



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

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**May is Youth Services Month**

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**Board of Directors**

- President:** Ron Grissom
- President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc
- Secretary:** Dusty Ricketts
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- At Large:** John Roper and Eric Polson
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**Committee Chairs**

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- Scholarship Drawdown:**  
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Lorrageia Jackson  
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# The Rotary Reader

## **Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach 2017-2018 Rotary Citation Earner**

### **Today's Speaker: Joyce Dove Rotary Youth Camp of North Florida**



Joyce Dove is the executive direct for the Rotary Youth Camp of North Florida which has taken place for 25 years. She is a 20+ year Rotarian, a Paul Harris Fellow +4 and a 2 time past president of her club, Rotary Club of Tallahassee Northside.

Rotary Youth Camp of North Florida is for children 7-18 with disabilities or a diagnosis which requires medication. The camp is a one week, overnight experience, by age, which is open for 4 weeks. The camp serves over 150 campers each summer. The activities include scuba, swimming, shooting, archery, arts & crafts, horseback riding, dance, drumming and lots of music. Camper to counselor ratio is one to one and a nurse is on the property 24 hours a day. There is no charge to the families for the camp. Families get a break from caring for a medically fragile as well. Over \$150,000 must be raise annually to support the camp.

The camp, previously held near Tallahassee, is moving to Tri-County Christian Camp in DeFuniak Springs this summer.

### **Today's Rotary Prayer**

Lord, as Rotarians help us to always be patient and kind.  
 Help us not to be boastful, envious or proud.  
 Protect us from being rude, self-seeking or easily angered.  
 Teach us not to keep records of wrongs or to delight in evil.  
 But show us the benefits of dealing in the truth.  
 Inspire us to spread peace, hope and perseverance  
 In helping mankind in our community and throughout the world.  
 Amen

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## RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

December 16-March 31  
\$495 per person

April 1—June 5  
\$595 per person

Discover the unique blend of historical and contemporary culture that makes Hamburg such a distinctive place. A flourishing city with friendly people and an array of entertainment options, this beautiful port city is the perfect setting for a memorable experience.

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)

## 5th Annual Scholarship Drawdown—9 Days Away



We are only 2 days away from the 5th Annual Billy Bowlegs Scholarship Drawdown and we as a club need to do all we can to finish in a big way. **We Need Your Help!**

Through 5/20 \$30,500 in ticket sales and sponsorships has been turned in. That amount covers our costs plus a few thousand dollars for scholarships. We still far short of the sales needed to fund scholarships at the customary level. **Bring ticket stubs/payments and any unsold tickets to the 5/22 meeting.**

### Assistance Needed:

Libations: We are still in need of donated beer, wine, coolers, wine cups, ice, etc. Please see Matt Simpson, Ross LeBlanc or Joe Garvie if you can assist.  
Loser Prizes: We still need more “Loser Prizes”. Please let Mary and/or Sallie know how you can help. They will be happy to pick up the prizes on your behalf.

The event is Friday May 24 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, starting at 6pm. Set Up is Thursday. See Matt or Dusty for more information.

We have 2 Co-Presenting Sponsors: Emerald Coast Collision Repair (thank you Eric Polson) and Triple R Construction (thank you Tony Leonard).

## Update on Lauren Roper

Update from John Roper 5/20:

She is progressing slowly but she is getting better. She is in rehab for 2 hours a day basically learning how to use her arms and hands again and building up her strength. Lauren has no signs of paralysis or brain damage.

Her mental state is off the charts. She remembers things we don't remember. She is spelling words with her feet due to not talking yet.

Her tongue is still swollen but is coming down. Once it is back to normal she can eat and talk again. That will be a great day we think. She may have a lot to say.

As of now, it is looking like she will remain at Children's for 3-4 more weeks.

Alicia has not left and I have been driving 2-3 times a week to Birmingham to give her breaks and stay in the room with Lauren.

## Mid-Bay Club to Host Golf Tournament

Mid-Bay hosts its 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament Friday June 7; sign-in and lunch at noon, shotgun tee off at 1pm. Format is Four Person Florida Scramble. Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place (A and B Flights), Closest to the Pin, Hole-in-One, Putting Contest. 4 person team is \$300. Sponsorships are also available. For more information contact Art Jean at 850-897-3658

Let's support our Fellow Rotarians!

## District 6940 Commits to HANWASH

HANWASH (Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation and Health Strategy) is a collaborative national initiative to provide thoughtfully managed and sustainable clean water and sanitation to all citizens of Haiti, along with the associated health, community and economic benefits. The initiative is led by Rotary District 7020 and DINEPA (The Haitian Government’s National Water and Sanitation Agency), along with other non-governmental organization (NGO) partners, such as Haiti Outreach and Pure Water for the World. HANWASH will focus on systematically increasing access to sustainable managed water, initially in 4 of Haiti’s 145 communes, with the aim of expanding the program across the whole of Haiti once it is shown to be successful. Monday, District 6940 committed \$10,000 as a partner in the first pilot program which will be located in Cavaillon in the southwestern part of Haiti.

*“Our dream is to bring potable water and good sanitation to the entire country of Haiti. Water is essential for good living conditions and the people of Haiti deserve to have it. Rotary is proud to be an integral part of this venture to partner with the government and other agencies that have the expertise to create a transformational program for the country.”* – Barry Rassin, Rotary International President 2018-19

## Save the Date—June 26

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Installation Banquet. It will be held Wednesday evening June 26. Plan to come to celebrate President Ron’s year and look forward to the upcoming year with Ross LeBlanc at the helm.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

5/29	Regular Meeting	David Pienta—Rotary Youth Exchange
6/05	Regular Meeting	Scholarship Recipients
6/12	Regular Meeting	TBD
6/19	Lunch Time Social	Fort Walton Yacht Club
6/26	Installation Banquet	

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.

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	<b>Club Anniversaries</b>
5/18 Neal Bern	5/19 Jody & Cheryl Henderson	5/01 Fred Pryor (29)
5/24 Tom Hayes	(29)	5/01 Jack Yeiser (18)
	5/19 Joe & Catherine Garvie	5/04 Jody Henderson (31)
	(18)	5/09 Dan Nelson (18)
	5/19 Dusty & Jenny Ricketts (7)	
	5/28 Rick & Kimberly Owen (13)	

## 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.



New cases of wild poliovirus have continued to increase in 2019 compared to 2018. The count year-to-date this year is 22 compared to 11 year-to-date in 2018. Pakistan has recorded 15 cases YTD this year compared to 3 YTD last year and 12 for the full year 2018. Afghanistan has recorded 7 cases YTD this year compared to 8 YTD last year. And 21 for the full year 2018.

# 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:** 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

**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, (11) 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, PHF SM RLI 3**

Utilities

**Dewey Hafta**

Staff Activities Coordinator

**Chad Hamilton, PHF SM**

CPA

**Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1**

Education— College

**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

**John Linn, PHF SM**

Kitchens-Retail

**Joe Meyer, RotY PHF**

Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (16) PHF SM**

Developmental Disabilities

**John Morgan, PHF SM\***

Computer Engineer

**Matthew Morgan,**

Electrical Engineer

**Dan Nelson, PHF SM**

Restaurant/Fast Food

**Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM**

Communications

**Rick Owen (2) PHF PHS 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 (1)**

Collision Repair

**Jan Pooley, (12) PHF SM BS RotY\***

RLI 3 RLIDL Department Store

**Charlie Potts, PHF SM\***

Jeweler

**Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\***

Utility Service-Gas

**Dusty Ricketts, SM RLI 2**

News Media

**Athena Riley**

Attorney

**John Roper, PHF RLI 2**

Developmental Disabilities

**Dick Rynearson**

Honorary Member

**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***

Moving & Storage

**Jessica Simpson**

Lighting Sales

**Matt Simpson**

Insurance and Bonding

**Scott Smith, PHF SM\***

Chiropractor

**Oxana Solovieva (2)**

Commercial Real Estate

**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, (2) PHF SM \* RLI2**

Condo Management

**Charles West, (3) 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.