



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

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 Owen and
John Roper

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be
Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
- Membership:** Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:**
- 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
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Jason Blakeney Executive Editor, Northwest Florida Daily News



Jason Blakeney is the new Executive Editor for the Northwest Florida Daily News.

The 38 year old is a native of the Gulf Coast with many relatives in the Mobile, AL area.

He has 13 years of experience in the newspaper business, have worked as a Sr Contract Strategist at the Pensacola News Journal, the Planning Editor at the Louisville Courier-Journal and a the Department Wire Editor in Austin, TX. He began his tenure at the Daily News in April, his first assignment as an Executive Editor.

“As someone who grew up on the Gulf Coast, I look forward to getting back to a community that I grew up in and love,” he said. “I’m excited about being someone our community can look to if our leadership goes astray. If we are not holding our local officials accountable, who is?” he added.

Jason is passionate about the environment, particularly local waterways, and the crucial role they play in tourism. He also looks forward to learning more about the area’s strong military presence and highlighting their contributions.

“Jason is a consummate journalist and leader with a strong commitment to community journalism and audience engagement.” Daily News Publisher Diane Winnemuller said. “His passion for the news business, coupled with our award-winning newsroom of outstanding journalists, will ensure our continued growth for many years to come. He is a great fit for the executive editor position and I know that he will significantly and positively impact our area.”

“Without our readers, the Daily News doesn’t exist,” Blakeney said. “I look forward to hearing from the community as we continue to shape our newsroom in ways that best serve them.”

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District 6940 website: www.rotary6940.org**



RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

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

Installation Dinner

Our club's annual Installation Dinner will be held Wednesday, June 27 at the Island Beach Resort (formerly Ramada Beach Resort), in the 6th floor banquet room of the building on the gulf. Festivities begin at 6pm with a cash bar. Dinner will include an array of seafood, meatballs and a vegetable medley. Dress is beach casual.

Please RSVP to Ron at rongrissom53@gmail.com or 850-218-4429 by June 25.

Let's say thanks to Aaron and his team and hello to the 2018-2019 team...

Welcome to the Island, Mon!

Pedal Power to End Polio



Have you ever thought about biking from Tampa to Toronto? That's what District 6890 Governor-Elect Nick Hall is doing. He is cycling to raise awareness and funds for our Polio Eradication effort. Nick cycled from Tampa to Jacksonville for the 6/9-6/10 Zone Meeting. He's had some interesting experiences along the way. He camps most nights, but rented a hotel room in

Quantico, VA, thinking it was probably not a good idea to camp in the woods near one of the largest Marine bases and home to the DEA's and FBI's training academies. Nick plans to arrive in Toronto for the Rotary International Convention Saturday, June 23. You can follow Nick's adventure on Face Book (Pedal Power to End Polio). Did I mention that Nick is 70 years old?!

Nick is shown above with his DG Classmate, our own John Medina.

Donation to Fire Department



Last Thursday PE Ron Grissom, Dave Miller and Jan Pooley joined Mayor Rynearson and members of the Fort Walton Beach Fire Department to present them with 8 Tempurpedic mattresses from the Sleep Center of Fort Walton Beach. This donation was part of a nationwide program with

Sleep Centers and the effort was coordinated locally by Andre Boyd of the RC of Panama City Beach. Similar donations took place in Niceville, Pensacola, and Panama City. "The Sleep Center knows if you're well-rested you're more focused. That's why The Sleep Center and the Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach are teaming up to donate Tempurpedic mattresses to OUR local fire department. We want to *Give Where We Live*, said Michael Herlihy, owner of The Sleep Center Super Store in Fort Walton Beach.

Giving to The Rotary Foundation

Thanks to the nine Rotarians who have committed additional donations to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund to complete their Paul Harris Fellow or their next level. The commitments add up to \$2,125. With these additional gifts our club will also exceed its Annual Fund giving goal and the per capita giving will exceed \$100. But most important, these gifts to the foundation increase the capacity of Rotary to change the lives of people throughout the world. These gifts will be invested through The Foundation for 3 years. At the end of the 3 years, 50% of the principal will be returned to our district for use in district and global grants. The other 50% goes to the World fund to provide matching dollars for grants throughout the world. Only the investment increase on the funds is used for the operation of The Foundation. Those who have committed include Mack Busbee, George Dorris, Tom Hayes, Dave Macdonald, Lyndon Poff, Diane Poff, Herb Tinsley, Forrest Townsend and Matt Turpin. Thank you for your generosity and Rotarian hearts!

District Governor Installation



About 150 district Rotarians gathered in Lake City to install John Medina as 2018-2019 District 6940 Governor. He will officially take office July 1. John has served in many capacities in the Rotary Club of Tallahassee and Rotary Club of Lake City. He will be with our club for his official visit Wednesday, September 19.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

- 6/20 Regular Meeting Jason Blakeney, Northwest Florida Daily News
- 6/23-27 International Convention Toronto
- 6/27 Installation of Officers 6pm; Island Beach Resort
- 7/04 No Meeting
- 7/11 Regular Meeting Tiffanie Nelson, Food for Thought

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

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| June Birthdays | 6/28 George Dorris | 6/23 Forrest & Sally Townsend 45 |
| 6/01 Alex Trum | 6/29 Joe Meyer | Club Anniversaries |
| 6/03 Cliff Ennis | 6/30 Scott Smith | 6/01 Matt Turpin (7) |
| 6/03 Dave Macdonald | | 6/22 Tom Hayes (32) |
| 6/09 Michele Nicholson | June Aniversaries | 6/22 Andy Corbin (24) |
| 6/16 Bob Fowner | 6/13 Joe & Janet Brewster 48 | |
| 6/17 Fred Pryor | 6/21 Chad & Nancy Hamilton 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.



Following unconfirmed reports on June 8 of suspected polio re-emergence in Venezuela, final laboratory testing has confirmed the cause of the paralysis is not wild poliovirus or vaccine-derived poliovirus. A 34 month-old child had presented with symptoms of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) on 29 April from a community with low vaccination coverage. The partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) will continue to support local and national health workers in these efforts.

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:

Andy Corbin

ajc@tslinc.com

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 RO

CPA

Neal Bern SM GC

Insurance

Debbie Bodenshtein PHF/SM Roty

Economic Development RO

Ann Boynton SM JS

Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM MS

Cable Television

Mack Busbee, SM ** JR

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

Gerry Chalker, (10) PHF SM * GC

Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY * MS

Electronics Mfg.

George Dorris, PHF SM GC

Dentistry

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY JS

Landscaping Owner

Dan Empson

Honorary

Cliff Ennis RO

Business IT Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM JR

Association Manager

Joe Garvie JR

Construction

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RotY GC

Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM GC

Attorney

Ron Grissom, PHF SM JS

Utilities

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM RO

CPA

Ross Hamilton, SM MS

Education- College

Sallie Hardy, PHF JR

Commercial Properties

Tom Hayes, PHF SM MS

Financial Services

Jody Henderson, PHF SM * JS

Accounting/Auditing

Mitzi Henley, SM RO

Retail Shopping Center

Rudy Hill, SM RO

Office Products

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM JR

Commercial Lending

Richard Kunkel, PHF SM GC

Education

Chuck Landers, PHF SM JR

Certified Public Accountant

Ross LeBlanc, SM MS

Certified Public Accountant

Tony Leonard, PHF SM ** GC

Retail/Musical Instruments

John Linn, PHF SM RO

Kitchens-Retail

David Macdonald PHF SM ** JR

Shopping Center Manager

Stacey McGilvray MS

Commercial Lending

Mack McElhose RO

Mass Transit

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF JS

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (15) PHF SM MS

Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM* JR

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan, GC

Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM GC

Restaurant/Fast Food

Michelle Nicholson, SM RO

Communications

Rick Owen (1) RO

Non-Profit Management

Mary Plummer, PHF MS

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY JS

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, (1) SM JS

Paint & Body Shop

Eric Polson JS

Collision Repair

Jan Pooley, (11) PHF SM RotY* MS

Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM* GC

Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY* JR

Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM JS

News Media

John Roper, PHF JR

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF * RO

Moving & Storage

Jessica Simpson JS

Lighting Sales

Matt Simpson MS

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM* JR

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva (1) MS

Commercial Real Estate

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY* RO

Surge Suppression Systems

Steve Taylor RO

Management Consultant

Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY* GC

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY* JS

Veterinarian

Alex Trum, PHF JS

Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM GC

Certified Public Accountant

Aaron Webber, (1) PHF SM MS

Condo Management

Charles West, (2) PHF SM* JS

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF MS

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF MS

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF ** JR

Psychologist

Matt Zasada GC

CPA

Recent Attendance

May 2 55.0%

May 9 62.3%

May 16 61.0%