



The Rotary Reader

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October is Economic & Community Development Month

Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
- President Elect:** Matt Simpson
- Secretary:** John Roper
- Treasurer:** Rick Owen
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- At Large:** JT Edwards & Athena Riley
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
- **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
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- Rotary Foundation:** Gerry Chalker
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Joe Garvie
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Fundraisers:** Aaron Webber
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson

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

Today's Speaker: Mack Busbee Okaloosa County Property Appraiser



Mack Busbee was born and raised in Okaloosa County, graduated from Niceville High School and attended Okaloosa Walton Junior College and University of West Florida. He began working at the Property Appraiser's office in November of 2000 and ran for office in 2016. Mack is a Certified General Appraiser through the State of Florida and is a Certified Florida Appraiser (CFA) through the Florida Department of Revenue. He is a member of

PAAF, Property Appraisers' Association of Florida.

Mack joined the Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach in 2013. Previously he was a member of the Rotary Club of Niceville-Valparaiso and is a Past President of that club. Mack became a Paul Harris Fellow in 2018.

Rick Owen—We're Sorry to See You Go



As most of you know, Rick Owen recently accepted the Position of President of United Way of Florida and relocated to Tallahassee. Rick joined our club in 2016 and has actively served as Project Chair and Sergeant-at-Arms. He was currently serving as Club Treasurer and would have served as club President for 2022-2023. He attended Rotary Leadership Institute, District Assembly, Foundation Seminar and participated on the 2019 District Conference Committee. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, a Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Society Member. He was honored as Rotarian of the Year for our club.

Rick maintained his membership in our club until he found the right club in Tallahassee. This week he tendered his resignation and will be joining the Rotary Club of Tallahassee Sunrise. We wish you well, Rick, and look forward to seeing you at upcoming district events. You will be missed!

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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

Tune In to World Polio Day Update 10/24

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Mark your calendar to join us on 24 October for Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update. It will be streamed on RI's Facebook pages in multiple languages and time zones around the world.

World Polio Day is an annual opportunity for Rotary members to rally the world around the fight to eradicate the disease forever. This year's program will highlight the heroes of polio eradication, with stories from areas that have recently been affected and areas where polio is still endemic.

The program features TV presenter and former Paralympian Ade Adepitan, super-model Isabeli Fontana, science educator Bill Nye, and actress Archie Panjabi. Our partners at the World Health Organization and UNICEF will provide updates on the latest progress toward a polio-free world.

In 1988, when Rotary and its partners founded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the paralyzing disease affected 350,000 children. Our collaboration with the [World Health Organization](#), [UNICEF](#), the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), and later the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), local health workers, and national governments has helped reduce that number by 99.9 percent.

RSVP to your region's global update on the [Rotary International Facebook page](#).

2019 World Polio Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hrs to protecting more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, there are over **1.2 million** Rotary members in more than **35,000** clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad;

Therefore we do hereby proclaim 24 October World Polio Day throughout the world and encourages all citizens to join us in the fight for a polio-free world.

Rotary's Membership Experience

Prospective Members

Why They Join:

- Participate in local service projects 40%
- Participate in international service projects 31%
- Gain personal development and training opportunities 27%

What You Can Do:

- Contact them when they express interest
- Give them a positive orientation experience
- Engage them in local and international service projects

Current Members

Why They Stay:

- Participate in local service projects 46%
- Enjoy friendship and fellowship 41%
- Connect with people outside their work and social circles 29%

What You Can Do:

- Display leadership in action
- Be a vibrant club
- Engage people at all stages of membership

Former Members

Why They Leave:

- Cost or time constraints 34%
- Club environment and culture 32%
- Unmet expectations 17%

What You Can Do:

- Assess your club
- Work on building a diverse club
- Practice flexibility and innovation

Upcoming Programs and Activities

10/24	World Polio Day	
10/29	Club Board Mtg	Noon—Warren Averett
10/31	Regular Meeting	FWBHS and Choctaw Coaches—"The Game"
1/11	Rotary Leadership Institute	Pensacola (Register on DACdb)
2/08	Rotary Leadership Institute	Panama City (Register on DACdb)

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.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/02 Eulice Shelley
 10/05 Mitzi Henley
 10/22 Tony Gilligan
 10/27 Russ Youngblood
 10/30 Ron Grissom

Wedding Anniversaries

10/04 John & Sherrie Linn (39)
 10/04 Tom & Denise Hayes (36)
 10/10 Ross & Brianne LeBlance (10)
 10/20 Neal & Maxine Bern (8)

Club Anniversaries

10/01 Herb Tinsley (48)
 10/12 Jan Pooley (25 + 4)
 10/17 Charles West (18)

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.



With no wild poliovirus type 3 detected anywhere in the world since 2012, the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) is anticipated to officially declare this strain as officially eradicated. This would be a significant milestone in the global effort to rid the world of all poliovirus strains and ensure that no child will ever again be paralyzed by any poliovirus anywhere. We still fight poliovirus type 1.

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: Joe Meyer

joe@on-site-help.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 Broussard's—Navarre Beach

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 SM

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

Ken Erdberg

Travel Services

Joe Garvie SM

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 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

John Lysaght

Life Cycle Logistics

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM

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

Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, PHF SM

Paint & Body Shop

Eric Polson SM

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 SM RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson SM

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

Ivanna Veekoff

Vacation Specialist

Aaron Webber, PHF SM * RLI2

Condo Management

Charles West, PHF SM BS *

Investment Broker

Jean Woo, PHF SM

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada SM

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.