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

**September is
Basic Education and
Literacy Month**

Board of Directors

- President:** Aaron Webber
- President Elect:** Ron Grissom
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- At Large:** Forrest Townsend and
Chuck Landers
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be
Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
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Corbin
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Charles West
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- Scholarship Drawdown:**
Ross LeBlanc, Dusty Ricketts
- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson

Today's Speaker: Todd Eric Allen Northwest Florida Ballet—Artistic Director/CEO



Todd Eric Allen is the Artistic Director/CEO of the Northwest Florida Ballet. He grew up in Fort Walton Beach, Florida and began his training in classical ballet at the age of 14 with Bernadette Clements. One year later he received a scholarship to attend the Joffrey Ballet School in New York City, where he studied for five consecutive years; he attended Virginia Intermont College as a scholarship student and was awarded a Dance Magazine Scholarship in 1985 to the Choreographer's Conference in

Geneva, New York.

Mr. Allen has danced with the Louisville Ballet, Boston Ballet and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens and has performed as a guest artist and teacher throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. He has also had the honor of performing at the prestigious Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., on two separate occasions, for Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton. Allen has an extensive background in the classics and Balanchine ballets, and has performed featured roles in ballets by Elisa Monte, Twyla Tharp, Mark Morris, Nacho Duato, James Kudelka, Hans Van Manen and Lucinda Hughey. In May of 2000 Mr. Allen was one of fourteen dancers asked to perform in Ocean Dance 2000 featuring Mikhail Baryshnikov and the White Oak Dance Project. In 2004 he was invited to perform with the Broadway cast in the Tony Award winning Musical, Movin' Out, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp, music by Billy Joel.

He has choreographed 30 original works and classical ballets and 8 operas, has taught at The USA International Ballet Competition and many master classes and workshops in the US and internationally and has served on the jury of NBA Ballet's Japanese National Ballet Competition in Tokyo, Japan.
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RI Convention Toronto June 23-27, 2018

Registration is Open!

June 15-December 15
\$335 per person

December 16-March 31
\$410 per person

April 1—June 27
\$495 per person

Toronto is Canada's largest city, fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of 2.8 million people. It's a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities.

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

Todd Eric Allen—con't

In the summer of 1995 Todd returned to his hometown of Fort Walton Beach, Florida as Artistic Director/CEO of the Northwest Florida Ballet. Over the past 20 years, he has committed himself to his community by developing young minds and bodies through innovative dance education programs, creating an awareness of dance in Northwest Florida and exposing his audiences to a variety of classical and contemporary works. In 2003 Mr. Allen received the Cox Bravo Champion of the Arts Award in Northwest Florida for his work in establishing the NFB Académie, a free academic and artistic education elementary and middle school located in the NFB studios, he has also received the Elvie DeMarko Dance Achievement Award from The Arts Council of Northwest Florida and has served on various grant panels in the state of Florida for the Division of Cultural Affairs and the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation in Baltimore, Md. His groundbreaking work in arts education was featured in Dance Teacher magazine (Nov, 2004) and in Teacher Magazine, a Department of Education publication (May 2005). The Northwest Florida Ballet is now one of the largest and most respected arts organizations in Northwest Florida and has received national recognition for its innovative programs.

Area Club Fundraisers

23rd Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, September 29 (5-10pm) and Saturday, September 30 (11am—10 pm)
Features: German Bratwurst & Sauerkraut, Chicken & Hotdogs, German Beer, Sodas, Giant Slide, Bounce House and Rock Climbing Wall for kids
40 vendors selling food and arts & crafts including Jan Pooley; Entertainment including a German Band and Andy Corbin!

Fire Engine Pull and Rescue Demo by North Bay Fire Department
Proceeds support organizations and causes supported by the Mid-Bay Rotary Club

Walt Ruckel Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

Friday, October 26, 2017—Eglin Golf Course (Eagle) - Rescheduled from 9/23
11:30 am Registration and lunch

Shotgun Start

Sponsored by Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club

\$400 per team includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, specialty holes and gift bag

Little Free Libraries

Please continue to bring books for our Little Free Libraries to our Wednesday meetings. Books for children and adults are appropriate. Biographies, novels, cookbooks, non-fiction, inspirational, etc. are all good choices for restocking our libraries.

Homeless Veterans Stand-Down

Jean Woo reports that items are still needed for the stand-down. Any items you can donate are needed by October 3.

Band-aids	39 packs of 20 each
Knitted Hats	278
Nail Clippers	134
Ponchos	156
Puzzle Books	240
Shaving Cream	252
Sun Screen	236
Wash Cloths	36
Wet Wipes	119

If you can supply any of these items, please coordinate with Jean. Thanks for your consideration!

Upcoming Programs and Activities September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

10/04	Regular Meeting	XTRAS (Extreme Temperature Rescue Alert System)
10/11	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/18	Regular Meeting	Andy Corbin and Debbie Bodensine
10/24	World Polio Day	
10/25	Regular Meeting	Coaches Dorn (FWB) and Thomas (Choctaw)
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee
4/6-8	District Conference	Baytowne Conference Center, Sandestin

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries	September Club Anniversaries
9/06 Mary Plummer	9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (4)	9/01 John Morgan (41)
9/15 Chuck Landers	9/03 Matt & Jessica Simpson (6)	9/05 Katie Sharon (5)
9/17 Aaron Webber	9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (28)	9/08 Roger Peadro (13)
9/29 Charles West	9/20 Lisa & Steve Williams (31)	9/24 Gerry Chalker (20)
		9/25 Cliff Ennis (4)

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.



10 cases of wild polio virus have been identified in 2017. This compares to 21 cases during the same period in 2016...a 52% reduction. Pakistan has seen the largest reduction: 4 this year compared to 13 last year. Afghanistan has identified 6 cases this year compared to 8 cases last year. Your donations count!

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:

Lisa Williams at

lmwillia@southernco.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

CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM

Insurance

Neal Bern SM

Insurance

Debbie Bodenstine, PHF SM RotY

Economic Development

Ann Boynton SM Property Management

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM Cable Television

Mack Busbee, SM **

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM LP

Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (10) PHF 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

Cliff Ennis

Business IT Management

Bob Fowner, PHF SM

Association Manager

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, SM

Retail Shopping Center

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

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (15) 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

Rick Owen (1)

Non-Profit Management

Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY*

Pastor

Mary Plummer, PHF

Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY

Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff, (1) SM

Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (11) PHF SM 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

Katie Sharon, (1) PHF SM *

Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF *

Moving & Storage

Matt Simpson

Insurance and Bonding

Scott Smith, PHF SM*

Chiropractor

Oxana Solovieva (1)

Commercial Real Estate

Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY*

Surge Suppression Systems

Steve Taylor

Management Consultant

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, (1) PHF SM

Condo Management

Charles West, (2) PHF SM*

Investment Broker

Lisa Williams

Utilities

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

CPA

Recent Meeting Attendance

Month of Aug Avg: 59.2%

Sept 6 66.7%

Sept 13 55.9%

Sept 20 61.7%

Month of Sept Avg: 61.5%