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Randolph Russell, American History and Civics



Randolph G. Russell will speak about the state of American history and civics literacy in the country. He is the author of *American History in No Time*, the quickest and easiest way for anyone to learn the basics – in just one sitting. It is also the perfect refresher and a great way for parents and grandparents to ensure that their families have a solid foundation. The book is geared to a general audience, but it has been used at a number of colleges, including the University of Central Florida and Eastern Florida State College.

Mr. Russell has a very broad background. In addition to his expertise in American history, he is an accomplished musician, having performed with Tony Bennett, Burt Bacharach, Lou Rawls, Billy Crystal, and many others. He has played in Europe, toured the U.S. with a Broadway musical, and performed at the New York and Playboy Jazz Festivals. In business, he held a number of upper-level financial management positions with companies in Florida and Georgia before starting his own accounting practice.

A native Floridian, Russell holds degrees from the University of Miami and the University of Florida.

DISTRICT LEADERS SET TO CELEBRATE FOUNDATION'S CENTENNIAL

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith asked district governors in training at the International Assembly to lead the celebration of the [Foundation's centennial](#) year, 2016-17.

"You are the primary contacts between the Foundation and our 34,000 Rotary clubs in the world. The success of the centennial celebration is largely in your hands," said Klinginsmith at a 19 January general session. "Catch the spirit and spread the word about the importance of celebrating our success."

Since the Foundation was established in 1917, it has spent more than \$3 billion on programs and projects to improve the lives of millions worldwide, said Klinginsmith.

The centennial celebration officially kicks off in May at the Rotary Convention in Korea and culminates at the 2017 convention in Atlanta.

DISTRICT PLANS FOR THE CENTENNIAL

Governor-elect Tom James Markos of District 5100 in Oregon, USA, says he is proud to be serving during such a historic year. He plans to promote the centennial not only to his district's members, but also through local media.

"We need the public to be aware of what we've accomplished," says Markos, who has set a district goal of raising \$1 million for the Foundation during the centennial year.

Bill Proctor, incoming governor of District 7080 in Ontario, Canada, believes the centennial year is an opportunity to "refocus and reeducate" members on the importance the Foundation's work.

"We have so many accomplishments to celebrate," said Proctor. "We need to use the momentum of the celebration to strengthen the Foundation's future."

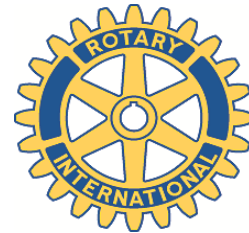
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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.

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Upcoming Speakers

February 3rd: Ted Cochran

February 10th: Col Spain

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS

Tom Butcher - Jan. 29th

Al Stearns - Feb. 1st

Today in History

1880

[Thomas Edison](#) was granted a patent for his incandescent light.

1945

The Russians liberated [Auschwitz](#) concentration camp, where the Nazis had killed over 1.5 million people, including over 1 million Jews.

1951

The U.S. Air Force started atomic testing in the [Nevada](#) desert.

1967

The [Apollo 1](#) fire killed astronauts Grissom, White, and Chaffee during a simulated launch at Cape Canaveral.

1973

[Vietnam War](#) peace accords were signed in Paris.

2016

Gerry Chalker runs 4.66 40yd dash. Breaking old senior record set of 4.81 set in 1994.

Rotary Roster

Bill Alexson
Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
Insurance

Spencer Barnes, SM
Employee Benefits

James Bass, SM
Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM
Insurance

Debbie Bodenstine, PHF SM Roty
Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM
Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
County Planning

Mack Busbee
County Government

Tom Butcher
Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM
Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (8) PHF SM *
Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY *
Electronics Mfg.

George Dorris, PHF SM
Dentistry

Jeff Dunford
Banker

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY
Landscaping Owner

Dan Empson
Honorary

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Business IT Management

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Dairy Products

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Association Manager

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Realtor

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Utilities

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Education

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CPA

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Education- College

Sallie Hardy, PHF SM
Commercial Properties

Tom Hayes, PHF SM
Financial Services

Jody Henderson, PHF SM *
Accounting/Auditing

Mitzi Henley, SM
Retail Shopping Center

Ken Hinrichs
Non-Profit Administration

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM
Commercial Lending

Stephanie Jones SM
Banking

Laura Kirby (2)
Business Development

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

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
Public Safety

Jamey Mattern, PHF SM
Architect

David Macdonald PHF SM **
Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, SM
Retail/Computers

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

John Morgan, PHF SM*
Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan, SM
Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM
Restaurant/Fast Food

Michelle Nicholson, SM
Communications

Susan Page, SM
Professional Counseling

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*
Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF SM
Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff
Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (9) PHF SM RotY*
Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
Jeweler

Kathy Pritchard, PHF SM
Commercial Banking

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF SM*
Moving & Storage

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Attorney

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Travel Agent

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Surge Suppression Systems

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Psychologist

Interested in joining Rotary?

Please contact our Membership Chairs
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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.

Don't forget that you can make up missed meetings at neighboring clubs. They include: Crestview: 12 p.m. Wednesday at Ryan's
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 Bluewater Bay Golf Club
Navarre: 12 p.m. Thursday at Tuscan Grill at Hidden Creek
Niceville: 12 p.m. Thursday at Northwest Florida State College Building K
South Walton: 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Embassy Suites