



# The Rotary Reader

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

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## Today's Speaker—Pam Braseth Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation

Pam Braseth is a retired youth coach and teacher. She was a High School and College basketball player. Pam graduated with degrees in Food Science and Nutrition, Education and Business Mgt who taught High School and coached basketball in the '80s, coached baseball, tennis and softball in the early 90's, before becoming a swim coach after her family came to Fort Walton Beach in 1994 through a military move.

Shortly after arriving Pam began to teach swim lessons at the local YMCA, coach adults in 1996 and youth in 1998. During her 20 years as a resident of Fort Walton Beach, Pam served on the Y board, and stepped in to help Choctaw Swim Team. At the same time she took on the role as the Volunteer Head Coach of the Play Swim Team.

After those positions were filled, she was asked to help with Fort Walton Beach High School's team and the Bluewater Barracudas year round team. Within two years she was named Head Coach of both Teams. During this time she also started the LJPS middle school swim team.

Pam formed a 501c3 non-profit organization with the Bluewater Barracudas and was the Coach for 6 years until she medically retired in 2010.

Pam coached 10 years with the FWB Vikings, 2 as Assistant Coach, 7 as Head Coach and 1 as a volunteer to help the team transition to a new Head Coach. After forming the Liza Jackson Lions Swim Team, Pam coached the team through 12 seasons.

In 1996, Pam and her husband Bruce with another couple opened Dragon Sports to provide the swimming, biking and running community members with quality athletic gear at fair prices. 18 years later, the store has the same mission and supports the community through sponsorship of local teams, races and other community events.

Working "part-time" now, Pam is a Tax Preparer with 30 years experience, she coaches adult swimmers and triathletes through the Masters Swim Team – OLDI and continues to work in the family business.

Pam is a member of Impact 100, an organization of women that financially support local non-profit organizations by empowering women as philanthropists and leaders.

Pam is married and the mother of 2 Okaloosa County Middle School and High School swimmers. Her oldest son, Pete, played Water Polo for 4 years in college and continues to swim on the Masters Team. Her younger son, Mike, is a triathlete like his Dad, racing distances up to and including the Ironman. He too practices with the Masters Team.

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**Celebrate The  
Rotary  
Foundation's  
Centennial  
at the  
RI Convention  
Atlanta, GA  
June 10-14, 2017**

**Current Reg \$340  
Dec 16—\$415  
April 1—\$490**

**What Is The  
House of  
Friendship?**

This is where the Rotary world comes together and where ideas, best practices, and project successes are proudly shared.

You can:

- Browse booths showcasing Rotary projects, Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups
- Shop for Rotary-themed merchandise.
- Meet with staff in the Resource Center about Rotary's progress and services
- Enjoy food and entertainment unique to the American South

## What You Should Know About the 2016 Council on Legislation

Rotary representatives from around the world who met in Chicago April 10-15 took several historic actions that will grant clubs greater flexibility in their meeting schedule and membership.

### **How Will the Council Action Affect My Club's Meeting Schedule?**

The council overwhelmingly voted to eliminate limitations on how clubs conduct their meetings. Clubs now have the option of amending their bylaws to vary their meeting days and times. And they are now able to decide when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. Clubs are still expected to forward attendance reports to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month.

### **What Constitutes a Meeting?**

The Council felt strongly that clubs are in the best position to determine the meeting format that works best for their members. Any club can meet in person or online, or use a mixture of these formats. It could even use both formats at the same time. (For example, a member could use Skype to participate in a physical meeting.) Clubs can also choose to replace a traditional meeting with a service project or social event.

### **How Will The Changes Affect Club Membership?**

Rotary will continue to recognize two kinds of membership—active and honorary. But clubs may now choose to offer additional membership categories—such as associate, corporate, or family membership—creating alternative financial, attendance, and service expectations. However, for these members to be recorded as members of RI with the full benefits of membership, clubs must report them as active members and pay per capita dues accordingly.

### **Does My Club Have To Adopt These Changes?**

No. The Council action did not explicitly remove or modify the existing rules and traditions in Rotary's governing documents. Any club that still wishes to follow the traditional requirements for meetings, attendance, structure and categories of membership may continue to do so.

## *The Rotary Foundation—100 Years of Doing Good in the World*

At the 1917 RI Convention, outgoing RI President Arch C Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals/ When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the

## New Member Proposals—Second Publication

### Oxana Solovieva

Company—NBI Properties  
 Classification—Commercial Real Estate  
 Proposed by Charlie Potts

### Steve Taylor

Company—Gulf Coast CFO  
 Classification—Management Consultant  
 Proposed by Andy Corbin

### Rick Owens

Company—United Way of Okaloosa and  
 Walton Counties  
 Classification—Non-Profit Management  
 Proposed by Katie Sharon



This year marks the 30th Year of Rotary's

PolioPlus Program. One vaccine costs as little as \$.60. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours in this effort.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

7/20	Regular Meeting	Pam Braseth, Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation
7/27	Regular Meeting	Jeff Peters, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Fort Walton Beach
8/27	Foundation Seminar	Pensacola State College—register on DaCDB
9/21	Regular Meeting	District Governor Roger Champion's Official Visit

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries	Membership Anniversaries
Matthew Morgan 7/11	Susan and Henry Page 7/4 4 years	Jack Arthur 7/1 25 yrs
Forest Townsend 7/15	Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor 7/10 51 years	Matthew Morgan 7/2 7 yrs
Diane Poff 7/26	Alex and Donna Trum 7/23 56 years	Aaron Webber 7/2 7 yrs
Happy Birthday!		Bob Fowner 7/10 20 yrs
		Mary Plummer 7/10 14 yrs
		JT Edwards 7/12 8 yrs
		Robert Anderson 7/29 7 yrs
		Laura Kirby 7/31 3 yrs

## Club History Corner

**1953**—The *Playground Daily News* ran on its front page the following:

### Rotary Club Holds Initial Meeting

Walt Ruckel, a member of the Niceville Rotary Club, presided over the formation as the sponsor for the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club. Lamar Kelly was installed as the club's first President; Ross Marler, Vice President; Kenneth Rogers, Secretary; and Roger Pryor as Treasurer. The first officially chartered meeting was February 23, which is the same anniversary as Rotary International—unique distinction at that time. The date also corresponded to the number of members –23.

## 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.

## 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 con-

## Interested in joining Rotary?

Please contact our Membership

Chairs:  
Laura Kirby

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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

# Rotary Roster

### Bill Alexson

Military Operations Commander

### Robert Anderson, SM

CPA

### Jack Arthur, PHF SM

Insurance

### James Bass, SM

Funeral Director

### Neal Bern SM

Insurance

### Debbie Bodenshtine, PHF SM RotY

Economic Development

### Ann Boynton SM

Property Management

### Joseph Brewster, PHF SM

Cable Television

### Frank Brutt, PHF SM

County Planning

### Mack Busbee, SM \*\*

County Government

### Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

### Kevin Cagle, SM

Office Machines

### Gerry Chalker, (9) PHF SM \*

Pension Administration

### Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY \*

Electronics Mfg.

### George Dorris, PHF SM

Dentistry

### Jeff Dunford, SM

Banker

### JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY

Landscaping Owner

### Dan Empson

Honorary

### Cliff Ennis

Business IT Management

### Ralph Fallin, (35) PHF SM RotY\*

Dairy Products

### Bob Foster

Business Management

### Bob Fowner, PHF SM

Association Manager

### Tony Gilligan, PHF SM

Government Contractor

### Ben Gordon, SM

Attorney

### Ron Grissom, SM

Utilities

### Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM

Education

### 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

### Laura Kirby (3) SM

Business Development

### 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

### Ted Litschauer, PHF SM

Public Safety

### Jamey Mattern, PHF

Architect

### David Macdonald PHF SM \*\*

Shopping Center Manager

### Julie McNabb, SM

Developmental Disabilities

### Joe Meyer, RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

### David O. Miller, (13) 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

### Susan Page,

Professional Counseling

### Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY\*

Pastor

### Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

### Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

### Diane Poff, SM

Paint & Body Shop

### Jan Pooley, (10) PHF SM RotY\*

Department Store

### Charlie Potts, PHF SM\*

Jeweler

### Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\*

Utility Service-Gas

### Dusty Ricketts, SM

News Media

### Katie Sharon, SM

Banking

### Eulice Shelley, PHF \*

Moving & Storage

### Scott Smith, PHF SM\*

Chiropractor

### Whitney Smith, SM

Attorney

### Allan Stearns, PHF SM\*

Travel Agent

### Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY\*

Surge Suppression Systems

### 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, SM

Condo Management

### Charles West, (1) PHF SM\*

Investment Broker

### Lisa Williams

Utilities

### Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

### Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

### Russ Youngblood PHF \*\*

Psychologist