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**January is
Vocational Service Month**

Board of Directors

- President:** Ron Grissom
- President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc
- Secretary:** Dusty Ricketts
- Treasurer:** Matt Simpson
- Past President:** Aaron Webber
- At Large:** John Roper and Eric Polson
- Senior Member:** Fred Pryor
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and John Roper

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
 - **Programs:**
 - **Socials:** Neal Bern
 - **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:**
- Membership:** Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Meyer
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Joe Garvie
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Scholarship Drawdown:**
Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson
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The Rotary Reader

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

Today's Speaker: Patrick Berry Gulfarium's C.A.R.E. Program

Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park has been connecting people to the Gulf and the world's ocean inhabitants for over 63 years. Their mission is educating, entertaining, and inspiring iguests to respect and preserve wildlife by providing unique and memorable experiences for visitors of all ages. In addition to their educational presentations and interactive animal programming they work to play a part in conserving the marine environment. One way of expanding that mission is with their non-profit Gulfarium C.A.R.E. Foundation. The Center acts as a beacon for coastal conservation through marine animal rescue and rehabilitation, encouraging awareness with public education and opportunities for active participation. The acronym C.A.R.E. stands for:

- Conserve** to ensure the future of marine animals and their habitats
- Act** by playing an active role in marine conservation
- Rehabilitate** by supporting marine animal rescue, recovery, and release
- Educate** by inspiring awareness for marine conservation issues

Patrick Berry is the General Manager of the Gulfarium and the Director for the C.A.R.E. Center. He has worked in the marine mammal field for over 30 years. Under his leadership, the facility has been through rebranding, creation of animal interactive programs, new habitats, expansion of the animal collection, complete refurbishment of life support systems, and Alliance and IMATA facility accreditations. In 2015 the Gulfarium began its non-profit Gulfarium CARE Foundation which is enabling the facility to expand on its rehabilitation work with marine mammals, in particular sea turtles.

Prior to arriving at the Gulfarium 7 years ago, Patrick was the Marine Mammal Zoological Manager for the Walt Disney Company in their Animal Programs division. He has worked with marine mammals at a variety of levels through his career including as a trainer, husbandry coordinator, supervisor of training, curator, director of animal management and director of animal programs in not only the United States, but also the Bahamas, and French Polynesia (Tahiti).

His broad experiences with marine mammals range from research with cetaceans including physiological studies which have been published, to husbandry, interactive training, open ocean training, film work in a variety of genre with dolphins, conservation projects, show presentation and lectures. His roles have also included interactions with government regulatory agencies such as the National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission as well as serving on the board of directors and committees of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums and the International Marine Animal Trainers' Association.

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District 6940 website: www.rotary6940.org**



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

Club Receives Rotary Citation and Polio Recognition



AG Bill Lindsley was on hand last week to present the Rotary Citation for 2017-2018 to Past President Aaron. Only 17 club in our district earned this distinction. 5 of the 17 were in Okaloosa County! AG Bill also presented the club with a certificate recognizing significant giving to the End Polio Now fund. Congratulations!

Scholarship Drawdown

Our 5th Annual Scholarship Drawdown is set for Friday, May 24 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson are co-chairs for the event. Sponsorship brochures and forms will be available in a few days. Tickets should be available by the end of the month. We need all club members to start soliciting sponsors so we can have the best event yet. All proceeds fund scholarships awarded by FWB Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.

Rotary Vision/Mission

“Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves” Rotary Vision Statement adopted by the Board and Trustees in June 2017
Our mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professionals, and community leaders.

Rotary 6940 District Conference



Mark your calendars now for the 2019 District 6940 Conference at the Baytowne Conference Center.

Join fellow Rotarians from around the district as we serve together (Socks of Love and potential hurricane relief project), learn together (great speakers and breakout sessions), celebrate together (district awards and recognition) and remember together (memorial service).

Medina's Treasure theme will carry throughout the conference. Family friendly **Registration is now open on DACdb!** Plan to attend...you won't regret it. The club will reimburse your registration fee and the cost of 1 night for a studio if you stay at the resort. Jean Woo, Rick Owen, Fred Pryor and Jan Pooley have already registered. Won't you join them?

2019 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sunshine Division is to provide an up-to-date, practical, and user-friendly educational opportunity in convenient locations for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club officers. Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

February 2—Panama City **Today is the last day to register!**

February 23—Lake City

March 23—Tallahassee

Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.

2019-2020 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year:

President—Ross LeBlanc

President Elect—Dusty Ricketts

Secretary—Matt Simpson

Treasurer—John Roper

Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 1/30 Regular Meeting Vaquita, Mexico's Rarest Porpoises—Forrest
- 2/02 Rotary Leadership Institute in Panama City
- 2/06 Regular Meeting Wuerfel Trophy—Tom Brassell
- 2/13 Regular Meeting BOTE Paddle Boards—Corey Booker
- 2/20 Regular Meeting Nat'l Flight Academy—Mark Curley
- 2/23 Rotary Leadership Institute in Lake City
- 2/27 Regular Meeting Pete and Carol's Rotary Trip to Nepal
- 3/30 Feed the Need Club Is Looking for 30 Volunteers

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 meet-

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	1/19 Debbie Bodensine
1/08 Sallie Hardy	1/20 John & Connie Morgan	(14)
1/25 Ben Gordon	(40)	1/24 Jean Woo (23)
1/23 Andy Corbin	Club Anniversaries	1/25 Michele Nicholson
	1/01 Alex Trum (50)	(13)
	1/13 Eulice Shelley (65)	1/28 Ben Gordon (4)
	1/18 John Roper (2 + 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.



Low levels of immunity and surveillance leave countries at risk of polio returning. To ensure that every country stays free from polio, it is essential to reach every child with polio vaccines and to strengthen disease surveillance. The following countries are currently considered at-risk countries: Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

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
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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. 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 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

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM

CPA

Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1

Education— College

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

John Linn, PHF SM

Kitchens-Retail

David Macdonald PHF SM **

Shopping Center Manager

Stacey McGilvray

Commercial Lending

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*

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Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*

Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*

Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM RLI 2

News Media

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.

Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY*

Veterinarian

Alex Trum, PHF

Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM

Certified Public Accountant

Russell Upsumgrub

Director of Catering

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

Recent Attendance

1/02 50.9%

1/09 69.0%

1/16

Jan To Date 60.2%

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.