



# The Rotary Reader



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

January is  
Vocational Service Month

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### 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:** Lisa Williams, 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 Speaker: Maj Jason Williams, USAF Role of Military Working Dogs



Major Jason O Williams is the Commander, 96th Security Forces Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. As commander, he is responsible for a 540 member squadron that conducts peacetime, contingency and wartime security force operations in support of the 96th Test Wing. His unit provides integrated defense and law enforcement support to 9 Wing and 34 associated units from 6 MAJCOMs and sister services, serving 20 thousand military and civilian personnel. Additionally, his unit is responsible for protecting 724 square miles of classified weapon testing and training areas at Eglin's main installation, 10 auxiliary fields, 79 dispersed sites, \$2.7 billion in facilities and 7 protection level three resource locations.

Major Williams is from Asheboro, NC and raised in various other locations throughout North Carolina. He is married to the former Margaret Puckett from Sanford, NC. After graduating from The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina, he was assigned as the OIC of Training and Resources at Laughlin AFB, TX. Next, he was stationed at Aviano AB, Italy as a flight commander providing security for Protection Level one resources. Major Williams next served as the Operations Officer for both 81st Security Forces Squadron at Keelers AFB, MS and the 39th Security Forces Squadron at Incirlik AB, Turkey. Next, he filled the position of a staff officer at HQ AFMC/A7S, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Prior to his current assignment, Major Williams was the commander of the 366th Security Forces Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Army Commendation Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 bronze stars
- Iraq Campaign Medal with 2 bronze stars
- Nuclear Deterrence Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- NATO Medal with one oak leaf cluster

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	12 Sept 2003
First Lieutenant	12 Sept 2005
Captain	12 Sept 2007
Major	1 December 2013

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## RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

June 15-December 15  
\$335 per person

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](http://www.riconvention.org)

## Proposal for Corporate Membership

What is Corporate Membership and why is it important to our club?

Two years ago RI created an opportunity for clubs to expand membership types to provide unique avenues for membership growth. One such avenue was the establishment of Corporate Membership. While not an RI requirement, if established in the club By-Laws, clubs can take advantage of this alternate membership type. A common reason for not being able to get a prospective member past the threshold of joining our club is attendance. Many times prospective members feel that work schedules won't allow for regular attendance at weekly meetings. Corporate members, while having a primary designee, can list alternate designees from their organization to attend in their absence. The club benefits by having quality organizations join and be represented regularly at weekly meetings as well as exposing alternate designees to Rotary that may not have had that opportunity otherwise.

What does Corporate Membership look like?

- A Corporate Member shall be a reputable and established business, corporation, institution or government entity located in or near the city limits of Fort Walton Beach
- Up to four designees may be appointed to represent the organization. The primary designee must be a member of the organizations executive team.
- Corporate Members are considered a single membership and will pay full dues and fees as all members do (not one membership per designee).
- The election of a Corporate Member and each of its designees shall follow the normal procedure for electing Active Members as outlined in the club By-Laws

Our membership committee evaluated this membership option and feels our club can benefit greatly from it. Your board met last week and voted unanimously to recommend the establishment of Corporate Memberships in our club. On January 31, at our regular meeting, the motion will be brought to the club for a formal vote to amend the By-Laws with language that establishes this additional membership type. You received a copy of the proposed changes via email last week. If you need another copy or have questions, please see President Aaron or any board member.

## District 6940 Conference

The 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 speaker and awards. Saturday evening features the Governor's Banquet. Sunday morning begins with a memorial service to honor our members who have passed away. The service will be followed by more great speakers. 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.

This year's event is family friendly so bring your spouse and children. Hotel room options include: studio for \$159/night; 2 BR for \$279/night; 3BR for \$359/night. See [www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org) for instructions for booking rooms and details about the conference. Registration now through 1/31 is only \$175.

## Scholarship Drawdown

Co-Chairs—Ross LeBlanc & Dusty Ricketts

Date/Location—Friday, May 25 at the Fairgrounds

Start making your lists of contacts for possible sponsors and ticket purchasers.

Brochures and tickets should be available this month!



## Transferring Member Proposal—2nd Publishing

Mack McElhose is transferring to our club from the Port Arthur, TX club where he was a member in good standing for 2 years. His classification is Mass Transit. Mack works for Maruti Tranist Group, managing all of their Contracts and Operations. He has over 32 experience in the Public Transportation Industry

## New Member Proposals—1st Publishing

Stacy McGilvray—Commercial Lending with Hancock Bank; Proposed by Tony Leonard

Jessica Simpson—Outside Sales with Curtis Stout Gulf Coast (lighting); Proposed by Matt Simpson

Eric Polson—Owner Emerald Coast Collision Repair Center; Proposed by Diane and Lyndon Poff

## Proposed Slate of Officers for 2018-2019

President—Ron Grissom

President Elect—Ross LeBlanc

Secretary—Dusty Ricketts

Treasurer—Matt Simpson

The election will take place Wednesday, January 31 at the regular club meeting.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities January is Vocational Service Month

1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
1/31	Regular Meeting	Jody Henderson, Tax Overhaul
2/07	Regular Meeting	Dennis Mitchell (Anthrax Terrorist Attacks)
2/14	Regular Meeting	Peter Loffler, Polio Immunization Trip to India
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
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

### January Birthdays

1/08 Sallie Hardy  
1/23 Andy Corbin  
1/25 Ben Gordon

### January Anniversaries

1/17 Jack & Florence Arthur (59)  
1/20 John & Connie Morgan (43)

### January

### Club Anniversaries

1/01 Alex Trum (49)  
1/13 Eulice Shelley (64)

1/18 John Roper (1)  
1/19 Debbie Bodensine (13)

1/24 Jean Woo (22)  
1/25 Michele Nicholson (12)  
1/28 Ben Gordon (3)

## 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.



Women are critical in the drive to eradicate polio in Afghanistan. In one

of the final strongholds of the polio virus, vaccination coverage is improving as female vaccinators have more access to children. "Before we had female polio workers, we were missing children who were newborn and sleeping. When the males were working in town, there was often no one who could take the children out of the house to be vaccinated. Females can enter the houses, but men cannot."

# 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:

Lisa Williams at

[lmwillia@southernco.com](mailto:lmwillia@southernco.com)

or

Andy Corbin

[ajc@tslinc.com](mailto: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 Bodenshine, 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

**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

**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

**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

Nov 1 57.9%

Nov 8 58.6%

Nov 15 61.8%

Nov 29 64.3%

Nov to date 60.6%

Dec 6 58.9%

Dec 13 56.1%

Dec to date 57.5%

Jan 3 54.4%