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Michael Beedie City Manager

Michael Beedie, the new City Manager for the City of Fort Walton Beach, is a native of Northwest Florida as he was born at Eglin A.F.B. and grew up in Fort Walton Beach. He attended Edwins Elementary, Bruner Middle School, and Fort Walton Beach High School (Class of 1994). He is married to Katherine Anderson Beedie of Mobile, Alabama, and they have one son, Greyton, who is seven years old.

The Beedies spend their spare time attending community and sporting events, playing beach volleyball, golfing, and enjoying the most beautiful beaches in the world along the Emerald Coast!

Mr. Beedie attended the University of South Alabama and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1998 and a Master of Business Administration in 2003. In 2009, he received a Graduate Certificate in Florida City and County Management from Florida State University. He holds a Professional Engineer license in Florida and Alabama with over 13 years of engineering and management experience in both the public and private sectors.

Prior to joining the City of Fort Walton Beach, Mr. Beedie's professional career began in the private consulting engineering industry in 1998 in Paris, Texas with career moves taking him to Mobile, Alabama and Connecticut along the way. He has experience with project management of multi-million dollar construction projects, marketing, program development, and similar tasks.

Since starting at the City in April 2005 as the Civil Engineer, Mr. Beedie has progressed through the ranks to the Utilities Operations Manager, City Engineer, Engineering & Utility Services Director, and City Manager.

Rotary Code of Ethics for Business

My business standards shall have in them a note of sympathy for our common humanity. My business dealings, ambitions and relations shall always cause me to take into consideration my highest duties as a member of society. In every position in business life, in every responsibility that comes before me, my chief thought shall be to fill that responsibility and discharge that duty so when I have ended each of them, I shall have lifted the level of human ideals and achievements a little higher than I found it. As a Rotarian it is my duty:

I

To consider any vocation worthy and as affording me distinct opportunity to serve society.

II

To improve myself, increase my efficiency and enlarge my service, and by doing so attest my faith in the fundamental principle of Rotary, that he/she profits most who serves the best.

III

To realize that I am a business man and ambitious to succeed; but that I am first an ethical man and wish no success that is not founded on the highest justice and morality.

IV

To hold that the exchange of my goods, my service and my ideas for profit is legitimate and ethical, provided that all parties in the exchange are benefited thereby.

V

To use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of the vocation in which I am engaged, and so to conduct my affairs that others in my vocation may find it wise, profit-able and conducive to happiness to emulate my example.

VI

To conduct my business in such a manner that I may give a perfect service equal to or even better than my competitor, and when in doubt to give added service beyond the strict measure of debt or obligation.

VII

To understand that one of the greatest assets of a professional or of a business man is his friends and that any advantage gained by reason of friendship is eminently ethical and proper.

VIII

To hold that true friends demand nothing of one another and that any abuse of the confidence of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary, and in violation of its Code of Ethics.

IX

To consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of certain opportunities in the social order that are absolutely denied others, nor will I take advantage of opportunities to achieve material success that others will not take because of the questionable morality involved.

X

To be not more obligated to a brother Rotarian than I am to every other man in human society; because the genius of Rotary is not in its competition, but in its cooperation; for provincialism can never have a place in an institution like Rotary, and Rotarians assert that Human Rights are not confined to Rotary Clubs, but are as deep and as broad as the race itself; and for these high purposes does Rotary exist to educate all men and all institutions.

XI

Finally, believing in the universality of the Golden Rule, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them, we contend that Society best holds together when equal opportunity is accorded all men in the natural resources of this planet.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

May 27: Margaret Marchuk

June 3: TBA

June 10: TBA

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1873, San Francisco businessman Levi Strauss and Reno, Nevada, tailor Jacob Davis are given a patent to create work pants reinforced with metal rivets, marking the birth of one of the world's most famous garments: blue jeans.

On this day in 1956, the United States conducts the first airborne test of an improved hydrogen bomb, dropping it from a plane over the tiny is-land of Namu in the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. The successful test indicated that hydrogen bombs were viable airborne weapons and that the arms race had taken another giant leap forward.

On this day in 1969, as part of a growing outcry over U.S. military policy in Vietnam, Edward Kennedy (D-Massachusetts), in a Senate speech, scorns the military tactics of the Nixon administration. He condemned the battle for Ap Bia Mountain, which had become known as "Hamburger Hill," as "senseless and irresponsible."

TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 2009, the Fort Walton Beach City Council unanimously approved a restructuring plan that eliminated six positions from the city staff, including three high-level management posts.

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dusty Ricketts, anniversary, May 19

Jody Henderson, anniversary, May 19

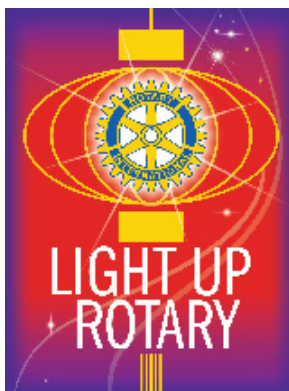
Ralph Fallin, anniversary, May 23

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Spencer Barnes, an insurance executive, has been proposed for membership by Ross Hamilton.

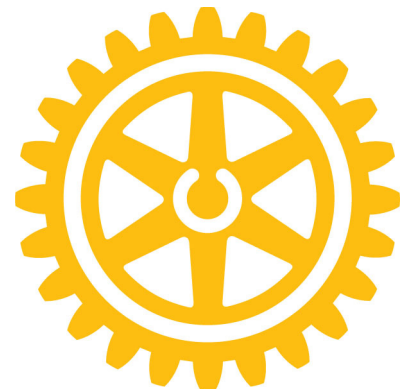
BACKPACK STUFFING AFTER TODAY'S MEETING

The club will stuff backpacks at 1 p.m. today at the Christian Life Center at the corner of Wright Parkway and U.S. Highway 98.



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

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 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

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

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

Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY ●
Utility Service-Gas

Dusty Ricketts, SM
News Media

Katie Sharon, SM
Commercial Banking

Susan Shaw, PHF SM
Fund Raising

Eulice Shelley, PHF SM ●
Moving & Storage

Scott Smith, PHF SM ●
Chiropractor

Whitney Smith, SM
Attorney

Allan Stearns, PHF SM ●
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

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