

# ROTARY ROSTER

**Bill Alexson**  
Military Operations Commander

**Robert Anderson, SM**  
CPA

**Jack Arthur, PHF SM**  
Insurance

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Funeral Director

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

**Debbie Bodenshtine, 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

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Social Services

**Dan Empson**  
Honorary Member

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Dairy Products

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Association Manager

**Tony Gilligan, PHF SM**  
Government Contractor

**Ben Gordon**  
Attorney

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Utilities

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Education

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**Ross Hamilton**  
Education-College

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Commercial Properties

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Financial Services

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Accounting/Auditing

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Retail Shopping Center

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**Laura Kirby**  
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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

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**Matthew Morgan, SM**  
Electrical Engineer

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Communications

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**Susan Page, SM**  
Professional Counseling

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Pastor

**Mary Plummer, PHF SM**  
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**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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Attorney

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Travel Agent

**Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Surge Suppression Systems

**Randy Stokes, PHF SM ●**  
Architecture

**Kent Tinsley, SM**  
Commercial Banking

**Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Savings & Loan Management

**Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Veterinarian

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Orthodontist Retired

**Matt Turpin, SM**  
Certified Public Accountant

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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

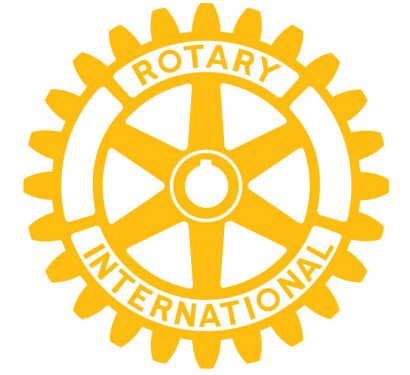
**Russ Youngblood, PHF SM ●●**  
Psychologist

**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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## Board of Directors

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**Youth Service:**  
William Alexson

**Sergeant at Arms:**  
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## Elvin C. Bell Retired USAF Colonel

Elvin C. Bell is the former mayor of Fresno, California, and a retired USAF Colonel who served three White House tours and led sensitive intelligence missions into Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia during the Cold War. He will speak about some of the incidents he was involved in during those fast-paced years, as well as some interesting characters he befriended such as Gregory Peck, John Wayne, the Shah of Iran, Walt Disney, John Lennon, Neil Armstrong and five Presidents, among others.

Colonel Bell has a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's in public administration from California State University in Fresno, a law degree from LaSalle in Chicago and a Ph.D. in business administration from California Coast University in Santa Ana. He is the author of 11 books, including his current 806-page memoir, "Friends, Patriots and Scoundrels," a book that features more than 70 short stories on his acquaintances. Proceeds from book sales support a scholarship fund in his hometown of Fresno that helps needy and worthy high school kids go to college.

During his military career, Col. Bell commanded seven different units, served as a faculty member at the National War College in Washington, D. C., and delivered briefings to the National Security Council.

He resides in Destin.



## Rotary member takes fundraising to new heights - literally

By Lekan Oguntoyinbo  
Rotary News

Despite his longstanding interest in polio eradication, polio was not on Joe Pratt's mind as he prepared for a mid-April 2012 climb of Mount Everest, the highest mountain on earth. But that changed in late 2011, when the resident of Nottingham, New Hampshire, USA, participated in a polio immunization project in Pakistan with fellow Rotary member Steve Puderbaugh.

Moved by the efforts of the Pakistanis to battle the crippling disease, and by the vulnerability of the young victims, Pratt reset the focus of his climbing adventure. Pakistan is one of three countries where polio has never been stopped (the others are Afghanistan and Nigeria).

Pratt considered wearing a polio patch on his climbing outfit, as a tribute to those who had had polio. But Puderbaugh had other ideas.

"My point was, 'Who's going to see that patch?'" recalls Puderbaugh.

Instead, he suggested that Pratt dedicate the climb to raising funds for polio eradication. Pratt, a tall, lean 59-year-old Delta Airlines pilot who has been a member of the Rotary Club of Raymond Area for 28 years, says he "recognized it as a great idea" right away, and mentioned it to their Pakistani hosts at dinner.

"It was immediately embraced by the Pakistanis," says Pratt, who had also climbed Mount McKinley and Mount Kilimanjaro among others.

At first, the planners set a fundraising goal of \$10,000, but later increased it to \$29,030 - a dollar for each foot of Mount Everest's height. And since Pratt's successful climb, his efforts have raised more than \$40,000, not including matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

His ascent, accomplished as part of a team of 23 Russians and one American, took five weeks. The climbers braved high winds and subzero temperatures, and occasionally passed the bodies of climbers who'd perished weeks or months earlier - grim reminders of the perils of the adventure. In the end, only 12 members of the expedition reached the summit, the others having turned back.

Pratt says he had a lot of motivation to keep going.

"One of the many images in my mind was that of the little Pakistani kids - kids who were healthy and hopefully will stay healthy," he says. "I would think, I want to quit, but these kids are depending on me."

It took a little over a year to reach the \$29,030 goal, with contributions picking up significantly last fall, after Pratt spoke to Rotarians from six Montana clubs. For them, Pratt's story had special meaning.

"He's a mountain climber and we're in the mountains of northwest Montana," says Michael Hayes, a businessman and 19-year member of the Rotary Club of Day-break Kalispell. "Several people are into mountaineering here."

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**Feb. 25:** Deanna Wharwood, business consultant

**March 4:** Spencer Barnes, Barnes Insurance and Financial Services

**March 11:** Ken Wright, Landmark Center

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**On this day in 1885,** Mark Twain publishes his famous -- and famously controversial -- novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876). Though Twain saw Huck's story as a kind of sequel to his earlier book, the new novel was far more serious, focusing on the institution of slavery and other aspects of life in the antebellum South.

**On this day in 1930,** Pluto, once believed to be the ninth planet, is discovered at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, by astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh. The existence of an unknown ninth planet was first proposed by Percival Lowell, who theorized that wobbles in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune were caused by the gravitational pull of an unknown planetary body.

**On this day in 2001,** Dale Earnhardt Sr., considered one of the greatest drivers in NASCAR history, dies at the age of 49 in a last-lap crash at the 43rd Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Earnhardt was driving his famous black No. 3 Chevrolet and vying for third place when he collided with another car, then crashed into a wall.

### TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

**On this day in 1994,** area planners remained opposed to a proposal to turn over Racetrack Road and part of Beal Parkway to Okaloosa County, and wanted the state to take over more local roads. "We don't want to take any roads back and we want to give you some if we can," County Commissioner Bill Peebles Jr. told state transportation officials.

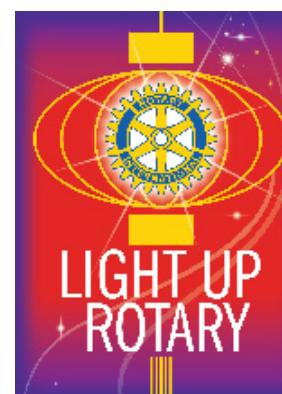
### ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Haydon Grubbs, birthday, March 16

Jeff Hooton, birthday, March 19

Brian Ekedahl, birthday, March 17

Rick Stevens, anniversary, March 21



### 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?

