



The Rotary Reader

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

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: TBD

Youth Services: Ross Hamilton

Scholarship Inc: Matt Turpin

Scholarship Drawdown:
Ron Grissom, Ross LeBlanc

Executive Secretary:
Lorrageia Jackson
executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org

Today's Speaker—Jeff Peters City of Fort Walton Beach Recreation & Cultural Services Director



Jeff Peters was raised in Fort Walton Beach. He went to Pryor and Choctawhatchee High School and then went to The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on a football scholarship. After graduation in 1996, Jeff accepted a position at Choctawhatchee High School as a business teacher and football and baseball coach. In 2006, Jeff was selected as the Recreation Director for the City of Fort Walton Beach. In his 10 years with the Recreation Department, the Recreation Department has added many amenities throughout the City. To name a few: Rotary Sound Park, The City Hall Athletic Complex, The Bud and Dorie Day Patriots Trail, Docie Bass Park, and recently the Fort Walton Beach Recreation Complex. Jeff is married to Heather (Rynearson) and they have 3 children – Brady (16), Brooklyn (14), and Blake (8).

Action Taken by the Board

At the 7/25/2016 meeting of the club's Board of Directors voted to donate \$2,500 to the Boy Scouts for renovations to the hut located on Camborne Ave. The club will also match funds raised by the Boy Scouts by the end of the year, up to \$2,500. Upon completion of all renovations, the hut will house BSA troop 529 and Cub Scout Pack 522 which currently serve approximately 70 youth from the community. The chartering of a new Venture Crew is in the works

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

**Current Reg \$340
Dec 16—\$415
April 1—\$490**

**Centennial
Events**

Look back proudly over a century of "doing good in the world" and look ahead to the challenges Rotary will tackle in the century to come

- The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party. \$26.50
- The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit—Learn how The Rotary Foundation became a global leader in humanitarian service.
- **Book Signing:** Get your copy of "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of the Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years" signed by the author, David C Forward

www.riconvention.org

10 Reasons to Join Rotary

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
6. **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
7. **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. Serving others is fun.
8. **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
9. **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the 33,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
10. **Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.

The Rotary Foundation—100 Years of Doing Good in the World

Evolution of Foundation Programs

1947: The Foundation established the first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The Polio Plus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships

2013: New district, global and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Thank You Past President Charles



At the 7/20 meeting President Katie presented Immediate Past President Charles with a commemorative gavel plaque as a way of saying THANKS for a great 2015-2016 Rotary year. We appreciate you!

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Year-to-date only 22 cases of polio have been reported globally compared to 42 cases during the same period last year. All cases are in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

8/03	Social	The Schnitzel Brew House
8/10	Regular Meeting	Chris James, District Membership Chair
8/17	Regular Meeting	Ed Ryan, Fort Walton Beach Police Chief
8/24	Regular Meeting	Mitch Mongell, CEO of FWB Medical Center
8/27	Foundation Seminar	Pensacola State College—register on DACdb
9/21	Regular Meeting	DG Roger Champion’s Official Visit
4/6-4/9/17	District Conf	Baytowne Wharf

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

Matthew Morgan 7/11
Forest Townsend 7/15
Diane Poff 7/26

Happy Birthday!

July Anniversaries

Susan and Henry Page
7/4 4 years
Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor
7/10 51 years
Alex and Donna Trum
7/23 56 years

Membership

Anniversaries

Jack Arthur 7/1 25 yrs
Matthew Morgan 7/2 7 yrs
Aaron Webber 7/2 7 yrs
Bob Fowner 7/10 20 yrs
Mary Plummer 7/10 14 yrs
JT Edwards 7/12 8 yrs
Robert Anderson 7/29 7 yrs
Laura Kirby 7/31 3 yrs

Club History Corner

1954—Meetings were changed from breakfast to noon at Staff’s Restaurant for \$1.25. Admiral Richard Byrd’s expedition to the North Pole was presented by Maj. Murray Weiner who accompanied him.

1955—First of four Rotary Parks was established for picnickers. There were no parks at that time. Tables, benches, and garbage drums were provided. Rotarians cut grass and policed grounds and made signs.

1956—The Choctaw Interact Club was formed as 4th in the state, called “Wheel” at that time. Five vacant parcels of land were developed as parks for picnickers and tourists to rest. Annual Rotary Scholarship Fund was established for \$100.

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.

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
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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

Bill Alexson
 Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
 CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
 Insurance

James Bass, SM
 Funeral Director

Neal Bern SM
 Insurance

Debbie Bodenshine, PHF SM RotY
 Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM
 Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
 Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
 County Planning

Mack Busbee, SM **
 County Government

Tom Butcher
 Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM
 Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (9) PHF SM *
 Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY *
 Electronics Mfg.

George Dorris, PHF SM
 Dentistry

Jeff Dunford, SM
 Banker

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY
 Landscaping Owner

Dan Empson
 Honorary

Cliff Ennis
 Business IT Management

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

Bob Foster
 Business Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM
 Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
 Government Contractor

Ben Gordon, SM
 Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM
 Utilities

Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM
 Education

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

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM
 Commercial Lending

Laura Kirby (3) SM
 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
 Architect

David Macdonald PHF SM **
 Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
 Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, RotY PHF
 Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (13) 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

Susan Page,
 Professional Counseling

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*
 Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF
 Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
 Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, SM
 Paint & Body Shop

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

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
 Jeweler

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
 Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
 News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
 Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *
 Moving & Storage

Scott Smith, PHF SM*
 Chiropractor

Whitney Smith, SM
 Attorney

Allan Stearns, PHF SM*
 Travel Agent

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY*
 Surge Suppression Systems

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, SM
 Condo Management

Charles West, (1) PHF SM*
 Investment Broker

Lisa Williams
 Utilities

Jean Woo, PHF
 Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF
 Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **
 Psychologist