



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

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**September is Basic  
Education and Literacy  
Month**

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# The Rotary Reader

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

### **Today's Speaker: Paula Shell CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Florida**



For over a century, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been helping change kids' perspectives and giving them the opportunity to reach their potential. And we have over a century of volunteers, donors, and advocates just like you to thank.

It all started in 1904, when a young New York City court clerk named Ernest Coulter was seeing more and more boys come through his courtroom. He recognized that caring adults could help many of these kids stay out of trouble, and he set out to find volunteers. That marked the beginning of the Big Brothers movement. At around the same time, the members of a group called Ladies of Charity were befriending girls who had come through the New York Children's Court. That group would later become Catholic Big Sisters. Both groups continued to work independently until 1977, when Big Brothers Association and Big Sisters International joined forces and became Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. More than 100 years later, Big Brothers Big Sisters remains true to our founders' vision of bringing caring role models into the lives of children. And, today, Big Brothers Big Sisters currently operates in all 50 states—and in 12 countries around the world.

When Navy Chaplain Valerie "Elery" St. John DeLong received her orders to the Northwest Florida area in 1989, she wanted to serve as a Big Sister. However, there was no Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. Determined to establish the nationally known, premier mentoring organization locally, she gathered a small but dynamic group in the fall of 1989. Chaplain Tyson, Captain Robert Jordan, Judith Merritt and Martha Krehely signed the Articles of Incorporation. The vision of these volunteers and other supporters set the tone that has attracted outstanding board members and made possible the unparalleled success of our organization. We have been providing one to one mentoring services for children in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties since 1989.

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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.

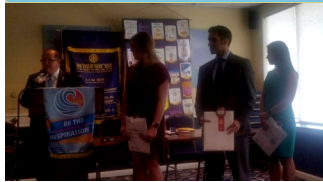
Join Rotarians from around the world to learn, be inspired and share fellowship.

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)

## Welcome New Members



We welcomed new members during DG John Medina's Official Visit last week. **Tim Chiasson** is an attorney with the Law Office of Daniel C Perri.

**BBVA/Compass Bank** is our first Corporate Member. Their lead member is returning member and Past President **Katie Sharon**. She is joined by **Lane Redding** and **Robin Donlon** as alternates.

We welcome each of you and look forward to seeing you get involved in the work and fellowship of the club. Let us know how we can assist!

Please make Tim, Katie, Lane and Robin feel welcome!

## Message from RI Director David Stovall

Friends around this big rock,

The forces of nature, namely, Hurricane Florence, is causing, and has caused massive loss in the Southeastern States of the US. In the next few days, we will be assessing and responding to the IMMEDIATE needs for the bare survival of nearly 2 million people. As of this writing, roughly 1 million people are without power, and it's unknown just how long it will be before power is restored, before people will be able to leave shelters to return to their homes, and months before life will take on any form of normalcy again.

We have established a collaborative disaster relief fund at the Rotary Foundation to assist. I am personally calling on you to make a contribution to the Relief Effort.

Rotary International is 1.2 million members strong. Local Rotarians in the Carolinas and the surrounding states will lead in the rebuilding of the region, but we need your assistance, as a Rotarian or as a Friend of Rotary.

I encourage each of you to BE THE INSPIRATION, our collaborative worldwide theme this year, by contributing to this Relief Fund today!

Rotary District 7680, Donor Advised Fund #574, Account #574

## Mid-Bay's Annual Oktoberfest—This Weekend!



Friday, Sept 28 (5pm—10pm) and Saturday, Sept 29 (11am—10pm)

German bratwurst & sauerkraut, chicken and hot dogs

German beer and soda, Entertainment, vendors, fun for the family

Winn Dixie shopping center in Bluewater

## 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. The dates for 2019 are April 25-28. Besides nominating a student to attend (Rotary pays the cost), you can also participate by volunteering to be a Group Leader, Facilitator, or a number of other positions. This is an excellent program and deserves our full support. For more information, see President Ron, Youth Services Chair Joe Garvie or DGN Jan Pooley.

## 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. **Registration is now open on DACdb for all sessions.**

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 9/29 District Foundation and Grant Training at NWFSC
- 10/03 Regular Meeting Ginny Barr—Homeless Veterans’ Stand Down
- 10/10 Regular Meeting Sarah Robinson—ShelterBox USA
- 10/17 Oktoberfest Social Bavaria’s Wirtshaus (former Staff’s location)
- 10/24 World Polio Day
- 10/24 Regular Meeting Choctaw/FWB Football Coaches

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

### September Birthdays

- 9/06 Mary Plummer
- 9/15 Chuck Landers
- 9/17 Aaron Webber
- 9/29 Charles West

### September Anniversaries

- 9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (5)
- 9/03 Jessica & Matt Simpson (7)
- 9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (29)
- 9/12 Eric & Stephanie Polson (26)

### Club Anniversaries

- 9/01 John Morgan (42)
- 9/24 Gerry Chalker (21)

## 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.



Year-to-date, 18 new cases of wild Poliovirus have been identified world-wide...14 in Afghanistan, compared to 6 last year, and 4 in Pakistan, compared to 5 last year. The cases in Afghanistan are confined to 4 provinces (Kandahar, Hilmand, Nangarhar and Kunar). Studies are being done to identify reasons for vaccination refusals. The findings will be used to develop strategies to insure all children will be vaccinated

# 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  
ajc@tslinc.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. 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\*/Lane Redding/Robin Donlon**

Corporate Member

### 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

### Lisa Carr

Fleet Manager

### Gerry Chalker, (11) PHF MD SM \*

Pension Administration

### Tim Chiasson

Attorney

### Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY \*

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

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 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\*

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

Sep 05 61.1%

Sep 12 66.1%

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.