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January is Vocational Service Month

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

Today's Speaker: Brian Mitchell STEM Education Outreach Coordinator, Eglin Air Force Base



Mr. Brian "Mitch" Mitchell served as an Aerospace Medicine Specialist in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years in both active duty and reserve roles before re-tiring in October 2013. He is currently the STEM Education Outreach Coordinator for Eglin Air Force Base. In this role Mitch is responsible for the entire scope of K-20 STEM Education Outreach for Eglin AFB. Mitch is the program manager for the AFRL Scholars program which provides 75 STEM focused students ranging from high school to PhD with 10 week summer internships working directly alongside Eglin AFB scientists and engineers. He also manages multiple K-12 focused initiatives that reach over 20,000 students across Northwest Florida, all with the goal of increasing STEM literate students with a particular interest in rural and underserved communities. The programs Mitch is involved in include AFRL in the Classroom, FIRST Robotics competitions and the Drone Team Challenge competition. Mitch previously managed the Marketing and Strategic Communications office for the Munitions Directorate.

Mitch was raised in South Florida and travelled the world in the Air Force. He currently resides in Niceville, FL with his wife Shanon and the world's greatest Boston Terriers, Mortimer and Lillian. Both Shanon and Mitch enjoy photography immensely and run their own small photography business. They both also share an affinity for all things Disney.



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RI Convention Honolulu June 6-10, 2020

Registration is Open!

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

Welcome, Jason Monroe!



December 18 we welcomed Jason Monroe as a returning member of our club. He is a Senior Solution Consultant with Bit-Wizards. Even before his induction Jason helped ring the bell for Salvation Army and

is registered for Rotary Leadership Institute in Pensacola. Welcome, Jason!

Rotary in the Rose Parade



The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee is composed of over 75 individual Rotarians from over 25 Districts and has seven sponsoring Districts. The goal of the committee is to promote Rotary International to a worldwide audience by presenting a Float in the Tournament of Roses Parade held on January 1. The committee works throughout the year raising funds from Rotary Clubs within the USA and Canada and individual Rotarians, designs the float, selects the theme for the float which corresponds with the theme for the Rose Parade and Rotary International's theme for that year. The Committee also works with over 1,000 other Rotary volunteers to decorate the float with all organic materials and does not receive funds from Rotary International.

Pictured above is the 41st entry and was the winner of the Tournament Volunteer Award for the most outstanding floral presentation of the Rose Parade theme among floats 35' and under. The Rose Parade theme was The Power of Hope and our float theme was Hope Connects the World.

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 (John Roper, Ken Erdberg and Jason Monroe are registered)

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.

Wildfires in Australia



© NSW Bushfire. Credit: Kelly Ann Oosterbeek / Facebook

From Past RI President Ian Riseley
Can I please express my great appreciation to all those friends from right around the world who have offered kindness and support to Australia as we suffer these terrible fires. It helps enormously to know that you are thinking of us. Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) has a fund supporting bushfire recovery

through which you can donate from outside Australia. Put <https://rawcs.org.au/> into your browser and follow the blue "Donate Now" button

Rotary and Toastmasters to Partner

Members of Toastmasters and Rotary will enhance their skills, broaden their networks and increase their positive impact in communities through a new collaboration.

The ongoing relationship between the two organizations will begin at the grassroots level with local club members learning and working together. Additionally, Toastmasters will create a set of eight structured communication and leadership development courses for Rotary with a phased rollout that will be available in English in 2020, and in more languages in 2021.

“The strategic alliance with Rotary is exciting and allows both organizations to leverage our unique and similar strengths,” says Deepak Menon, Toastmasters' 2019-20 International President. “We look forward to providing our current and prospective members with ongoing additional offerings that meet their evolving needs.”

Upcoming Programs and Activities

1/08	Regular Meeting	S.T.E.M. Program Update— Brian Mitchell
1/11	Rotary Leadership Institute	Pensacola
1/15	Regular Meeting	Emerald Coast Arts Alliance
1/22	Regular Meeting	RBD
1/29	Regular Meeting	Choctawhatchee HS Jazz Band
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.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays		Club Anniversaries	
1/08 Sallie Hardy		1/01 Alex Trum (51)	1/24 Jean Woo (24)
1/23 Andy Corbin		1/13 Eulice Shelley (66)	1/25 Michele Nicholson
1/29 Ben Gordon		1/18 John Roper (3 + 4)	(14)
Wedding Anniversaries		1/19 Debbie Bodenshtine	1/28 Ben Gordon (5)
1/20 John & Connie Morgan (45)	(15)		

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.



A new year has begun and with it the

expectation of reducing the number of new cases of wild poliovirus compared to 2019. In 2019 there were 125 new cases, 24 in Afghanistan and 101 in Pakistan, up significantly from 2018. Major efforts have been made to educate people and convince parents to have their children vaccinated.

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

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

Rex Galore

Auto Salvage

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

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

Kyle Lowrey

Law Enforcement

John Lysaght

Life Cycle Logistics

Joe Meyer, (1) RotY PHF SM

Retail/Computers

Jason Monroe

Information Technology

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

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 PHF

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.