



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

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**January is  
Vocational Service Month**

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**Board of Directors**

- President:** Ron Grissom
- President Elect:** Ross LeBlanc
- Secretary:** Dusty Ricketts
- Treasurer:** Matt Simpson
- Past President:** Aaron Webber
- At Large:** John Roper and Eric Polson
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- Club Admin:**
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- Scholarship Drawdown:**  
Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson
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# The Rotary Reader

**Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach  
2017-2018 Rotary Citation Earner**

## **Today's Speaker: Forrest Townsend Vaquita, World's Smallest Dolphin on the Road to Extinction**



Dr Townsend graduated from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1976. He and his family moved to Fort Walton Beach two years later. He was interested in the very new field of marine mammal medicine. Gulfarium was located here and he volunteered his time there to learn about marine mammals. Because of our location on the Gulf of Mexico and the deep water of the

DeSoto Canyon just 60 miles off shore and 6000 feet deep, numerous whales and dolphins beached themselves on our shores.

With the numerous marine animals housed at the park and experience of treating the stranded dolphins and whales, Dr Townsend became one of the early pioneers in marine mammal medicine. Over thirty years ago he began working with wild dolphin health assessments, studying the health of numerous populations of dolphins. With that experience he was selected as the lead veterinarian in the Deep Water Horizon offshore oil spill studying the effects to the coastal bottlenose dolphins effected.

Dr Townsend has been a private mixed animal practitioner from the very beginning of his career. He along with his wife, Sally, operate Bayside Hospital for Animals. Their three children are Melissa, a deaf education teacher in our Okaloosa County school system, Amanda, an ER nurse at the VA in Orlando and son Trey, a veterinarian surgeon in Massachusetts. Between them they have eleven grand children.

## **Today's Rotary Prayer**

As Rotarians, Lard grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive.

And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

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## RI Convention Hamburg June 1-5, 2019

Registration is Open!

December 16-March 31  
\$495 per person

April 1—June 5  
\$595 per person

Discover the unique blend of historical and contemporary culture that makes Hamburg such a distinctive place. A flourishing city with friendly people and an array of entertainment options, this beautiful port city is the perfect setting for a memorable experience.

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](http://www.riconvention.org)

## Invitation from the Salvation Army



Salvation Army has invited up to 4 members of our club to their Christmas Appreciation Celebration.

Sunday, February 17

2pm—4pm

Magnolia Grill

Please let Rick Owen know if you can attend

## Scholarship Drawdown

Our 5th Annual Scholarship Drawdown is set for Friday, May 24 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. Dusty Ricketts and Matt Simpson are co-chairs for the event. Sponsorship brochures and forms will be available in a few days. Tickets should be available by the end of the month. We need all club members to start soliciting sponsors so we can have the best event yet. All proceeds fund scholarships awarded by FWB Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.

## Rotary Vision/Mission

“Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves” Rotary Vision

Statement adopted by the Board and Trustees in June 2017

Our mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professionals, and community leaders.

## Rotary 6940 District Conference



Mark your calendars now for the 2019 District 6940 Conference at the Baytowne Conference Center.

Join fellow Rotarians from around the district as we serve together (Socks of Love and potential hurricane relief project), learn together (great speakers and breakout sessions), celebrate together (district awards and recognition) and remember together (memorial service).

Medina's Treasure theme will carry throughout the conference. Family friendly **Registration is now open on DACdb!** Plan to attend...you won't regret it. The club will reimburse your registration fee and the cost of 1 night for a studio if you stay at the resort. Jean Woo, Rick Owen, Fred Pryor and Jan Pooley have already registered. Won't you join them?

## 2019 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

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 identified as potential leaders by their club officers. Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

February 2—Panama City

February 23—Lake City

March 23—Tallahassee

**Registration is now open on DACdb for Lake City and Tallahassee.**

## 2019-2020 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year:

President—Ross LeBlanc

President Elect—Dusty Ricketts

Secretary—Matt Simpson

Treasurer—John Roper

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

- 2/02 Rotary Leadership Institute in Panama City
- 2/06 Regular Meeting Wuerffel Trophy—Tom Brassell
- 2/13 Regular Meeting BOTE Paddle Boards—Corey Booker
- 2/20 Regular Meeting Nat'l Flight Academy—Mark Curley
- 2/23 Rotary Leadership Institute in Lake City
- 2/27 Regular Meeting Pete and Carol's Rotary Trip to Nepal
- 3/30 Feed the Need Club Is Looking for 30 Volunteers

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>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	1/19 Debbie Bodensine
1/08 Sallie Hardy	1/20 John & Connie Morgan	(14)
1/25 Ben Gordon	(40)	1/24 Jean Woo (23)
1/23 Andy Corbin	<b>Club Anniversaries</b>	1/25 Michele Nicholson
	1/01 Alex Trum (50)	(13)
	1/13 Eulice Shelley (65)	1/28 Ben Gordon (4)
	1/18 John Roper (2 + 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.



In an extraordinary joint statement by the chairs of the main independent, advisory and oversight committees of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the chairs urge everyone involved in polio eradication to ensure polio will finally be assigned to the history books by 2023. The Endgame plan through 2018 has brought the world to the brink of being polio free. A new Strategic Plan 2019-2023 aims to build on the lessons learned since 2013.

# 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: Andy Corbin  
ajc@tslinc.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. 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 American House in 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

**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, (11) 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, PHF SM RLI 3**

Utilities

**Chad Hamilton, PHF SM**

CPA

**Ross Hamilton, SM RLI 1**

Education— College

**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 SM RLI 1**

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

**Stacey McGilvray**

Commercial Lending

**Joe Meyer, RotY PHF**

Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (16) PHF SM**

Developmental Disabilities

**John Morgan, PHF SM\***

Computer Engineer

**Matthew Morgan,**

Electrical Engineer

**Dan Nelson, PHF SM**

Restaurant/Fast Food

**Michelle Nicholson, PHF SM**

Communications

**Gladys Overwith**

Commencement Speaker

**Rick Owen (2) PHF PHS 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 (1)**

Collision Repair

**Jan Pooley, (12) PHF SM BS RotY\***

RLI 3 RLIDL

Department Store

**Charlie Potts, PHF SM\***

Jeweler

**Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY\***

Utility Service-Gas

**Dusty Ricketts, SM RLI 2**

News Media

**John Roper, PHF RLI 2**

Developmental Disabilities

**Dick Rynearson**

Honorary Member

**Eulice Shelley, PHF \***

Moving & Storage

**Jessica Simpson**

Lighting Sales

**Matt Simpson**

Insurance and Bonding

**Scott Smith, PHF SM\***

Chiropractor

**Oxana Solovieva (2)**

Commercial Real Estate

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

RLIDL

Surge Suppression Systems

**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, (2) PHF SM \* RLI2**

Condo Management

**Charles West, (3) PHF BS SM\***

Investment Broker

**Jean Woo, PHF**

Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF**

Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***

Psychologist

**Matt Zasada**

CPA

## Recent Attendance

1/02 50.9%

1/09 70.7%

1/16 61.0%

Jan To Date 61.0%

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.