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Coach Tommy Johnson, Fort Walton Beach High School

Tommy Johnson was named Athletic Director of Fort Walton Beach High School at the February 23, 2015 School Board Meeting.

Johnson, son of Tommy and Anne Johnson, reigns originally from Niceville, Florida where he was an all-state player for the Niceville Eagles. He was also a member of the 1988 state championship team. After his high school years, Tommy attended the University of Alabama, where he played defensive back. He was a member of the recruiting class that was the winningest class in Alabama history with a record of 45-5-1, until recently. In 1992, he played on a Crimson Tide squad that defeated the Miami Hurricanes for the National Championship. Johnson was a First Team All SEC selection his senior year, voted a captain of the team, and is 9th on the list for career interceptions.

Tommy continued his football career with the Jacksonville Jaguars for two seasons and was allocated to play in NFL Europe with the Amsterdam Admirals. He started his Arena football career in 1998 with the Albany Firebirds, and moved on to the Carolina Cobras. In 2004, he took over as head coach of the Louisville Fire Arena Football team.

Johnson joined the Viking staff this past July and looks forward to building a program that is already rich in tradition. In his spare time, Tommy enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife, Monica and their two children, Micah and Sanai (pronounced Sun-eye).

Coach Greg Thomas, Choctawhatchee High School

Greg Thomas is the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Choctawhatchee High School. After graduating from High School in Goldsboro, North Carolina in 1982 he attended East Carolina University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education while being part of the football program which he lettered for four years. He also holds a Master's Degree in Exercise and Sport Science from East Carolina University.

Greg spent 9 years at Washington High School, North Carolina, 3 years at Fort Mill High School, South Carolina, and 8 years at Rose High School, North Carolina, where his teams won four State Championships. In February of 2008 he joined the Choctaw Staff. Coach Thomas has been a Head Football coach for the past 21 years of his 27 year career in education. Besides coaching football, Greg has also been a head coach in Wrestling, Track and has assisted in Baseball. Greg is married to his beautiful wife Wendy and has three children, Cori, age 21, Laci, age 11, and Gregory, 3

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CELEBRITIES, HEALTH OFFICIALS COME TOGETHER TO HAIL PROGRESS TOWARD POLIO'S END

After a historic year during which transmission of the wild poliovirus vanished from Nigeria and the continent of Africa, the crippling disease is closer than ever to being eradicated worldwide, said top health experts at Rotary's third annual World Polio Day event on 23 October in New York City.

More than 150 people attended the special [Livestream program](#) co-sponsored by UNICEF, and thousands more around the world watched online. [Jeffrey Kluger](#), Time magazine's editor at large, moderated the event.

Anthony Lake, executive director of UNICEF, lauded the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)'s efforts. After nearly 30 years, the GPEI, which includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is on the cusp of ending polio. It would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

Lake urged the partners not to lose their momentum: "At a time when the world is torn by conflicts, when the bonds among people seem weaker and more frayed than ever before, ending polio will be not only one of humanity's greatest achievements, but a singular and striking example of what can be achieved when diverse partners are driven by a common goal -- when we act as one," he said.

The event highlighted recent milestones in polio eradication: In July, Nigeria marked one year without a case, and in August, the entire African continent celebrated one year without an outbreak. That leaves just two countries where the virus is regularly spreading: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In a question-and-answer session with Kluger, Dr. John Vertefeuille, polio incident manager for the CDC, discussed the reasons for Nigeria's success, including strong political commitment at all levels and the support and engagement of religious and community leaders.

"The foundation to Nigeria's success has been the incredible dedication of tens of thousands of health workers who have worked, often in difficult circumstances, to ensure that all children are reached with the polio vaccine," said Vertefeuille.

Innovative changes, including strategies for reaching children who were often missed in the past, better mechanisms for ensuring the accountability of health workers, and the engagement of doctors, journalists, and polio survivors, also aided Nigeria in reaching its goal.

Polio eradication is progressing in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In Afghanistan, cases dropped from 28 in 2014 to 13 so far this year. In Pakistan, transmission of the disease dropped dramatically, from 306 cases to 38.

Kluger and Vertefeuille agreed that eradicating polio is a wise financial investment. Vertefeuille said financial savings of \$50 billion are projected over the next 20 years.

Failure to eradicate polio, he noted, could result in a global resurgence of the disease, with 200,000 new cases every single year within 10 years.

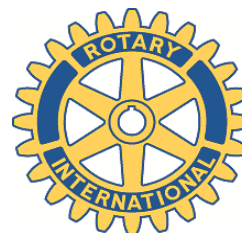
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

November 4th: Ramsey Ross - Athletic Director, NWFSC

November 11th: Jodi Gup - Nemours Children's Clinic

November 18th: Charles Reynolds - Gold's Gym

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS

Ron Grissom - October 30th

Proposed Member: Lisa Williams - Gulf Power

Today in History

1793

[Eli Whitney](#) applied for a [patent](#) for the [cotton gin](#).

1940

Italy invaded Greece during [World War II](#).

1886

[The Statue of Liberty](#) was dedicated in New York Harbor by President [Grover Cleveland](#).

1958

A new pope was elected—[Pope John XXIII](#).

1919

Congress passed the [Volstead Act](#), or the National Prohibition Act, over President [Woodrow Wilson's](#) veto.

1962

[Nikita Khrushchev](#) told the U.S. that he had ordered the dismantling of Soviet missile bases in [Cuba](#).

Rotary Roster

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CPA

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Spencer Barnes, SM
Employee Benefits

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Funeral Director

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Insurance

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Economic Development

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Property Management

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Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
County Planning

Mack Busbee
County Government

Tom Butcher
Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM
Office Machines

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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

Cliff Ennis
Business IT Management

Ralph Fallin, (34) PHF SM RotY
Dairy Products

Bob Fowner, PHF SM
Association Manager

Cindy Frakes, SM
Realtor

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
Government Contractor

Ben Gordon
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Utilities

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Education

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CPA

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Education- College

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Commercial Properties

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Architect

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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

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Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff
Paint & Body Shop

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Psychologist

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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