



The Rotary Reader



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

**April is
Maternal and Child Health
Month**

Board of Directors

- President:** Katie Sharon
- President Elect:** Aaron Webber
- Secretary:** Ron Grissom
- Treasurer:** Ross LeBlanc
- Past President:** Charles West
- At Large:** Dusty Ricketts and Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Eulice Shelley
- Sergeant at Arms:** Mack Busbee, JT Edwards, Jeff Hooton, Jean Woo

Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Dusty Ricketts
- **Socials:** Neal Bern, Lyndon Poff
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Lisa Williams
- Membership:** Laura Kirby, Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Joe Brewster
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ron Grissom, Ross LeBlanc
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Speaker: John Hofstad Okaloosa County Administrator



Prior to his current position as the Okaloosa County Administrator, John Hofstad served as the Okaloosa County Public Works Director for over four years and as the interim County Administrator on two occasions. Directing the largest department within the county has prepared him for leading Okaloosa County. In addition to leading the Public Works Department, consisting of Road and Bridge, Parks, Solid Waste, Recycling, Mosquito Control, Artificial Reef and Engineering divisions, he also administered four additional departments: Agricultural Extension Office, Facilities Maintenance, Fleet Operations, and Information Systems.

Mr. Hofstad has been a resident of Okaloosa County most of his life and has nearly 33 years experience in local government service, which includes 10 years with the City of Mary Esther and 14 years with the City of Fort Walton Beach, prior to his employment with Okaloosa County. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management from The University of West Florida and a Graduate Certificate in Florida City and County Management from the Askew School of Public Policy and Administration at Florida State University.

Mr. Hofstad manages the day-to-day operations of all departments under the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners. Okaloosa County government consists of departments and constitutional officers within three categories:

- Public Safety: Corrections, Inspections, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Sheriff
- Essential Services: Airports, Constitutional offices, Extension Services, Facilities Maintenance, Growth Management, Information Systems, Judicial, Health Dept., Transit, Public Works, Water & Sewer
- Quality of Life: Museums, Libraries, Parks, Tourist Development Dept., Veterans Services

Mr. Hofstad currently serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, Community Solutions Board of Directors, a past Honorary Commander of Hurlburt Field's 1st SOW, a Participant of the 63rd National Security Forum at the USAF Air War College, and an active member of the Crestview Rotary Club.

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**Celebrate The
Rotary
Foundation's
Centennial
at the
RI Convention
Atlanta, GA
June 10-14, 2017**

Registration \$490

Just 6.5 weeks until the RI Convention in Atlanta.

There's still time to register and limited hotel rooms are still available.

While there we'll have the opportunity to serve as volunteers, attend plenary sessions and breakout sessions plus take in all the opportunities available in the House of Friendship. We'll hear great speakers, enjoy first class entertainment and have the opportunity to meet Rotarians from around the world.

Radio Rotary will be recording and broadcasting from Atlanta.
www.radiorotary.org

FWB Rotarians who have registered for the convention include: Katie Sharon, Jean Woo, Debbie Bodenshine, Joe Meyer, Lyndon & Diane Poff, Jan Pooley and Sallie Hardy

**Plan now to
Attend!**

For more information visit:
www.riconvention.org

Welcome, Matt Simpson!



My family and I have been living, working, and being an active member of the Gulf Coast community for over 30 years, and so the decision to join Rotary after an invitation was offered was an easy decision.

I am a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and an alumnus Auburn University with a BS in Communications/Public Relations.

After having worked in the non for profit world with Water-front Rescue Mission for several years, I'm now working locally with Gilmore Insurance and Bonding as an agent in Mary Esther. During my time in the industry, I have led in commercial account managing and producing and am positioned to serve the Destin and Gulf Coast market with property and casualty needs. I enjoy learning about the variety of local businesses I service and how to protect and mitigate their risk and assets.

My interests include being active in the church, community, Auburn football and enjoying the Florida weather with my wife Jessica (yes that makes her "Jessica Simpson"). We love raising and running wild with our children Milly 3, Sam 1. I look forward to serving our community as an active member, building friendships with fellow Rotarians, and playing a part in the difference Rotary International is making worldwide.

Be sure to welcome Matt to the Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

Destin Rotary's Crawfish Bash



The Destin Rotary Club is holding their annual Crawfish Bash (Cinco de Crawdaddy) Friday, May 5 beginning at 5:30. Location is 36474 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children. They'll have Zydeco music, cold beverages and of course crawfish and trimmings. The event is kid

friendly. Contact any Destin Rotarian for your tickets. President is Jason Belcher (jasonb@fnbt.com)

Mid-Bay Rotary's Golf Tournament

The Mid-Bay Rotary club is holding it's 19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Friday, June 2 at the Bluewater Bay Golf Course (Bay and Marsh Courses). Format is a Four Person Florida Scramble. Sign-in and lunch starts at noon with a shotgun start at 1pm. Individual players (non BWB Golf Course members) - \$75/4 person team—\$300. Hole sponsorships are available. Teams will be flighted based on players'

Handicap Index.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place in the A and B flights plus Closest to the Pin, Longest

Drive, Hole-in-One and Putting Challenge.

POC is Art Jean—850-897-3658 or Arthur.jean@cox.net

Scholarship Drawdown—\$27,450 to Date!

We're three weeks out from our 3rd Annual Drawdown and much remains to be done.

First and foremost—sell your tickets. Each member is expected to sell 5 tickets (you will be charged for a minimum of 2 if you don't sell any). **If you know you are not going to sell your tickets, turn them in to your team captain now** so they may be distributed to club members who will sell them.

\$25,000 is our approximate breakeven point. We want to clear \$30,000 or more. May 12 is the deadline for turning in all sold and unsold tickets. This is needed so that the committee has time to input the information in the system so we can begin the event on time. **Do not plan to turn in your sold or unsold tickets or money the night of the event.**

Members who have sold sponsorships are responsible for communicating with Lisa Williams or Richard Kunkel on how many people plan to attend using the sponsor's tickets. They need this information to plan the sponsor table seating. Please work now to finalize your sponsorships so that we can properly recognize them the night of the event.

Don't forget to secure commitments for "Loser Prizes". Those should be turned in to Mary Plummer or Sallie Hardy (Trouble 1 and Trouble 2). They will be happy to pick up the prizes from the donors but everyone needs to help get the commitments.

We will meet at the Fairgrounds at 5:30 Thursday night, May 18, to set up for the event. This will be in lieu of a regular meeting Wednesday, May 17. Food will be provided. Anyone available, please come at 11am Thursday to set the lighting.

Volunteers should arrive around 4pm Friday in advance of the event. Wear your Red Event shirts.

Ted Corcoran will serve as emcee for the evening. Johnny Lee is the guitar player/singer.

Lyndon's team remains in the lead with \$9,400 or 34% of our sales. **See page 4 for team results! Keep selling those tickets so we can award more scholarships.**

Upcoming Programs and Activities

5/03	Regular Meeting	Healthy Coast Meals
5/10	Regular Meeting	TBD
5/17	No Regular Meeting	Drawdown Set-up is the weekly meeting
5/18	Drawdown Set-Up	NW Florida Fairgrounds (11am to set lighting; 5:30 set-up)
5/19	Drawdown	NW Florida Fairgrounds—volunteers arrive at 4pm
6/07	Regular Meeting	Paul Hsu, STEM Education
6/10-6/14	RI Convention	Atlanta, GA

Did You Know? You can attend a club board meeting, committee meeting or project as a make-up.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Ross LeBlanc	4/08
Gerry Chalker	4/11
Katie Sharon	4/18
JT Edwards	4/19

April Anniversaries

4/6 Russ & Jackie Youngblood
(27)
4/17 Dan & Bobbi Nelson (48)
4/22 Kent & Mary Tinsley (11)
4/23 Ben & Amanda Gordon

April Anniv

Ron Grisson	4/04	5 yrs
Charlie Potts	4/12	22 yrs
Forrest Townsend	4/16	30yrs
Lydon Poff	4/22	8 yrs
Ross LeBlanc	4/25	5 yrs

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.



World Immunization Week takes place this year

April 24-30. Thanks to global vaccination efforts, more than 2.5 billion children have been protected against polio since 1985, but there's still more work to be done. Check endpolio.org for more information on our efforts.

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:
Laura Kirby
LKirby@Landrumcompanies.com or
Andy Corbin
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 CW
CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM KS
Insurance

James Bass, SM
Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM CW
Insurance

Debbie Bodenshine, PHF SM Roty
Economic Development DB

Ann Boynton SM KS
Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM CW
Cable Television

Mack Busbee, SM ** DB
County Government

Tom Butcher
Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM LP
Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (9) PHF SM * CW
Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY * KS
Electronics Mfg.

George Dorris, PHF SM CW
Dentistry

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY RP
Landscaping Owner

Dan Empson
Honorary

Cliff Ennis DB
Business IT Management

Ralph Fallin, (35) PHF SM RotY* DB
Dairy Products

Bob Fowner, PHF SM DB
Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM RP
Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM LP
Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM KS
Utilities

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM LP
CPA

Ross Hamilton, SM DB
Education- College

Sallie Hardy, PHF DB
Commercial Properties

Tom Hayes, PHF SM RP
Financial Services

Jody Henderson, PHF SM * RP
Accounting/Auditing

Mitzi Henley, SM DB
Retail Shopping Center

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM DB
Commercial Lending

Laura Kirby (3) SM CW
Business Development

Richard Kunkel, PHF SM CW
Education

Chuck Landers, PHF SM LP
Certified Public Accountant

Ross LeBlanc, SM KS
Certified Public Accountant

Tony Leonard, PHF SM ** LP
Retail/Musical Instruments

John Linn, PHF SM DB
Kitchens-Retail

David Macdonald PHF SM ** KS
Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM KS
Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF CW
Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (13) PHF SM LP
Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM* CW
Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan, RP
Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM RP
Restaurant/Fast Food

Michelle Nicholson, SM RP
Communications

Rick Owen LP
Non-Profit Management

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*
Pastor RP

Mary Plummer, PHF LP
Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY LP
Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, SM LP
Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (10) PHF SM RotY*
Department Store KS

Charlie Potts, PHF SM* KS
Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY* KS
Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM CW
News Media

John Roper DB
Developmental Disabilities

Katie Sharon, SM KS
Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF * DB
Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson
Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM* RP
Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva CW
Commercial Real Estate

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY* LP
Surge Suppression Systems

Steve Taylor RP
Management Consultant

Kent Tinsley KS
Commercial Banking

Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY* LP
Savings & Loan Mgmt.

Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY*
Veterinarian KS

Alex Trum, PHF RP
Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM DB
Certified Public Accountant

Aaron Webber, SM DB
Condo Management

Charles West, (1) PHF SM* CW
Investment Broker

Lisa Williams CW
Utilities

Jean Woo, PHF CW
Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF RP
Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF ** LP
Psychologist

Matt Zasada KS
CPA

Billy Bowlegs Drawdown Teams

Charles West CW \$4,000

Roger Peadro RP \$5,500

Debbie Bodenshine DB \$4,500

Katie Sharon KS \$4,050

Lyndon Poff LP \$9,400