



# The Rotary Reader

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## October is Economic & Community Development Month

### Board of Directors

- President:** Ross LeBlanc
- President Elect:** Matt Simpson
- Secretary:** John Roper
- Treasurer:** Rick Owen
- Past President:** Ron Grissom
- At Large:** JT Edwards & Athena Riley
- Senior Member:** Charlie Potts
- Sergeant at Arms:** Andy Corbin & Brandon Lewis

### Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:**
  - **Programs:** Rick Stevens & Katie Sharon
  - **Socials:** Neal Bern & Charles West
  - **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Image:**
- 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

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

### Today's Speakers: Choctaw and Fort Walton Head Coaches



Coach Phil Dorn holds a master's degree in physical education from Ohio State and a bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University. He is also a certified teacher in Florida and Ohio. Coach Dorn is in his fourth year as head football coach and athletic director at FWBHS. Prior to coming to FWBHS, Coach Dorn spent two years as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Alabama A&M, an FCS member of the Southwest Athletic Conference. Prior to that, Coach Dorn spent eight seasons as head coach and athletic director at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers, where he had five winning seasons and helped lead 21 sports programs to a combined 104 district championships, 22 regional championships and six state championships. Coach Dorn and his wife, Lee Ann have two children...Chelsey and Karl.

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Coach Thomas was born in Waterbury, CT, to a family of 4 sons and one daughter. His father coached high school football for 35 years. Coach Thomas was a 3 year letterman in football, basketball and track at Charles B Aycock High School in Goldsboro, NC.

Coach Greg Thomas holds a Masters degree in Exercise and Sport Science from East Carolina University and a Bachelors Degree in Health and Physical Education from the same university. While at ECU he was a 3 year starter on the football team, serving as captain and MVP for 2 years.

Coach Thomas is in his ninth year as head coach at Choctaw. Prior to coming to Choctaw he was head coach for 8 years at Rose HS in Greenville, NC where the team won the state championship 4 times. Prior to that he served as head coach at Fort Mill HS in Fort Mill, SC (3 years), head coach at Washington HS (3 years) and assistant coach at Washington (6 years).

Coach Thomas and his wife, Wendy, have two daughters, Cori and Laci, and 1 son, Gregory.

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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)

## Welcome Governor Innes Richards!



It is our pleasure to once again welcome District Governor Innes Richards to the Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach. DG Innes will be with us for a special recognition.

She has been a member of the Rotary Club of Pensacola since 1998 and has served her club and District 6940 in many leadership positions. Welcome DG Innes!

## Bring Yourself and Bring a Guest Promo

Last week our sergeants announced a 7 week promotion. One lucky member will win \$25! Each week you attend you will receive a card. Bring a guest and receive an extra card. At the end of the promo, the member with the best 5 card hand wins \$25. If you bring guests, you will have more cards to choose from to make the best hand. For more details, contact Andy Corbin and/or Brandon Lewis.

## Confident Kids Program

Last week Athena Riley updated us on the Confident Kids Program Kickoff through her non-profit Franklin's Tree House. If you would like to assist with this program to help foster children, visit [www.franklinstreehouse.org](http://www.franklinstreehouse.org) and click on events. Athena is turning their personal tragedy into something very positive for others.... Thanks for sharing with us!

## 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 Dates in District 6940 for 2020 have been announced:

January 11—Pensacola

January 25—Lake City

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 DACdb for all sessions.**

## New Member Proposals—First Publishing

Two new or returning members have been proposed and voted on by the club's Board of Directors at the 10/29 Board Meeting:

**Kyle Lowrey** is proposed by JT Edwards. Kyle is a sergeant with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. He is an experienced Patrol Sergeant, Narcotics Investigator and Deputy Sheriff who has a demonstrated history of working in the law enforcement industry.

**Jason Monroe** is proposed by Jan Pooley. Jason is a Sr. Solutions Consultant with Bit-Wizards. Jason was a member of our club from 2010-2012 when he was at Cox Communications.

## News from the Board of Directors

At the Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday:

- Discussed consolidating to one banking institution to streamline financial operations
- Discussed several potential service projects. We will schedule a Saturday clean-up at Rotary Park across from City Hall and investigate replacing the sign before the end of 2019. Charles West is the lead. We will also ring the bell for Salvation Army. Tentative dates and locations are Saturday, December 7 at the Publix at Eglin and Racetrack and Saturday, December 14 at the Publix on Mary Esther Cut-Off. Andy Corbin is the lead.
- Discussed plans for a fall fundraiser to support service activities of the club. Tentative plans are to pre-sell smoked hams for holiday meals and entertaining. More info to come soon.
- Nominating committee will present the slate of officers for 2020-2021 for a vote prior to 12/31/19.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities

11/06	Regular Meeting	Gerry Chalker—Polio and The Rotary Foundation
11/13	Regular Meeting	Sandra Atkinson—Role of a State Committeeperson
11/20	Regular Meeting	Drawdown Planning and Thanksgiving Celebration
11/27	No Meeting	Thanksgiving Holiday
1/11	Rotary Leadership Institute	Pensacola (Register on DACdb)
2/08	Rotary Leadership Institute	Panama City (Register on DACdb)

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.

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	Club Anniversaries
10/02 Eulice Shelley	10/04 John & Sherrie Linn (39)	10/01 Herb Tinsley (48)
10/05 Mitzi Henley	10/04 Tom & Denise Hayes (36)	10/12 Jan Pooley (25 + 4)
10/22 Tony Gilligan	10/10 Ross & Brianne LeBlance	10/17 Charles West (18)
10/27 Russ Youngblood	(10)	
10/30 Ron Grissom	10/20 Neal & Maxine Bern (8)	

## 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.



With no wild poliovirus type 3 detected anywhere in the world since 2012, the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) declared on World Polio Day that this strain has been officially eradicated. This is a significant milestone in the global effort to rid the world of all poliovirus strains and ensure that no child will ever again be paralyzed by any poliovirus anywhere. We still fight poliovirus type 1.

# 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**

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

**John Lysaght**

Life Cycle Logistics

**Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM**

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

**Mary Plummer, PHF**

Real Estate Sales

**Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY**

Paint & Body Shop

**Diane Poff, PHF SM**

Paint & Body Shop

**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 2**

Developmental Disabilities

**C Howie Run**

Head of Personal Security

**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**

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.