



# The Rotary Reader

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## August is Membership and Extension Month

### Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
- President Elect:** Matt Simpson
- Secretary:** John Roper
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- At Large:** JT Edwards & Athena Riley
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### Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
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- Fundraisers:** Aaron Webber
- Executive Secretary:**  
Lorrageia Jackson  
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## Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

### Today's Speaker: Athena Riley Franklin's Tree House Foundation, Inc



Athena Pearl Riley is a former Felony Prosecutor with Florida's First Judicial Circuit for the Office of the State Attorney. She joined the law firm of Cotton & Gates in 2017 as a civil litigator handling contract and real estate disputes, liquor license issues and general business litigation matters. Mrs. Riley is also a local Realtor for NextHome White Sands Realty, and invests in local real estate with her husband through fix and flips and acquiring rental properties. She is the founder of the Okaloosa Florida Association for Women Lawyers (OFAWL), is a former National Trial Competition Coach for Golden Gate School of Law in San Francisco, California, and is licensed to practice law in Florida and New Mexico.

Athena and her husband, Franklin Riley, a contracted Computer Scientist for Eglin Air Force Base, are college sweethearts, and have lived in Okaloosa County for six years. In December of 2017, they were 40 weeks pregnant with their first son, Baby Franklin, when he died during an attempted out-of-hospital delivery at their local birthing center under the supervision of a midwife. They have since created "Franklin's Tree House Foundation, Inc.", a pending 501c3, in honor of their precious son. Through their Foundation, they are striving to provide families with the education, transparency, and knowledge that they deserve in order to make truly informed decisions about their birthing experience.

On July 12, 2019, Athena and her husband hosted the first ever "Delivering Action Summit" ([www.DeliveringActionSummit.com](http://www.DeliveringActionSummit.com)) which was held at the San Destin Golf & Beach Resort. The Summit brought together doctors, midwives, medical malpractice attorneys, journalists, bloggers, parents who have lost their children under the supervision of an out-of-hospital midwife and the extraordinary communities that support them, in order to inspire effective discourse concerning deaths of children and their parents under the care of an out-of-hospital midwife. The Summit also created policies and procedures that can be implemented state-wide in order to protect families who may choose to have an out-of-hospital birth, and Athena has been working with State Legislators in anticipation of presenting a Bill to Committee this September that will help to save lives.

Their efforts have since caught the attention of a New York documentarian, and

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## RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

Now - December 15  
\$450 per person

December 16-March 31  
\$550 per person

April 1—June 10  
\$650 per person

People of Action from all over the world will gather to connect, celebrate, and collaborate to make a better world.

Hear from world leaders, philanthropists and other remarkable people during general sessions. Learn more about thought provoking topics at in-depth seminars, workshops and discussions.

In the House of Friendship you will visit booths that feature club and district projects, Rotary Fellowships, and Rotarian Action Groups. You can shop for Rotary merchandise, meet with Rotary staff to learn about programs and services and enjoy food and entertainment unique to Hawaii.

Consider making the commitment to attend. You will be a better Rotarian!

For More Information:  
[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

## Athena Riley, con't

The Rileys are currently creating a GoFundMe Campaign to raise money in order to create a first of its kind, full-length documentary, which will explore some of the secret practices of the midwifery industry and unveil a never before examined monopoly on the out-of-hospital birthing experience that has managed to go uninvestigated for decades, and has left a trail of devastated families and preventable deaths in its path.

Athena and her husband have also created a program called "Confident Kids", and will be partnering with "Children In Crisis" to help instill confidence and leadership skills in foster children through local field trips and activities. "Confident Kids" will take place the second Saturdays of every month beginning in October, 2019.

To help with any of these causes or for more information, please contact [Athena@FranklinsTreeHouse.org](mailto:Athena@FranklinsTreeHouse.org).

## Homeless Veterans Stand Down

We are, once again, collecting supplies for the upcoming Homeless Veterans Stand Down. Items needed this year include: Band aids, Decks of Cards, Deodorant, Dental Floss, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, Knitted Hats, Insect Repellent, Lip Balm, Mouthwash (small), Nail Clippers, Note pads, Rain Ponchos, Puzzle Books, Sewing Kits, Shaving Cream (small), Snack Crackers, Socks, Sunglasses, Sunscreen, Tissues (travel size), Tooth Paste, Wash Cloths and Wet Wipes. Up to 500 of each are needed. Items can be taken to Jean Woo's office or to Mental Health Assn at 571 Mooney Rd

## Panama City Work Day—Community Garden

Our club is part of a District Grant along with 5 other clubs in Okaloosa and Walton Counties and the Sonder Project. The purpose of the grant is to build a community garden in the Panama City area, hard hit by Hurricane Michael. A workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Tasks to be completed include building a fence, building compost bins and garden maintenance. Please let Jan Pooley know if you can volunteer. *Rotarians are People of Action*

## Rotary Vision Statement



## New Member Proposals—2nd Publishing

Ken Erdberg (iTrip Vacations Fort Walton Beach) proposed by Lyndon Poff  
 John Lysaght (Life Cycle Logistics Mgr—Air Force Nuclear Weapons Ctr)  
 proposed by Andy Corbin

## Club Social—Don't Miss It

Charles and Neal have planned a fun social for Thursday, September 5.

- Location is Taste Tapas and Wine Bar in downtown Fort Walton Beach (196 Miracle Strip Parkway)
- Included is a Wine Tasting of up to 7 featured wines (equivalent credit for those who want something other than wine—full bar and beer is available).
- Appetizers will be provided.
- Wear your Rotary paraphernalia...Shirts, pins, hats...to promote Rotary and our club.
- This event is in lieu of our Wednesday lunch meeting.
- Bring a guest/potential member to introduce them to our club
- RSVP via sign-up sheet at the 8/28 meeting or RSVP to Lorrageia



## Upcoming Programs and Activities

8/28	Regular Meeting	Athena Riley—Franklin's Tree House Foundation
9/04	No Meeting	
9/05	Club Social	At Taste Tapas and Wine Bar
9/11	Regular Meeting	TBD
9/14	Work Day	Community Garden in Panama City
9/18	Regular Meeting	District Governor Innes Richards—Official Visit

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.

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	Club Anniversaries
8/17 Chad Hamilton	8/04 Mitzi & Bear Henley (40)	8/03 Russ Youngblood (33)
8/23 Dan Nelson	8/12 Jeff & Mona Hooton (30)	8/04 Joe Brewster (26)
8/24 Athena Riley	8/14 Herb & Dolly Tinsley (48)	8/10 Rick Owen (3)
8/25 Rudy Hill	8/18 Andy & Therese Corbin (40)	8/12 Neal Bern (4)
8/29 Debbie Bodensine	8/28 Eulice & Wilma Shelley (71)	8/13 Diane Poff (5)
		8/17 Scott Smith (14)

## 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.

**END POLIO NOW** August 21, 2019 marked 3 years since Nigeria last reported a case of wild poliovirus. This is an important public health milestone for the country and the entire Africa Region, which is now a step closer to polio-free certification. Should there be no more cases in Nigeria or from countries in the Africa Region, the region could be certified polio-free as early as mid-2020.

# 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: Joe Meyer  
[joe@on-site-help.com](mailto:joe@on-site-help.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. Please contact the club in advance to be sure their schedule hasn't changed. Club contact info is in DACdb

**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:** 5:30 p.m. Monday at Props Ale House in Niceville

**South Walton:** 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Somerby, Santa Rosa Beach

### Robert Anderson, SM

CPA

### BBVA/Compass

**Katie Sharon PHF\*/Lane Redding/  
Robin Donlon**

Corporate Member

### Neal Bern SM

Insurance

**Debbie Bodensine PHF/SM Roty  
RLI 1**

Economic Development

### Joseph Brewster, PHF SM

Cable Television

### Mack Busbee, PHF SM \*\*

County Government

### Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

### Gerry Chalker, (12) PHF MD SM \*

Pension Administration

### Tim Chiasson

Attorney

### Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY \* RLI 1

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, (1) PHF SM RLI 3

Utilities

### Chad Hamilton, PHF SM

CPA

### Hancock/Whitney Bank

Stacey McGilvray, Clint Aden

Corporate Member

### Sallie Hardy, PHF

Commercial Properties

### Marion Haste

Marriage Counselor

### 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 RLI 1

Education

### Chuck Landers, PHF SM

Certified Public Accountant

### Ross LeBlanc, SM

Certified Public Accountant

### Tony Leonard, PHF SM \*\*

Retail/Musical Instruments

### Brandon Lewis

Insurance

### John Linn, PHF SM

Kitchens-Retail

### Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF

Retail/Computers

### David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

### John Morgan, PHF SM\*

Computer Engineer

### Matthew Morgan,

Electrical Engineer

### Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM

Communications

### Rick Owen (3) PHF PHS RotY

RLI 2 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

Collision Repair

### Jan Pooley, (13) PHF SM BS RotY\*

RLI 3 RLIDL Department Store

### Charlie Potts, PHF SM\*

Jeweler

### Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\*

Utility Service-Gas

### Athena Riley

Attorney

### John Roper, (1) PHF RLI 2

Developmental Disabilities

### Dick Rynearson

Honorary Member

### Eulice Shelley, PHF \*

Moving & Storage

### Matt Simpson

Insurance and Bonding

### Scott Smith, PHF SM\*

Chiropractor

### Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY\* RLI 3

RLIDL

Surge Suppression Systems

### Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY\*

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

### Kent Tinsley

Commercial Lending

### Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY\*

Veterinarian

### Alex Trum, PHF

Orthodontist Retired

### Matt Turpin, SM

Certified Public Accountant

### Aaron Webber, PHF SM \* RLI2

Condo Management

### Charles West, PHF BS SM\*

Investment Broker

### Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

### Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

### Russ Youngblood PHF \*\*

Psychologist

### Matt Zasada

CPA

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

RLI1/2/3—Level Completed

RLI DL—RLI Discussion Leader

Members in purple have perfect attendance.