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

**November is
The Rotary Foundation
Month**

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- President:** Aaron Webber
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Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
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Here
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- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
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- Scholarship Drawdown:**
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- Executive Secretary:**
Lorrageia Jackson
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Today's Speaker: Bill Gates via Video Polio Eradication



Entrepreneur and businessman Bill Gates (born October 28, 1955) and his partner Paul Allen founded and built the world's largest software business, Microsoft, through technological innovation, keen business strategy and aggressive business tactics. In the process, Gates became one of the richest men in the world. In February 2014, Gates announced that he was stepping down as Microsoft's chairman to focus on charitable work at his foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

In 1994, Bill and Melinda Gates established the William H. Gates Foundation, which was dedicated to supporting education, world health and investment in low-income communities. With Melinda's influence, Bill had taken an interest in becoming a civic leader in the footsteps of his mother, studying the philanthropic work of American industrial titans Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller. He realized that he had an obligation to give more of his wealth to charity. In 2000, the couple combined several family foundations and made a \$28 billion contribution to form the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In 2000, Bill Gates stepped down from the day-to-day operations of Microsoft, turning over the job of CEO to college friend Steve Ballmer, who had been with Microsoft since 1980. He positioned himself as chief software architect so he could concentrate on what was for him the more passionate side of the business, though he remained chairman of the board.

Over the next few years, Bill's involvement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation occupied much of his time and even more of his interest. In 2006, Gates announced he was transitioning himself from full-time work at Microsoft to devote more quality time to the foundation. His last full day at Microsoft was June 27, 2008. In February 2014, Gates stepped down as chairman of Microsoft in order to move into a new position as technology adviser; longtime Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer was replaced by 46-year-old Satya Nadella.

Gates continues to devote much of his time and energy to the work of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The organization tackles international and domestic issues, such as health and education and helping students in the United States become college-ready. In 2015, Gates spoke out in favor of national Common Core

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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

RI President on Rotary Foundation Month

standards in grades K through 12 and charter schools. Gates also proved to be a groundbreaking employer when, around this time, the foundation announced that it would give its employees a year's paid leave after the birth or the adoption of a child.

In addition to being one of the richest and most successful businessmen in the history of the world, Bill Gates has also received numerous awards for philanthropic work. *Time* magazine named Gates one of the most influential people of the 20th century. The magazine also named Gates and his wife Melinda, along with rock band U2's lead singer, Bono, as the 2005 Persons of the Year.

Gates holds several honorary doctorates from universities throughout the world. He was knighted as an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire bestowed by Queen Elizabeth II in 2005.

In 2006, Gates and his wife were awarded the Order of the Aztec Eagle by the Mexican government for their philanthropic work throughout the world in the areas of health and education. In 2016, Gates and his wife Melinda were recognized for their philanthropic work when they were named recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama.

District 6940 Conference

Early Registration is open now. Register by 12/15 for \$150. December 16 registration goes to \$175.

The conference will be held at the Baytowne Conference Center at the Village of Baytowne Wharf April 6-8, 2018. This year will kick off with breakout sessions on Friday afternoon followed by a BBQ and games & music on the lawn. Saturday morning will feature Rotary updates and inspirational speakers followed by a luncheon with speaker and awards. Saturday evening features the Governor's Banquet. Sunday morning begins with a memorial service to honor our members who have passed away. The service will be followed by more great speakers.

Plan now to attend. It's a great time to learn more and meet Rotarians from around the district.

Hotel room options include: studio for \$159/night; 2 BR for \$279/night; 3BR for \$359/night. See www.rotary6940.org for instructions for booking rooms and details about the conference.

Record your Volunteer Hours

RI President Ian Riseley has asked all clubs to report club member volunteer hours. The purpose is to be able to, at the end of the year, quantify the amount of time Rotarians have spent carrying out their local and global projects. When you spend time on one of our club projects, please turn in the following to Lorrageia:

- Name
- Date(s)
- Time spent (In minutes or hours)
- The project you worked on

The club will also be reporting dollars donated to local and global projects/charities.

Christmas Party

Plan now to attend our club's Christmas Dinner and Party.

- Wednesday, December 20, 6pm-9pm
- Wyndham Garden Inn on Okaloosa Island (573 Santa Rosa Blvd)
- Dinner, Entertainment and Cash Bar; Holiday Casual
- \$25 per person
- RSVP to Lorrageia (executivesecretary@fortwaltonrotary.org) by 12/15
Come share some Christmas Cheer with your fellow Rotarians!

Volunteer Opportunity

We have the opportunity to assist Catholic Charities with their "Christmas Connection" program which provides gifts for children. They need help on the following dates/times:

- December 12th from 10am to noon for event setup
- December 13th from 1-5pm to help clients find the right gifts for their children
- December 14th from 9-10am to distribute bicycles

The location for all events is Catholic Charities on First Street in Fort Walton Beach. Please contact Rick Owen (850-865-3421 or rick@united-way.org) with your preferred day/time.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

12/06	Regular Meeting	Scholarship Drawdown Kickoff
12/13	Regular Meeting	Laurie Hood, Alaqua Animal Refuge
12/20	No Regular Meeting	Club Christmas Social—Date TBD
12/27	No Meeting	Christmas/New Year
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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays	11/24 Matt Turpin	11/29 Kevin & Sue Ann Cagle (9)
11/08 Lyndon Poff	11/25 Jack Yeiser	
11/08 Matt Simpson	11/28 Ross Hamilton	
11/16 John Morgan	11/30 John Roper	
11/18 Rick Owen	November Anniversaries	November Club Anniversaries
11/18 Jean Woo	11/02 Mac & Debra Mac-	11/20 Mack Busbee (4)
11/19 Kent Tinsley	donald (32)	11/20 Ross Hamilton (4)
11/23 Charlie Potts	11/06 Ron & Pam Grissom (?)	

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.



YTD in 2017 15 cases of polio have been recorded. This compares to 33 in the same period of time in 2016. The greatest improvement has been made in Pakistan, with 5 cases this year vs 17 last year, a 70% reduction! Afghanistan has also seen improvement, with 10 reported cases this year compared to 12 last year, a 16% reduction. No other countries have reported cases this year.

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 Bodenshine, 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

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

Jean Woo, PHF

Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF

Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF **

Psychologist

Matt Zasada

CPA

Recent Meeting Attendance

Oct 4 67.8%

Oct 11 65.0%

Oct 18 55.2%

Oct 25 55.4%

October 61.4%

Nov 1 57.9%

Nov 8 56.9%

Nov 15 60.0%

Nov to date 58.2%