



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

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**July is Beginning of the  
Rotary Year**

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Lorrageia Jackson  
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# The Rotary Reader

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

### **Wes Fell Emerald Coast Home and Boat Show**



Wes is a 28 year resident of Destin/Fort Walton Beach, Florida, having moved here from Louisville, KY in August 1990, where he was in the jewelry and thoroughbred horse racing business.

And I am currently promoting the Emerald Coast Home and Boat Show, which is in it's 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and is now the largest and best organized business event in NW Florida.

Over the past twenty years Wes has promoted many business expos, home shows, health fairs, job fairs, boat shows and music festivals in this area, as well as publishing three magazines and maps for the Destin Chamber of Commerce and the Okaloosa County TDC. Wes is also an advertising, sales and marketing professional having worked with over 1500 business owners from Panama City to Pensacola.

The music festivals were known as The Paradise Music Festivals with Al Jardine of the fabulous Beach Boys, Little River Band, Jeff Cook from Alabama, Vince Vance and the Valiants, Tracy Lawrence, Julie Roberts and many other groups. Wes has also promoted other musical events including The Emerald Coast Sing Off.

The home shows and health fair events were called the Northwest Florida Business Expo and the Emerald Coast Home and Boat Show since the year 2000. These events have been held at the Santa Rosa Mall in Fort Walton Beach, FL, Destin Middle School in Destin, FL, Saint Mary's Parish Life Center and the beautiful Emerald Coast Convention Center in Fort Walton Beach, FL over the past ten years.

The magazines were two real estate magazines for Remax and Coldwell Banker, and a Health Care magazine called the Emerald Pages. The current event - The Emerald Coast Home and Boat Show will be held at the Emerald Coast Convention Center and will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> event Wes has promoted in this area since 2000.

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## RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

June 28-December 15  
\$395 per person

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)

## Homeless Veteran Stand Down

The annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down will take place Friday, October 26 at Striving for Perfection Church on Bass Ave. Travel-sized items are needed: Band aids\*, knit hats, deodorant\*, hand sanitizer, note pads, rain ponchos\*, reading glasses, shaving razors, socks\*, mouthwash\*, sewing kits\*, tooth brushes, sunglasses\*, \$5 food cards from Dollar Tree, gloves, snack crackers, tissues, washcloths\*, colored tee shirt (XL, 2XL, 3XL)\*, lip balm\*, Qtips, decks of cards, dental floss, insect repellent\*, sunscreen, pens, shaving cream\*, wet wipes\*, nail clippers, puzzle books\*, tooth paste. An asterisk indicates the item is low in stock. Items can be dropped off at the Mental Health Association at 571 Mooney Rd of at Jean Woo's office at 136 Staff Dr. Cash donations are welcomed and are tax deductible.

## Little Free Libraries



Our Little Free Libraries are once again in need of books. Please bring fiction or non-fiction for adults and children to any Wednesday meeting so they can be placed in the libraries. Our libraries are located at The Landing and in the Housing Authority neighborhood on Robinwood.

## RYLA 2019

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program for 10th graders and is held annually at Adventures Unlimited in Milton. Approximately 90 youth are sponsored each year by Rotary Clubs. The dates for 2019 are April 25-28. Be thinking of 10th graders you know who would benefit from this program. Applications will be available later this year. If you are interested in volunteering at RYLA, please see Jan Pooley. This is a great way to *Be the Inspiration* to a young person.

## 2018-2019 Literacy Grant

We have once again received a District Grant to sponsor the weekly Mini Page and the monthly Kid Scoop News in partnership with the Northwest Florida Daily News. Our club is the lead club and Andy Corbin is the chair for the grant. This partnership supports literacy and helps raise awareness of Rotary. Other clubs participating in the grant are Crestview, Mid-Bay and South Walton.

## Rotary Speech Contest

Many of you have heard Forrest Townsend's granddaughter's excellent speeches when she visits our club. Forrest is interested in starting a speech contest for our club/area, similar to the one Allison has participated in. If you are interested in being part of this effort, please see Forrest.

## 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.

Dates in District 6940 for 2019 have been announced:

- January 12—Pensacola
- February 2—Panama City
- February 23—Lake City
- March 23—Tallahassee

Make plans to attend. More details and registration and registration information will be available soon.

## Rotary Foundation Seminar

The annual Rotary Foundation Seminar for District 6940 will be held Saturday, August 28 from 10am—2pm at Northwest Florida State College (room 302 in the Student Services Building). Anyone interested in Foundation grants and how The Rotary Foundation works should plan to attend.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

8/01	Regular Meeting	Member Highlights
8/08	Regular Meeting	Diane Fraser—Emerald Coast Science Center
8/15	Regular Meeting	Brooke McLean, Air Force Enlisted Village
8/22	Regular Meeting	Institution for Human & Machine Cognition
8/29	TBD	

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

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries	Club Anniversaries
7/11 Matthew Morgan	7/10 Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor 53	7/01 John Linn (29)
7/15 Forrest Townsend	7/14 Matt & Jennifer Zasada 11	7/02 Matthew Morgan (9)
7/26 Diane Poff	7/23 Alex & Donna Trum 58	7/02 Aaron Webber (9)
7/27 Eric Polson		7/10 Mary Plummer (16)
7/30 Oxana Solovieva		7/10 Bob Fowner (22)
		7/12 JT Edwards (10)
		7/29 Robert Anderson (9)

## 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.



Afia (not her real name), who is 19 years old, is one of over 70,000 committed polio workers in Afghanistan, supported by WHO and UNICEF. Last month she and her colleagues vaccinated 9.9 million children and educated thousands of parents about vaccination across the country. Afia says that if she wasn't eradicating polio, her parents would make her give up her education and get married. Afia says, "We have a duty to protect our children, and I won't stop working until every child is protected."

# 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 Chair:

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

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 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

**Neal Bern SM**

Insurance

**Debbie Bodensine PHF/SM RotY**

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

**Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY \***

Electronics Mfg.

**George Dorris, PHF SM**

Dentistry

**JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY**

Landscaping Owner

**Dan Empson**

Honorary

**Bob Fowner, PHF SM**

Association Manager

**Joe Garvie**

Construction

**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, PHF 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

**Stacey McGilvray**

Commercial Lending

**Mack McElhose (1)**

Mass Transit

**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**

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\***

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 Ryneason**

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\***

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

**Aaron Webber, (2) PHF SM \***

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

June 06 75.0%

June 13 69.5%

June 20 72.4%

June 27 45.1%

June Total 66.2%

July 11 63.6%