer Banking Manager, Private Banking Manager, Market President, and ultimately he was promoted to Wachovia's Community Banking Executive, where he was responsible for all community banking markets in Florida, Georgia, Mid-Atlantic States, and Tennessee.

John relocated back to Tallahassee and purchased or started several companies and farms. In 2017, John joined the First Federal Bank team as the SEVP - Chief Banking Officer and resides in Lake City, FL. First Federal is a \$2Billion Community Bank and Mortgage Company that has served North Florida for over 55 years.

John's core belief in service to others and our community is evident by his active involvement in Rotary and our community. Some of John's current and previous Rotary activities include; Sergeant-at-Arms, Chair of International Services Committee, Club President – 2013-2014, Board of Directors for a number of years, D6940 Assistant District Governor – Area 6, Bequest Society Level II, Perfect Attendance Since 2011, Multiple PHF, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, RLI Graduate and Discussion Leader, Sustaining Member, Multiple New Members Sponsored, Multiple District Conferences, Multiple PETS and Pre-PETS, Multiple Foundation Seminars, and has attended multiple International Conventions in the US and abroad. In addi-

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RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

June 28-December 15
\$395 per person

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

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tion to these leadership roles, John has participated in a number of community service projects, including: Second Harvest Backpack Program, Started the "Greatest Generation" Program, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Habitat Builds, Roast and Toast Committee, RYLA volunteer, RYC Volunteer, and GSE Host.

In addition to Rotary, John has served in leadership roles at The Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement of Big Bend, Community Foundation of North Florida, Florida Sterling Council, Florida First Capital Finance Corporation, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Big Bend Hospice, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and Florida State University (Past College of Business Advisory Board, Golden Chief, and 1987 Homecoming Chief).

On a personal note, John has been married 29 years to Dee Dee (Harvard) Medina and they have 3 children; J.A., Harvard, and Mary Claire. John's hobbies include being very active with his Church and in the life of his family. Other hobbies include reading, fishing, travel, and John has completed over 40 church mission trips around the world as a mission team leader. John has competed in many marathons and triathlons over the years.

John will be introduced by Assistant Governor Bill Lindsley, a member of the Destin Rotary Club

Message from RI Director David Stovall

Friends around this big rock,

The forces of nature, namely, Hurricane Florence, is causing, and has caused massive loss in the Southeastern States of the US. In the next few days, we will be assessing and responding to the IMMEDIATE needs for the bare survival of nearly 2 million people. As of this writing, roughly 1 million people are without power, and it's unknown just how long it will be before power is restored, before people will be able to leave shelters to return to their homes, and months before life will take on any form of normalcy again.

We have established a collaborative disaster relief fund at the Rotary Foundation to assist. I am personally calling on you to make a contribution to the Relied Effort.

Rotary International is 1.2 million members strong. Local Rotarians in the Carolinas and the surrounding states will lead in the rebuilding of the region, but we need your assistance, as a Rotarian or as a Friend of Rotary.

I encourage each of you to BE THE INSPIRATION, our collaborative worldwide theme this year, by contributing to this Relief Fund today!

Rotary District 7680, Donor Advised Fund #574, Account #574

Mid-Bay's Annual Oktoberfest



Friday, Sept 28 (5pm—10pm) and Saturday, Sept 29 (11am—10pm)

German bratwurst & sauerkraut, chicken and hot dogs

German beer and soda, Entertainment, vendors, fun for the family

Winn Dixie shopping center in Bluewater

Little Free Libraries



Our Little Free Libraries are once again in need of books. Please bring fiction or non-fiction for adults and children to any Wednesday meeting so they can be placed in the libraries. Our libraries are located at The Landing and in the Housing Authority neighborhood on Robinwood.

RYLA 2019

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program for 10th graders and is held annually at Adventures Unlimited in Milton. The dates for 2019 are April 25-28. Besides nominating a student to attend (Rotary pays the cost), you can also participate by volunteering to be a Group Leader, Facilitator, or a number of other positions. This is an excellent program and deserves our full support. For more information, see President Ron, Youth Services Chair Joe Garvie or DGN Jan Pooley.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sunshine Division is to provide an up-to-date, practical, and user-friendly educational opportunity in convenient locations for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club officers. Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians. Dates in District 6940 for 2019 have been announced: January 12—Pensacola; February 2—Panama City; February 23—Lake City; March 23—Tallahassee. Make plans to attend. **Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.**

Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 9/26 Regular Meeting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida
- 9/29 District Foundation and Grant Training at NWFSC
- 10/03 Regular Meeting Ginny Barr—Homeless Veterans' Stand Down
- 10/10 Regular Meeting Sarah Robinson—ShelterBox USA
- 10/17 Oktoberfest Social New German Restaurant (former Staff's location)

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

- 9/06 Mary Plummer
- 9/15 Chuck Landers
- 9/17 Aaron Webber
- 9/29 Charles West

September Anniversaries

- 9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (5)
- 9/03 Jessica & Matt Simpson (7)
- 9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (29)
- 9/12 Eric & Stephanie Polson (26)

Club Anniversaries

- 9/01 John Morgan (42)
- 9/24 Gerry Chalker (21)

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.



Year-to-date 17 new cases of wild Poliovirus have

been identified worldwide...13 in Afghanistan, compared to 6 last year, and 4 in Pakistan, equal to last year's count in Pakistan. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. The strategy to eradicate polio is therefore based on preventing infection by immunizing every child.

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
ajc@tslinc.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. 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 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

Neal Bern SM

Insurance

Debbie Bodensine PHF/SM Roty

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

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY *

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

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, PHF SM

Retail Shopping Center

Rudy Hill, SM

Office Products

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

Stacey McGilvray

Commercial Lending

Mack McElhose (1)

Mass Transit

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

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*

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

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Richard Shun (aka Dick)

Elocution Coach

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*

Surge Suppression Systems

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, (2) PHF SM *

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

Recent Attendance

Aug 01 66.0%

Aug 08 61.1%

Aug 15 65.5%

Aug 22 67.2%

Aug 29 45.3% (social)

Aug to date 61.2%

Sep 05 61.1%

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

Members in purple have perfect attendance.