



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

# The Rotary Reader



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

**September is  
Basic Education and  
Literacy Month**

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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 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:** 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

## Today's Speaker: Lisa Weeks 2017-2018 District 6940 Governor



Lisa was born in Fairbanks, Alaska and has lived in many states in the United States and in countries around the world. After her father retired from the Air Force, they settled in Pensacola. Lisa graduated from W.J. Woodham High School in Pensacola and the University of West Florida.

Lisa obtained her Real Estate Associates License in 1975 and her Broker's license in 1977. She, along with her husband, David opened Weeks Realty, Inc. in 1990 in Pace and continue to operate their business to date. Lisa merged the sales division of Weeks Realty, Inc.

with Keller Williams Realty Gulf Coast in 2013 and maintains a multiple Brokers license with both Keller Williams as a Broker Associate and continues to own and broker Weeks Realty, Inc. Property Management.

Lisa has served as the District Vice President of the Florida Association of Realtors and the Professional Standards Committee Chair for the Florida Association of Realtors. She was named Realtor of the Year in 1997 by the Santa Rosa Association of Realtors and serves on the Professional Standards Committee for the Pensacola Association of Realtors.

Lisa was invited to join the Pace Rotary club in 2003 and has served as Secretary, President Elect and President. In 2009, Lisa was selected as Rotarian of the Year for the Pace Rotary. In 2011, Jeannie Quave Retherford asked Lisa to serve as her Assistant Governor for a three year term.

Lisa is a Paul Harris +4, a Paul Harris Society Member, a Sustaining Member, a Benefactor, a RLI Graduate, a RLI Discussion Leader, and has maintained perfect attendance since 2005...

Personally, Lisa has been married to David Weeks for 30+ years. They have one daughter, Amanda, who attended FSU. 1 granddaughter, Sydney who is 10 years old, 1 grandson, Jackson who is 11 months old, and a son-in-law, Chris Hardy who attended LSU.

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**District website: [www.rotary690.org](http://www.rotary690.org)**



## 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)

## Choctaw Interact News

Ross Hamilton reports that the Interact Club at Choctaw has been reactivated. Jessica Coen, a Language Arts/English teacher, is serving as the sponsor for the club and has recruited 30 members. The club is anxious to work with our club on projects.

## 5 Things You Might Not Know about Ending Polio

The road to ending polio has been a long and difficult one, with Rotary leading the fight since 1985. Going from nearly 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 10 so far this year has required time, money, dedication, and innovation from thousands of people who are working to end the disease.

1. Ice cream factories in Syria are helping by freezing the ice packs that health workers use to keep the polio vaccine cold during immunization campaigns.
2. Celebrities have become ambassadors in our fight to end the disease.
3. Health workers and Rotary volunteers have climbed mountains, crossed deserts, and sailed to remote islands, risking their lives to vaccinate children against this disease. Rotary has funded more than 1,500 motorbikes and 6,700 other vehicles, as well as 17 boats, to make those journeys. Vaccinators have even traveled on the backs of elephants, donkeys and camels to immunize children in remote areas.
4. In Pakistan, the polio program emphasizes hiring local female vaccinators and monitors. More than 21,000 vaccinators, 83% of whom are women, are achieving the highest immunization coverage rates in the country's history.
5. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, more than 16 million people who otherwise might have been paralyzed are walking today. In all, more than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated since 1988.

## Area Club Fundraisers

### 23rd Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, September 29 (5-10pm) and Saturday, September 30 (11am—10 pm)

Features: German Bratwurst & Sauerkraut, Chicken & Hotdogs, German Beer, Sodas Giant Slide, Bounce House and Rock Climbing Wall for kids

40 vendors selling food and arts & crafts; Entertainment including a German Band Fire Engine Pull and Rescue Demo by North Bay Fire Department

Proceeds support organizations and causes supported by the Mid-Bay Rotary Club

### Walt Ruckel Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

Friday, October 26, 2017—Eglin Golf Course (Eagle) - Rescheduled from 9/23

11:30 am Registration and lunch

Shotgun Start

Sponsored by Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club

\$400 per team includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, specialty holes and gift bag  
You can also participate by sponsoring a hole (\$100) or donating a gift certificate, auction prize or small items for gift bags

## Little Free Libraries

Please continue to bring books for our Little Free Libraries to our Wednesday meetings. Books for children and adults are appropriate. Biographies, novels, cookbooks, non-fiction, inspirational, etc. are all good choices for restocking our libraries.

## FWB Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc

Many years ago, our club formed the Fort Walton Beach Club Scholarship, Inc, a 501(c)3 foundation for the purpose of awarding scholarships to worthy, local students. Since its inception the foundation has awarded over \$700,000.

Funds were raised through the Billy Bowlegs Golf Tournament through 2014 and since that time through the Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown. In addition, the foundation has funded several endowments at Northwest Florida State College.

Scholarship, Inc is governed by a board of directors made up of members of our club. Currently, they are:

- Matt Turpin, President
- Joe Meyer, Secretary
- Chuck Landers, Treasurer
- Forrest Townsend
- Bob Fowner

Several new board members are needed. See Matt or Joe for more information.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/27	Regular Meeting	Todd Allen, Northwest Florida Ballet
10/04	Regular Meeting	XTRAS (Extreme Temperature Rescue Alert System)
10/11	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/18	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/24	World Polio Day	
10/25	Regular Meeting	TBD
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center, Sandestin

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries	September Club Anniversaries
9/06 Mary Plummer	9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (4)	9/01 John Morgan (41)
9/15 Chuck Landers	9/03 Matt & Jessica Simpson (6)	9/05 Katie Sharon (5)
9/17 Aaron Webber	9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (28)	9/08 Roger Peadro (13)
9/29 Charles West	9/20 Lisa & Steve Williams (31)	9/24 Gerry Chalker (20)
		9/25 Cliff Ennis (4)

### 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 July and August health workers and volunteers vaccinated hundreds of thousands of children in targeted campaigns in Syria to protect them from an outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type2 (cVDPV2). These campaigns were held in Deir Ez-Zor and Raqqa Governorates.

# 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:

Lisa Williams at

[lmwillia@southernco.com](mailto:lmwillia@southernco.com)

or

Andy Corbin

[ajc@tslinc.com](mailto: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**

CPA

**Jack Arthur, PHF SM**

Insurance

**Neal Bern SM**

Insurance

**Debbie Bodenshtein, 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

Recent Meeting Attendance

Month of July Avg: 57.63%

Aug 2—57.4%

Aug 9—51.7%

Aug 16—70.5%

Aug 23—62.7%

Aug 31—50.0%

Month of August Avg: 59.2%