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August is Membership and Extension Month

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Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

Today's Speaker: Linda Evanchyk Okaloosa County School Board



Linda Evanchyk was educated in Okaloosa schools and retired in 2017 from the Okaloosa County School District after 38 years as an award-winning English and journalism teacher. 33 of those years were spent at her alma mater – Choctawhatchee High School – where Ms. Evanchyk was the adviser to the *Smoke Signals* newspaper - the longest running printed student newspaper in the Panhandle. Last year, she was inducted into the Choctaw High

School Hall of Fame.

During her teaching career Ms. Evanchyk was selected by her peers as Choctaw High School Teacher of the Year, Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year, and was twice named the Florida Journalism Teacher of the Year. In 2010 she was inducted into the National Teachers' Hall of Fame.

Ms. Evanchyk has a Master's Degree in Communications from the University of West Florida, where she was named one of the Top 50 Alumni for the University's 50th Anniversary in 2017. Ms. Evanchyk maintains a Florida Teaching Certificate in three content areas, and is also a National Board Certified Teacher.

After retiring from teaching, Ms. Evanchyk became the first person to go from the classroom one year to being elected to the Okaloosa County School Board the next year. She took office in Nov. 2018, and serves on the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation Board.

Ms. Evanchyk is active in the community as a member of Impact 100, the Emerald Coast American Business Women's Association, the Ft. Walton Beach Woman's Club, and the Greater Ft. Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. She is an author who has had numerous articles published in professional journals, and has co-authored the book, *Those Who Teach Do More: Tributes to American Teachers*.

Ms. Evanchyk enjoys photography, volunteer work, and is a self-proclaimed DIY decorator. She and her husband, Mike McMMain, love traveling to concerts, sporting events and historical sites. They live in Ft. Walton Beach with their three-year-old fur baby, Rudy, a Boston Terrier.

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RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

Now - December 15
\$450 per person

December 16-March 31
\$550 per person

April 1—June 10
\$650 per person

People of Action from all over the world will gather to connect, celebrate, and collaborate to make a better world.

Hear from world leaders, philanthropists and other remarkable people during general sessions. Learn more about thought provoking topics at in-depth seminars, workshops and discussions.

In the House of Friendship you will visit booths that feature club and district projects, Rotary Fellowships, and Rotarian Action Groups. You can shop for Rotary merchandise, meet with Rotary staff to learn about programs and services and enjoy food and entertainment unique to Hawaii.

Consider making the commitment to attend. You will be a better Rotarian!

For More Information:
www.riconvention.org

Rotary Peace Fellowships

Each year Rotary awards up to 100 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers. Through academic training and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the fellows into experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,200 fellows. Many of them now serve as leaders at international organizations or have started their own foundations.

Approximately half of the fellowships awarded annually lead to a Masters Degree through a 15-24 month program that includes a 2-3 month field study. The other half are Professional development certificate programs. These are 3-month programs with a 3-week field study.

The Rotary Peace Centers are located at:

Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan

University of Bradford in Bradford, England

University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia

Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden

Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand

If you know someone who would be a good fit, please contact our District Peace Fellow Coordinator, Kathy Suerken at 850-897-2616 or suerken@cox.net.

Upcoming Rotary Learning Opportunities

Rotary Foundation & Grant Seminar—Saturday, October 5 10am– 2pm at NWFSC in Niceville.

Rotary Leadership Institute dates have been announced:

January 11—Pensacola

February 8—Panama City

February 29—Tallahassee

Rotary Vision Statement



Remembering Dan Nelson



Long time Rotarian Dan Nelson passed away Wednesday, August 14. He joined our club May 9, 2001 and since that time has been a loyal volunteer for club activities. Most recently he was one of our members who served dinner to the campers and staff at Rotary Youth Camp. He also supported the Rotary Foundation and was a PHF+2.



Dan was born in Minneapolis, MN and moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL at age 11. Fun fact: Dan was an extra in the 1960 movie "Where the Boys Are" which was filmed in Fort Lauderdale. At age 24 he joined the US Air Force and served 21 years as a pilot, flying C124's, C141's and the RF-4C. At 46 he opened his first of 5 Taco Bells, earning him the nickname "Taco Dan". He retired 10 years ago. He leaves behind his wife Bobbi, daughter Ashley (Mark), son Reed (Kristen), and 6 grandchildren. Dan asked that donations be made to FWB Rotary Club Scholarship Inc in lieu of flowers, one of two charities he designated.

We will Miss you, Dan!

Little Free Libraries



We have a continual need for books to keep our Little Free Libraries full. Hardbacks and paperbacks children, youth and adults can be used. Bring your books to any Wednesday meeting. Thanks to Dave Miller for overseeing the maintenance of our libraries.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

8/28	Regular Meeting	Athena Riley—Franklin's Tree House Foundation
9/04	Regular Meeting	TBD
9/11	Regular Meeting	TBD
9/18	Regular Meeting	District Governor Innes Richards—Official Visit

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.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	Club Anniversaries
8/17 Chad Hamilton	8/04 Mitzi & Bear Henley (40)	8/03 Russ Youngblood (33)
8/23 Dan Nelson	8/12 Jeff & Mona Hooton (30)	8/04 Joe Brewster (26)
8/24 Athena Riley	8/14 Herb & Dolly Tinsley (48)	8/10 Rick Owen (3)
8/25 Rudy Hill	8/18 Andy & Therese Corbin (40)	8/12 Neal Bern (4)
8/29 Debbie Bodestine	8/28 Eulice & Wilma Shelley (71)	8/13 Diane Poff (5)
		8/17 Scott Smith (14)

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.

END POLIO NOW Five facts about polio:

1. Poliovirus causes acute, non-persistent infections.
2. Virus is transmitted only by infected people or their waste
3. Survival of the virus in the environment is finite.
4. People are the only reservoir
5. Immunization with polio vaccine interrupts virus transmission

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. Please contact the club in advance to be sure their schedule hasn't changed. Club contact info is in DACdb

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: 5:30 p.m. Monday at Props Ale House in Niceville

South Walton: 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Somerby, Santa Rosa Beach

Robert Anderson, SM

CPA

BBVA/Compass

**Katie Sharon PHF*/Lane Redding/
Robin Donlon**

Corporate Member

Neal Bern SM

Insurance

**Debbie Bodensine PHF/SM Roty
RLI 1**

Economic Development

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM

Cable Television

Mack Busbee, PHF SM **

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

Gerry Chalker, (12) PHF MD SM *

Pension Administration

Tim Chiasson

Attorney

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY * RLI 1

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, (1) PHF SM RLI 3

Utilities

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM

CPA

Hancock/Whitney Bank

Stacey McGilvray, Clint Aden

Corporate Member

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 RLI 1

Education

Chuck Landers, PHF SM

Certified Public Accountant

Ross LeBlanc, SM

Certified Public Accountant

Tony Leonard, PHF SM **

Retail/Musical Instruments

Brandon Lewis

Insurance

Al Ligori

Literary Critic

John Linn, PHF SM

Kitchens-Retail

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM*

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan,

Electrical Engineer

Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM

Communications

Rick Owen (3) PHF PHS RotY

RLI 2 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

Collision Repair

Jan Pooley, (13) PHF SM BS RotY*

RLI 3 RLIDL Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*

Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*

Utility Service-Gas

Athena Riley

Attorney

John Roper, (1) PHF RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY* RLI 3

RLIDL

Surge Suppression Systems

Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY*

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

Kent Tinsley

Commercial Lending

Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY*

Veterinarian

Alex Trum, PHF

Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM

Certified Public Accountant

Aaron Webber, PHF SM * RLI2

Condo Management

Charles West, PHF BS SM*

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

CPA

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

RLI1/2/3—Level Completed

RLI DL—RLI Discussion Leader

Members in purple have perfect attendance.