



# The Rotary Reader

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## Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Citation Earner 2 Consecutive Years

### Today's Program: Choctawhatchee High School Jazz Band

### January is Vocational Service Month

#### Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
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- Past President:** Ron Grissom
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#### Committee Chairs

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- **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
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- Membership:** Joe Meyer
- Rotary Foundation:** Gerry Chalker
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Joe Garvie
- Scholarship Inc:** Joe Meyer
- Fundraisers:** Aaron Webber
- Executive Secretary:**  
Lorrageia Jackson



The Choctawhatchee High School Jazz Band, Choctaw Jazz, has been playing for audiences across the Emerald Coast, greater panhandle area, neighbor states, the southeastern United States, and other parts of the country for many decades.

Choctaw Jazz consists of freshman through seniors who also perform in the concert band, symphonic band, and percussion ensembles at Choctawhatchee High School. This jazz ensemble performs a variety of music throughout the academic year and consistently receives the highest ratings at music performance assessments and other evaluations and competitions.

The jazz band can most recently be seen performing on base at Eglin and Hurlburt for our active duty servicemen and women, in the local elementary and middle schools for our future band students and future leaders of our communities, at retirement homes, local jazz festivals, and Style Marcher band concerts. For jazz band bookings and inquires please contact Mr. Brad Parks, [Bradley.Parks@okaloosaschools.com](mailto:Bradley.Parks@okaloosaschools.com)



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## RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

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)

## District Foundation Cup Challenge

Governor Innes has asked that we once again adopt the Foundation Challenge Cup. The Cup Challenge is adopted by many Districts as a way to instill a sense of camaraderie throughout the District and grow Foundation Giving awareness.

The goal of the Cup Challenge is to:

1. Highlight the importance of Foundation Giving
2. Increase and sustain awareness and Foundation Giving
3. Recognize club giving

The Cup Challenge is based upon Per Capita Giving - to the ANNUAL Fund only. Highest club giving will be the winner in each club category: Small Clubs 1-25, Medium

Clubs 26-60 and Large Clubs 61 and up.

As you know, Governor Innes is passionate about the Eradication of Polio and has added a new Cup Category to recognize the Club that gives the most to Polio Plus.

As of 31 December the results are:

**Small Clubs Top 5:** Perdido Key (\$205); Navarre (\$87); Tallahassee Sunset (\$70);

Niceville-Valparaiso (\$58); Apalachicola and Chattahoochee (\$56-tied)

**Medium Clubs Top 5:** Cantonment (\$198) Mid-Bay (\$177); Madison (\$105); Destin (\$88); Panama City Northside (\$85)

**Large Clubs Top 5—**Tallahassee (\$143); Tallahassee Sunrise (\$118); Panama City (\$118); Pensacola Sub-West (\$66); Lake City \$61

**Top Club Giving to Polio -** Panama City Northside (\$5,283)

Fort Walton Beach falls into the Medium Club Size. Our year-to-date per capita giving is \$79.58 and giving to Polio is \$1,990.

Please remember, the Annual Fund is the fund that gives us our District Designated Funds which allows us to do projects in our communities as well as smaller Global projects - 50% of what we give to the Annual Fund comes back in 3 years, thus supporting these DDF projects.

Lastly, A couple easy ways to increase giving is to: 1. Have members sign up for Rotary Direct. 2. Recruit new Paul Harris Society Members. 3 Start a Dollar-a-Day club thus encouraging members to give \$365 annually. 4 Become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Dave Rauch, District Foundation Chair

## Rotary Leadership Institute

The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sunshine Division is to provide an up-to-date, practical, and user-friendly educational opportunity in convenient locations for Rotarians. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend! Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians. Parts 1, 2 and 3 must be taken consecutively and on separate days. Graduate courses are offered for those who have completed all 3 parts.

Our club will reimburse you for the tuition after you attend the

Remaining dates in District 6940 for 2020 are:

February 8—Panama City

February 29—Tallahassee

Make plans to attend. You'll be glad you did. In the words of a 15-year Rotarian in the Destin club, "I didn't know how much I didn't know until I came to RLI" He took all 3 parts in 1 year!

**Registration is now open on the DACdb calendar for all sessions.**

## 2020-2021 Theme Announced

I was honored to represent District 6940 and our club at the International Assembly last week in San Diego along with over 500 other District Governors-Elect from every district in the world. During the assembly RI President-Elect, Holger Knaack, announced the theme for next year, “Rotary Opens Opportunity”. It’s true—Rotary opens opportunities for us as Rotarians as well as for the beneficiaries of our service. Here are some photos from the week:



## Gates Foundation Extends the 2 to 1 Match for Polio

I’m delighted to let you know that Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation just announced the extension of our fundraising partnership. The Gates Foundation will continue matching donations to Rotary’s PolioPlus program 2-1, up to \$50 million every year.

Whether you’re a new Rotary member, or you’ve been fighting polio for decades—there’s a role for you to play in ending this disease. Visit [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) to learn more and [donate](#).

Sincerely,  
John Germ  
Chair, End Polio Now Countdown to History Committee  
Rotary Foundation Trustee

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 2/05 Regular Meeting Rob Calley—Board Certified Master Arborist
- 2/08 Rotary Leadership Institute Panama City (Register on DACdb)
- 2/12 Regular Meeting Todd Allen—Northwest Florida Ballet
- 2/19 Regular Meeting Pete Shinnick—UWF Head Football Coach
- 2/26 Regular Meeting TBD
- 2/29 Rotary Leadership Institute Tallahassee (Register on DACdb)
- 3/04 Regular Meeting Nathan Monk—One Hopeful Place

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.

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>Birthdays</b>		<b>Club Anniversaries</b>	
1/08 Sallie Hardy		1/01 Alex Trum (51)	1/24 Jean Woo (24)
1/23 Andy Corbin		1/13 Eulice Shelley (66)	1/25 Michele Nicholson
1/29 Ben Gordon		1/18 John Roper (3 + 4)	(14)
<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>		1/19 Debbie Bodenshtine	1/28 Ben Gordon (5)
1/20 John & Connie Morgan (45)	(15)		

## 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** Year-to-date 2020, 1 new case of wildpolio virus Type 1 has been confirmed in Pakistan. For the same period in 2019 a total of 7 cases had been confirmed; 2 in Afghanistan and 5 in Pakistan. Many families in these two countries lack basic health and municipal services. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative supports innovative ways to fill this gap such as renovating an abandoned hospital to create an Emergency Response Unit.

# 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 Broussard's—Navarre Beach

**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 SM**  
 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

**Ken Erdberg RLI 1**  
 Travel Services

**Joe Garvie SM**  
 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

**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 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

**Kyle Lowrey**  
 Law Enforcement

**John Lysaght**  
 Life Cycle Logistics

**Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM**  
 Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (17) PHF SM**  
 Developmental Disabilities

**Jason Monroe RLI 1**  
 Information Technology

**John Morgan, PHF SM\***  
 Computer Engineer

**Matthew Morgan,**  
 Electrical Engineer

**Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM**  
 Communications

**Mary Plummer, PHF**  
 Real Estate Sales

**Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY**  
 Paint & Body Shop

**Diane Poff, PHF SM**  
 Paint & Body Shop

**Lou Pole**  
 Tax Consultant

**Eric Polson SM**  
 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 SM RLI 3**  
 Developmental Disabilities

**Dick Rynearson**  
 Honorary Member

**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***  
 Moving & Storage

**Matt Simpson SM**  
 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 PHF**  
 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 SM BS \***  
 Investment Broker

**Jean Woo, PHF SM**  
 Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF**  
 Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***  
 Psychologist

**Matt Zasada SM**  
 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.