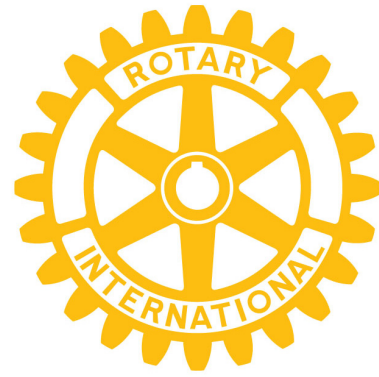


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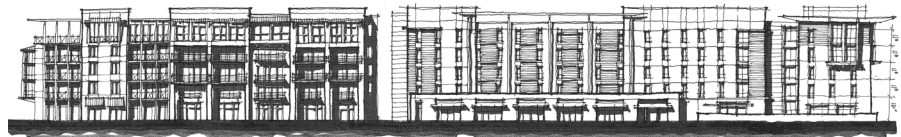
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Ken Wright Landmark Center

Ken Wright is a local native to Niceville where he graduated from Niceville High School in 1978. With a brief career in the construction business after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard, where he served for more than 22 years. While serving in the Coast Guard, Wright also received a myriad of medals for his service, which included Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Special Operations Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medals to name a few.

After completing his Coast Guard career he returned home to Niceville and began a career in real estate. He was instrumental in creating and owning a new real estate company, where he served as vice president. After a couple of years managing the day to day activities of this company, he joined a local native and former Coast Guard shipmate, Kerry Veach, the broker/owner of RE/MAX Southern Realty. As the result of the RE/MAX Southern Realty selling the Fort Walton Beach RE/MAX franchise, Wright transferred his real estate license to Keller Williams Emerald Coast. Not only does Wright act as a realtor, he owns and manages various real estate in the area and assists in the development of a number of real estate projects in the area. One of the most notable projects he has ownership in is the Landmark Center in Fort Walton Beach, which is a planned mixed use building consisting of a 112 room Hilton Home2 Suites Hotel, about 30,000 square feet restaurant and retail space, 24 condos and a 350 space parking garage.

Ken Wright is married to the former Ms. Erica Knapp and has two children, Drew Wright and Madison Knapp.





Monrovia club's Ebola fight not finished

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary News

After the first cases of Ebola reached Liberia's capital, Monrovia, last June, local Rotary members feared that the city's limited health care system wouldn't be able to contain the highly infectious, often-deadly disease.

Those fears were realized when infections quickly multiplied, underscoring the speed with which Ebola can spread in an urban center. It was the first time the hemorrhagic fever had threatened a major city since it erupted in West Africa last March.

Now, after months of crisis-level response, and with the number of new cases declining, club members are looking to the long term, planning three projects that will have a sustained impact in the Ebola fight in their community.

"We were at the mercy of Ebola," recalls David Frankfort, a member of the Rotary Club of Monrovia and chair of its Ebola committee. "We didn't have enough trained health personnel or proper medical equipment to handle the onset of the epidemic here."

The Monrovia club quickly stepped up efforts to control the spread of the disease in the city. By October, members had donated 220 noncontact infrared thermometers, 10,000 examination gloves, 100 plastic buckets with spouts for handwashing, 120 pairs of rubber boots for health care workers, 80 mattresses, fuel coupons for Ebola response vehicles, and books for students who had to stay at home after the government ordered the closing of all its schools in June.

The 53-member club is also working directly with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to enhance local support for Ebola patients, health workers, and support staff.

"When this crisis hit, we weren't going to stand by and wait for help to arrive; we created our own emergency action plan," says Frankfort. "We felt a responsibility, as a Rotary club, to show our community that responding to disasters like this is what we are all about."

The Rotaract Club of Monrovia also pitched in, conducting a door-to-door outreach campaign aimed at raising awareness about Ebola prevention and home management. The effort was co-sponsored by the Liberian Nurses Association.

In addition, Frankfort says that dozens of clubs worldwide have assisted Rotary members in Monrovia, including the Rotary Club of Marlow, in Buckinghamshire, England, which raised more than \$113,000 for the effort.

The Ebola epidemic, the worst on record, has claimed more than 3,600 lives in Liberia. In the three worst-hit countries -- Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea, -- the death toll is more than 8,620, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Ebola, which causes vomiting, diarrhea, and internal bleeding, is spread through direct contact with blood or other bodily fluids. It has no known cure.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March 18: G. Kay Towner, Investigator for Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

March 25: Larry Sassano, Florida's Great Northwest

April 1: Club social at the Boardroom

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1818, Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus is published. The book, by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is frequently called the world's first science fiction novel. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses.

On this day in 1985, capping his rapid rise through the Communist Party hierarchy, Mikhail Gorbachev is selected as the new general secretary and leader of the Soviet Union, following the death of Konstantin Chernenko the day before. Gorbachev oversaw a radical transformation of Soviet society and foreign policy during the next six years.

On this day in 1997, Paul McCartney, a former member of the most successful rock band in history, The Beatles, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his "services to music." The 54-year-old lad from Liverpool became Sir Paul in a centuries-old ceremony of pomp and solemnity at Buckingham Palace in central London.

TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 2003, the Air Force Research Laboratory at Eglin Air Force Base, in what was described as a "technology demonstration," detonated a 21,000-pound bomb over Range B-70.

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

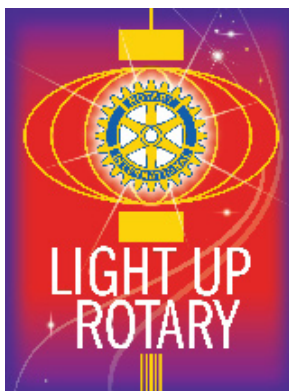
Joe Meyer, anniversary, March 10

Dave Miller, birthday, March 11

Jan Pooley, birthday, March 13

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Chris Welch, who works at the Salvation Army, has been proposed for membership.



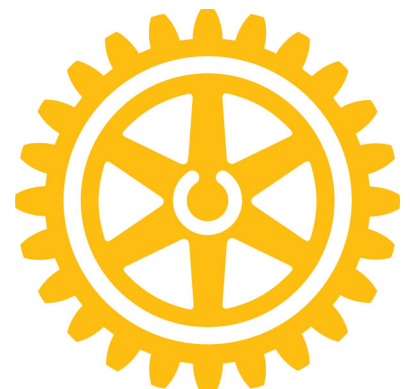
ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



ROTARY ROSTER

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CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
Insurance

James Bass, SM
Funeral Director

Nitsi Bennett, (21) PHF RotY ●
Non-Profit Administration

Debbie Bodenshine, PHF SM RotY
Economic Development

Jeffrey Bost
Banking

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
County Planning

Mack Busbee
County Government

Tom Butcher
Honorary Member

Kevin Cagle, SM
Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (7) PHF SM ●
Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY ●
Electronics manufacturing

George Dorris, PHF SM
Dentistry

Jeff Dunford
Banker

J.T. Edwards, PHF SM RotY
Landscaping Owner

Brian Ekedahl, SM
Social Services

Dan Empson
Honorary Member

Cliff Ennis
Business IT Management

Ralph Fallin, (33) PHF SM RotY ●
Dairy Products

Bob Fowner, PHF SM
Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
Government Contractor

Ben Gordon
Attorney

Ron Grissom, SM
Utilities

Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM
Education

Chad Hamilton, PHF SM
Certified Public Accountant

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

Chris Johnson, PHF ●
CPA Retired

Laura Kirby
Business Development

Richard Kunkel, PHF SM
Education

Chuck Landers, PHF SM
Certified Public Accountant

Ross LeBlanc, SM
Certified Public Accountant

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Retail/Musical Instruments

John Linn, PHF SM
Kitchens-Retail

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
Public Safety

Jamey Mattern, PHF SM
Architect

David Macdonald, SM PHF ●●
Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, SM
Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (12) PHF SM
Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM ●
Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan, SM
Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM
Restaurant/Fast Food

Michele Nicholson, SM
Communications

Brian Page, SM
Tax Attorney

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, (8) PHF SM RotY ●
Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM ●
Jeweler

Kathy Pritchard, PHF SM
Commercial Banking

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Utility Service-Gas

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News Media

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Commercial Banking

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Fund Raising

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Travel Agent

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Savings & Loan Management

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Veterinarian

Alex Trum, PHF SM
Orthodontist Retired

Matt Turpin, SM
Certified Public Accountant

John Vaughan, PHF SM
Past Service

Aaron Webber, SM
Condo Management

Charles West, PHF SM
Investment Broker

Ken Williamson, PHF SM ●
Retired

Jean Woo, PHF SM
Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF SM
Mortgage Broker

Russ Youngblood, PHF SM ●●
Psychologist

PHF: Paul Harris Fellows
SM: PH Sustaining Members
RotY: FWB Rotarian of the Year
● FWB Club Past President
●● Other Club Past President

Members in **blue** are recognized as having perfect attendance as of the end of the previous year

Members in **yellow** are on a leave of absence

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 Ruth-erford's at Regatta Bay

DeFuniak Springs: 12 p.m. Wednesday at McLain's Family Steak-house

Mid-Bay: 7 a.m. Wednesday at Bluewater Bay Golf Club

Navarre: 12 p.m. Thursday at Tus-can Grill at Hidden Creek

Niceville: 12 p.m. Thursday at Northwest Florida State College Building K

South Walton: 7:30 a.m. Thurs-day at Embassy Suites