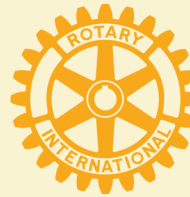




The Rotary Reader



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

**February is
Peace and Conflict Preven-
tion and Resolution 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:** 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
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Speakers: Pete Burrell and Carol Cartier Rotary Friendship Exchange to South Africa



Carol was born in Mexico and travelled internationally with her Canadian parents throughout her childhood. Educated in the Philippines, Morocco, and Switzerland, she finally moved to Canada as a young adult to attend Queen's University in Kingston. On graduation, she remained in Kingston teaching French in many elementary schools before becoming an administrator. Retiring after 35 years, Carol continues to teach on-line and travels extensively. In 2014, at the invitation of a friend, she and Pete travelled to Cambodia to participate in the Rotary Wheels for Learning program which donated bicycles to needy children in that country. This rewarding experience led her to join the Kingston Rotary Club where she volunteers for their many projects. She has been selected as the upcoming director of International Service and serves on various other committees.

Pete was born in Ontario and educated in Montreal. A graduate of the Royal Military College in Kingston, he was trained as an Air Navigator and spent 35 years in the Canadian Forces in an assortment of operational and staff positions, including a number of foreign exchange postings and 5 years with NORAD and US Space Command at Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado Springs. His decorations include the USAF Commendation Medal. On retirement, Pete moved back to Kingston and joined the local Rotary Club where he is the chairman of the World Community Services Committee and the Nut Drive, one of the club's major fund raisers.

Pete and Carol continue to travel extensively and have recently returned from a Rotary Friendship Exchange to South Africa.

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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

District 6940 Conference

District 6940's Annual District Conference will be held at the Baytowne Conference Center at the Village of Baytowne Wharf April 6-8, 2018. This year will kick off with breakout sessions on Friday afternoon followed by a BBQ and games & music on the lawn. Saturday morning will feature Rotary updates and inspirational speakers followed by a luncheon with awards. Saturday evening features the Governor's Banquet. Sunday starts with a memorial service to honor our members who have passed away during the last year. The service will be followed by Breakfast and more speakers. The Hospitality Suite will be open Friday and Saturday nights. Plan now to attend. It's a great time to learn more and meet Rotarians from around the district. Club will reimburse \$175 for registration.

Our club is a Gold Sponsor for the conference and will have a display table in the House of Friendship.

This year's event is family friendly so bring your spouse and children. Hotel room options include: studio for \$159/night or 2 BR for \$279/night. See www.rotary6940.org for instructions for booking rooms and conference details. Registration is now \$210.

Club Social—2/28



Make plans to attend the Club Social next Wednesday, February 28. This will replace our regular lunch meeting. It will be held at Props in the Publix Shopping Center near the Brooks Bridge....stay tuned for start time. We will have a sampling of appetizers, two drink tickets and a couple of door prize drawings. Full meals are available from the menu...cost is on your own. Plan to come and bring a guest/potential member.

Tree Planting—3/10

In support of RI President Ian Riseley's request, our club will be planting 1 tree for every member on March 10. JT has been working with the city to finalize the location and time, so stay tuned. We received Crape Myrtle saplings from the Yellow River Soil and Water Conservation District and will supplement with some larger crape myrtles. Please plan to come out and support our part this world wide effort.

Million Dollar Dinner

Our District has a goal of raising One Million Dollars (over and above our regular giving) for The Rotary Foundation. Donations to this effort begin at the Major Donor Level of \$10,000. These gifts can be pledged as part of your estate planning...you won't miss it and it will do great good in the world. Won't you consider joining this effort? Those who pledge will be invited to the Million Dollar Dinner Celebration which will be held in Destin at The Henderson on May 5. For more information, please see Jan Pooley or contact PDG Dave Rauch or incoming AG Bill Lindsley.

Welcome New Members!



Last week we welcomed 1 transferring member and 2 new members. Be sure to introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel welcome!

Pictured at left is Mack McElhose. Mack transferred to us from the Rotary Club of Port Arthur, TX where he was a member for two years. Mack works for Maruti Transit Group. His classification is Mass Transit.

Jessica Simpson works in outside sales for Curtis Stout Gulf Coast, a lighting company. Her classification is Lighting Sales. Jessica is sponsored by her husband Matt Simpson. Eric Polson is the owner of Emerald Coast Collision Repair. His classification is Collision Repair. Eric is sponsored by Lyndon Poff.



Upcoming Programs and Activities

2/28	Club Social	Props (by Brooks Bridge)
3/07	Regular Meeting	Patrick Berry— Gulfarium C.A.R.E. Program
3/14	Regular Meeting	PDG Dave Rauch—The Rotary Foundation/MDD
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
3/10	Tree Planting	Date is tentative; Location to be announced
3/21	Regular Meeting	Dan Sulger, District 6940 Membership Chair
3/28	Regular Meeting	Dr Tara Griffin, DMD; Dental Sleep Medicine
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center

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

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries	2/12 Rick Stevens (26)
2/10 Richard Kunkel	2/04 Tony & Gretchen Gilligan 35	2/15 Matt Zasada (1)
2/19 Matt Zasada	2/04 Ross & Jenny Hamilton 52	2/15 Tony Gilligan (23)
2/21 Tony Leonard	2/14 John & Alicia Roper	2/17 Dave Miller (25)
2/22 Joe Brewster		2/22 Dusty Ricketts (6)
	February Club Anniversaries	2/22 Jeff Hooton (12)
	2/01 George Dorris (40)	2/29 Dave MacDonald (6)

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 Northern Nigeria ending Polio and Yellow Fever go hand-in-

hand. The strong polio eradication infrastructure in Borno is supporting Nigeria to vaccinate over eight million people against yellow fever. By early January 2018, a total of 358 suspected cases had been reported (with 45 deaths). In Borno the ongoing conflict means that the health infrastructure on the ground is limited to local government and polio eradication infrastructure.

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
 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

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

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

Mack McIlhose
 Mass Transit

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

Mary Plummer, PHF
 Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
 Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, (1) SM
 Paint & Body Shop

Eric Polson
 Collision Repair

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

Jessica Simpson
 Lighting Sales

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

Jean Woo, PHF
 Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF
 Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **
 Psychologist

Matt Zasada
 CPA

Recent Meeting Attendance

Jan 3 57.9%

Jan 10 59.3%

Jan 24 70.7%

Jan 31 73.7%

Jan to date 65.4%

Feb 7 57.1%