



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

# The Rotary Reader



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

**September is  
Basic Education and  
Literacy Month**

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## Board of Directors

- President:** Aaron Webber
- President Elect:** Ron Grissom
- Secretary:** Ross LeBlanc
- Treasurer:** Dusty Ricketts
- Past President:** Katie Sharon
- At Large:** Forrest Townsend and Chuck Landers
- Senior Member:** Bob Fowner
- Sergeant at Arms:** Rick Owen and John Roper

## Committee Chairs

- Club Admin:** Joe Meyer
- **Programs:** Your Name Could be Here
- **Socials:** JT Edwards
- **Bulletin:** Jan Pooley
- Public Relations:** Matt Simpson
- Membership:** Lisa Williams, Andy Corbin
- Rotary Foundation:** Katie Sharon
- Service Projects:** Rick Owen
- Youth Services:** Ross Hamilton and Charles West
- Scholarship Inc:** Matt Turpin
- Scholarship Drawdown:** Ross LeBlanc, Dusty Ricketts
- Executive Secretary:** Lorrageia Jackson

## Today's Speaker: Dr Devin Stephenson President, Northwest Florida State College



An Alabama native, Dr. Stephenson has extensive experience in community college executive Administration. He served as President/CEO of Big sandy Community/Technical College in Kentucky and Three Rivers College in Missouri prior to coming to NWFSC.

He has held a number of leadership positions within the Alabama Community College system, including Vice President of External Affairs and Dean of Students at Beville State Community College, CEO of Snead State Community College and Dean of Students at Walker State Technical College. Dr. Stephenson served as the Kentucky Community and Technical College system liaison to SOAR (Shaping our Appalachian Region), working with Congressman Hal Rogers and Governor Matt Bevin to transform the economy of the region. He is a Commissioner on the American Association of Community Colleges' Commission on Professional Development and Leadership and an experienced peer evaluator with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and the Higher Learning Commission. In December 2016, Dr. Stephenson was elected to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. Most recently, he was selected to the Board of Directors for the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities (FAC&U) and the steering committee for the Florida College System Council of Presidents.

He earned an associate degree in science from Walker Junior College, followed by a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Birmingham-Southern College and both master's and doctoral degrees in the administration of higher education from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Stephenson and his wife, Judy, have two adult children, Jon and Julianne.

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

## Seen at the Club Social

Last week's club social was a great success. Over 40 people attended including several guests, 4 of whom are potential new members. Good food, good friends, good time! Thanks JT for coordinating. We look forward to the next one.



## RI President Ian's Tree Planting Project

RI President Ian Riseley has asked each club to plant one tree for each member during the 2017-2018 Rotary Year. The Crestview club is working with the Yellow River Soil and Water Conservation District to secure trees for this purpose. The trees are free of charge and will be available in January 2018. Stay tuned for more info on this upcoming project.

## Rotarians Contribute Over \$300 Million

Rotarians and friends contributed \$304.4 million (unaudited) to the Rotary Foundation during our historic year, a celebration of the Foundation's 100 years of Doing Good. This amount surpassed the goal of \$300 million we set to mark the centennial in 2016-2017.

Your generous donations to the Annual, Endowment and PolioPlus funds are empowering Rotary members to continue fighting disease, reducing poverty, providing clean water, promoting peace, and advancing economic development all over the world.

Our club contributed \$6,726.50 to the Annual Fund and \$1,928.00 to other funds including PolioPlus and Clean Water. Total was \$8,654.50!

## Little Free Libraries

Please continue to bring books for our Little Free Libraries to our Wednesday meetings. Books for children and adults are appropriate. Biographies, novels, cookbooks, non-fiction, inspirational, etc. are all good choices for restocking our libraries.

## 2018 Homeless Veteran Stand Down

The Annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down will be held Friday, November 3, 2017. Donations are needed by September 15 to fill 300 Veteran's Personal Care Bags. Item needed include Band-Aids, Combs, Decks of Cards, Deodorant, Floss, Winter Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, Hats & Knitted Caps, Kleenex, Lip Balm, Nail Clippers, Pens, Plastic Rain Ponchos, Puzzle Books, Q-tips, Sewing Kits, Shaving Cream, Shaving Razors, Snack Cracker Packages, New Socks, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Washcloths, Wet Wipes and Pocket T-Shirts (new in sizes, XL & 2X only). Cash donations are welcome. Drop off to Mental Health Assn, 571 Mooney Rd.  
For details see Jean Woo.

## Upcoming Programs and Activities September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/13	Regular Meeting	Melinda Bowers, University of West Florida
9/20	Regular Meeting	Lisa Weeks, District Governor's Official Visit
9/27	Regular Meeting	Todd Allen, Northwest Florida Ballet
10/04	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/11	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/18	Regular Meeting	TBD
10/24	World Polio Day	
10/25	Regular Meeting	TBD
1/27	Rotary Leadership Inst	Pensacola
2/17	Rotary Leadership Inst	Panama City Beach
3/10	Rotary Leadership Inst	Tallahassee

Did You Know? You can attend a club board meeting , committee meeting or project as a make-up.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries	September Club Anniversaries
9/06 Mary Plummer	9/01 JT & Allison Edwards (4)	9/01 John Morgan (41)
9/15 Chuck Landers	9/03 Matt & Jessica Simpson (6)	9/05 Katie Sharon (5)
9/17 Aaron Webber	9/07 Sallie Hardy & Charles Scott (28)	9/08 Roger Peadro (13)
9/29 Charles West	9/20 Lisa & Steve Williams (31)	9/24 Gerry Chalker (20)
		9/25 Cliff Ennis (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.



Rotary is improving its on-line giving platform over several phases. The first phase, now complete, allows donors to make easy, efficient and secure financial contributions at [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org). Donors can also make contributions using tablets and smart phones.. Watch for more enhancements to come!

# 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

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or

Andy Corbin

[ajc@tslinc.com](mailto: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 Bodenstine, 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

**Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY\***

Pastor

**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 Ryneason**

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

**Lisa Williams**

Utilities

**Jean Woo, PHF**

Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF**

Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood PHF \*\***

Psychologist

**Matt Zasada**

CPA

**Recent Meeting Attendance**

July 26—60.0%

Month of July Avg: 57.63%

Aug 2—57.4%

Aug 9—51.7%

Aug 16—70.5%

Aug 23—62.7%