

ROTARY ROSTER

Bill Alexson
Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
Insurance

James Bass, SM
Funeral Director

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

Debbie Bodenstine, 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

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

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

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, 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

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Restaurant/Fast Food

Michele Nicholson, SM
Communications

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Pastor

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Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff
Paint & Body Shop

Jan Pooley, (8) PHF SM RotY ●
Department Store

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Jeweler

Kathy Pritchard, PHF SM
Commercial Banking

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Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
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Fund Raising

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Travel Agent

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Surge Suppression Systems

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Architecture

Kent Tinsley, SM
Commercial Banking

Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY ●
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

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Don Gaetz

Florida Senate President



Don Gaetz is a Republican member of the Florida Senate, representing the 1st District since 2007. Gaetz is the current Senate President for the 2013-2014 sessions. His term as Senate President ends next month.

Gaetz was born Jan. 22, 1948, in rural North Dakota. His father, Jerry, served as mayor of Rugby, North Dakota, and a state legislator while also working as a rancher, farmer and railroad worker.

Gaetz graduated from Rugby High School in 1966. He graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and political science, and he later received an alumni award for lifetime achievement. At Concordia College, Gaetz was student body president and a national debate champion.

Gaetz married Victoria "Vicky" Joanne Quertermous of Fort Walton Beach on October 3, 1981, in Miami. Vicky is a retired pharmacist. They have two children, state Rep. Matt Gaetz and Erin Victoria.

Previously, he was the Okaloosa County Superintendent of Schools. He was the first non-educator to be elected to the position, and oversaw the improvement of Okaloosa's school system from a "C," average to an "A" according to Florida's Department of Education standards based on FCAT scores per students.



Restoring vision to hundreds in China

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary News

Seeing an elderly Tibetan woman weep with joy when cataract surgery restored her vision after 10 years is the kind of moment Dave Razo will never tire of.

For several summers Razo, a member of the Rotary Club of Warner Robins, Georgia, USA, traveled to rural northwest China with a team from Georgia-based non-profit Gansu Inc., to provide free sight-restoring cataract surgery to some of the country's poorest residents. In 2012, after 22 years and 6,000 successful procedures, Gansu's founder, ophthalmologist William Conrad, retired and discontinued the organization's operations.

But Razo didn't want the effort to end. He had seen how life-changing the surgery could be, not only for the patients but for their families and their community.

"When you see the face of someone who regains their sight for the first time in years, you can't help but share their overwhelming happiness and gratification," says Razo, who is a retired U.S. Air Force pilot. "There was so much good work done by Dr. Conrad and his organization that I felt I could continue his legacy through Rotary."

Cataract, a clouding of the lens of the eye, is responsible for an estimated 2.5 million cases of blindness in China, nearly half of the country's blind population. In rural areas, blindness can be a death sentence for villagers who must walk dangerous mountain trails to obtain food and water.

Nearly half of China's population lives in rural areas, without access to the same health care as urban residents. With its huge population of older people, China is likely to face a growing backlog of people in need of cataract surgery, Razo says. "Chinese families in these regions are close knit, and three or four generations often live together. So giving sight to a patriarch or matriarch has a multiplier effect for the family and the community," he says.

Razo turns to Rotary to continue the project

During one of his missions with Gansu, Razo had met Frank Yih, of the Rotary Club of Shanghai. Yih, who is chair of the nonprofit HuaQiao Foundation, which provides in-country logistical support for international charities, arranged housing for team members during their last two visits to China. When Gansu closed its doors, Razo's Rotary club and the Shanghai club partnered to fund cataract surgery for 400 people at two hospitals in the northeast provinces of Shandong, Gansu, and Qinghai, as well as remote areas closer to Shanghai.

The clubs raised a total of \$46,000, including \$21,000 in matching funds from The Rotary Foundation. The surgeries, each of which cost about \$110 and took about two hours, were completed in June. The Shanghai club collaborated with Vision in Practice, an organization that provides surgical training, consultation, and assistance to eye care institutions and professionals, to oversee the procedures and assist hospital staff.

Yih says the grant project has introduced a low-cost, high-quality cataract surgery model into the Chinese health care system, and he hopes his club can help expand the effort.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Nov. 19: Rotary Foundation

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving - no meeting

Dec. 3: Goodwill Easter Seals (tentative)

Dec. 10: Carley Harmer, Junior League of the Emerald Coast

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1864, Union General William T. Sherman orders the business district of Atlanta, Georgia, destroyed before he embarks on his famous March to the Sea. By one estimate, nearly 40 percent of the city was ruined. Sherman would apply to the same policy of destruction to the rest of Georgia as he marched to Savannah.

On this day in 1980, more than three years after its launch, the U.S. planetary probe Voyager 1 edges within 77,000 miles of Saturn, the second-largest planet in the solar system. The photos, beamed 950 million miles back to California, stunned scientists.

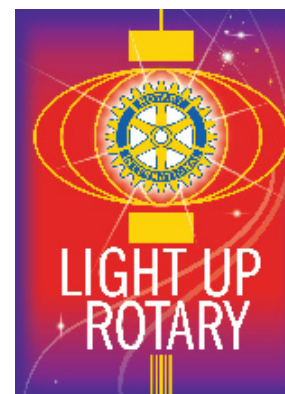
On this day in 2004, Scott Peterson is convicted of murdering his wife Laci and their unborn son. A jury of six men and six women delivered the verdict 23 months after Laci Peterson, who was pregnant, disappeared on Christmas Eve from Modesto, California.

TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 1982, Kelly Austin was crowned Fort Walton Beach Junior Miss during a pageant at Choctawhatchee High School.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Jeff Dunford of MidSouth Bank 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?

