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Ramsey Ross, Athletic Director NWFSC



Ramsey Ross is the Athletic Director of Northwest Florida State College. Ross has been serving since March 2012 after being selected from a field of 35 applicants to lead the Raider Athletics program and follow Mickey Englett, the college's long-time Athletic Director and Dean of Students.

Ross has been with the college since 2004 in a variety of posts including Coordinator of Student Activities and seven years as the college's Coordinator of Athletics, Health and Fitness. He holds a Master's degree from Florida State University in Sport Administration and a bachelor's degree in Business Management.

In his time so far, Ross has help solidify NWFSC an elite program, with the most recent national championships in baseball and basketball in 2015.

Prior to his service at NWFSC, Ross worked at Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College in various capacities in the athletic departments. Ross resides in Santa Rosa Beach with his wife of seven years, Meagan.

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ROTARY'S REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK PUTS BOOKS INTO THE HANDS OF CHILDREN IN ECUADOR

Schoolchildren in Ecuador are improving their reading, and their teachers are receiving additional professional development through a collaboration between Rotary and the Organization of American States (OAS).

The effort began three years ago when Richard Carson, RI representative to the OAS, and other Rotary members met with staff at the agency to discuss a set of literacy requirements for schools. They briefed the ministers of education of Central and South American countries on an approach to improve reading skills. Ecuador adopted the plan.

“We flew to Ecuador and met with the vice president of the country, who happened to be a Rotarian, and with many different teaching professionals,” says Carson, a member of the Rotary Club of Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland, USA. “It’s a very successful project involving three Rotary districts and eight clubs.”

To achieve the new academic standards, the program called for additional training for teachers, including how to incorporate new technology into the curriculum. Rachael Blair, who coordinated a global grant project for the Rotary Club of Annapolis, Maryland, USA, said she was moved by how much the teachers appreciated Rotary’s involvement.

“They could not believe that Rotary clubs would take such an interest in their professional development, especially clubs from overseas,” she says. “They reminded me that when you nurture and support others, they shine and bring their very best skills and talents to the table.”

For the past three decades, a network of RI representatives has been strengthening ties with the United Nations, its agencies, and other international organizations, like the League of Arab States and the European Union. The result is bigger projects, like the one in Ecuador.

In Lebanon, Rotary clubs have partnered with the UN’s Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to teach high school students about the UN Millennium Development Goals, the progress Arab states have made toward reaching them, and the obstacles that remain. The aim is to better educate the younger generation on how they can help achieve the goals.

Michel Jazzar, a member of the Rotary Club of Kerousan, Lebanon, and an RI representative to the UN agency, has also been instrumental in bringing Lebanon clubs together to form a National Rotary Lebanon Fund to coordinate their efforts.

RI representatives monitor activities and advocate for Rotary’s causes within most of the major international institutions. They regularly attend functions at the White House, United Nations, the Commonwealth, and European Union, and they arrange private meetings and organize special events.

ROTARY DAY AT THE UN

One such special event is the annual Rotary gathering at the United Nations building in New York City. This year’s event, 7 November, will celebrate 70 years of partnership and give roughly 1,000 members and guests a chance to hear from experts at the UN and exchange ideas on water, sanitation, hunger, poverty, education, and other topics. A morning youth session is open to high school students, including members of Rotary’s Interact and Youth Exchange programs.

“Just by having a presence at the United Nations building and in meetings of [nongovernmental organizations], it’s given Rotary much greater credibility,” says Joseph Lauren, the primary representative to the UN in New York. “We’re not just a name you see on a billboard.”

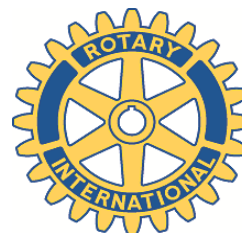
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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 11th: Jodi Gup - Nemours Children's Clinic

November 18th: Charles Reynolds - Gold's Gym

November 25th: No meeting - Thanksgiving

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS

Lyndon Poff - November 8th

Proposed Member: Lisa Williams - Gulf Power

Today in History

1880

James and John Ritty of Dayton, Ohio, [patented](#) the first cash register.

1922

[Howard Carter](#) discovered the tomb of [Tutankhamen](#) in [Egypt](#).

1924

Nellie T. Ross of [Wyoming](#) was elected the nation's [first](#) woman governor, to serve out the term of her husband who died in office.

1979

The American embassy in Tehran, [Iran](#), was [seized by militants](#) and 90 Americans were taken hostage.

1995

Israeli Prime Minister, and Nobel Laureate, [Yitzhak Rabin](#), was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli.

2008

Democratic senator [Barack Obama](#) wins the presidential election against [Sen. John McCain](#), taking 338 electoral votes to McCain's 161. Obama makes history as the first African American U.S. president.

Rotary Roster

Bill Alexson
Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
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Employee Benefits

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Insurance

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Property Management

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Cable Television

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County Planning

Mack Busbee
County Government

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Kevin Cagle, SM
Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (8) PHF SM *
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
Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM
Utilities

Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM
Education

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM
CPA

Ross Hamilton
Education- College

Sallie Hardy, PHF SM
Commercial Properties

Tom Hayes, PHF SM
Financial Services

Jody Henderson, PHF SM *
Accounting/Auditing

Mitzi Henley, SM
Retail Shopping Center

Ken Hinrichs
Non-Profit Administration

Jeff Hooton, PHF SM
Commercial Lending

Stephanie Jones SM
Banking

Laura Kirby (2)
Business Development

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

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
Public Safety

Jamey Mattern, PHF SM
Architect

David Macdonald PHF SM **
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

Mary Plummer, PHF SM
Real Estate Sales

Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff
Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (9) PHF SM RotY*
Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*
Jeweler

Kathy Pritchard, PHF SM
Commercial Banking

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY*
Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
Banking

Eulice Shelley, PHF SM*
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Surge Suppression Systems

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Veterinarian

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Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood PHF SM**
Psychologist

Interested in joining Rotary?

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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.

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