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Scott Smith

Fort Walton Beach City Councilman

Scott Smith has resided in Fort Walton Beach since 2005 with his wife Whitney and family.

Scott served time in the Army as a combat medic and surgical technician and was commissioned as an officer and attended pilot training. In addition to his Army career, Scott graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College and obtained a Doctorate in Chiropractic Degree and has his practice in Fort Walton Beach.

He has been active and involved in various community organizations including the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club as president, VFW life member, Chamber of Commerce, Krewe of Bowlegs, and member of Elks Lodge 1795.



Protecting children through lifesaving vaccines

By Adam Ross
Rotary News

This year's observance of World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, signals a renewed effort to prevent an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths worldwide from vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio, by closing immunization gaps. The extensive polio-eradication infrastructure created by Rotary, its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), and governments and health ministries provides a model for this effort.

Rotary, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) joined together in 1988 to form GPEI with the goal of protecting the world's children by eradicating polio. At that time, the disease paralyzed more than 1,000 people – most of them young children – worldwide every day. Over the years, Rotary and its partners have reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent, to fewer than 400 cases in 2014, and there are now only three countries in which polio transmission has never been stopped.

This progress has been won by millions of volunteers and health workers who immunize children in hard-to-reach communities and establish real-time global monitoring and response capacity. The massive infrastructure that's been created, which now encompasses millions of trained health workers as well as best practices and knowledge, can be used to combat other infectious diseases and to undertake other critical health interventions.

"Rotarians have played a key role in bringing the world to the cusp of polio eradication," says Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "They have contributed more than \$1.3 billion to polio eradication, they have petitioned their governments to support the cause, and they have donated countless hours to immunize children throughout the world. These achievements have laid the groundwork for a lasting legacy for the world's children."

Rotary and its partners are looking to carry out a legacy health plan, which has two notable aspects:

Ensuring that the knowledge generated and lessons learned from years of polio eradication activities are shared with other health initiatives.

GPEI, in its efforts to deliver the polio vaccine to the hardest-to-reach and most vulnerable populations in the world, has learned valuable lessons about overcoming barriers. As a result, polio workers have been able to deliver additional health services, including deworming medication, vitamin A supplements, measles mortality-reduction activities, bednets to prevent malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases, and routine immunizations.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 29: TBA

May 6: TBA

May 13: TBA

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1945, the Americans liberate the concentration camp at Dachau. Five hundred German garrison troops guarding the camp are killed within an hour, some by inmates, but most by the American liberators, who are horrified by what they bear witness to, including huge piles of emaciated dead bodies found in railway cars and near the crematorium.

On this day in 1974, President Richard Nixon announces to the public that he will release transcripts of 46 taped White House conversations in response to a Watergate trial subpoena issued in July 1973. The House Judiciary committee accepted 1,200 pages of transcripts the next day, but insisted that the tapes themselves be turned over as well.

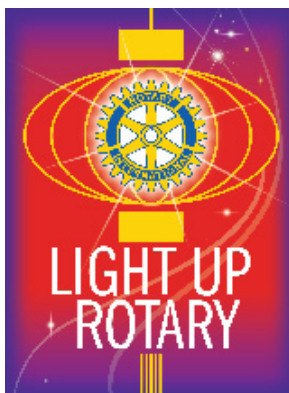
On this day in 1992, a jury of 10 whites, one Hispanic, and one Filipino in the Los Angeles suburb of Simi Valley acquits four police officers who had been charged with using excessive force in arresting black motorist Rodney King a year earlier. The announcement of the verdict, which enraged the black community, prompted widespread rioting throughout much of the sprawling city.

TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 1981, Fort Walton Beach was named the state headquarters of Florida Moral Majority, a branch of the sometimes controversial conservative lobbying organization.

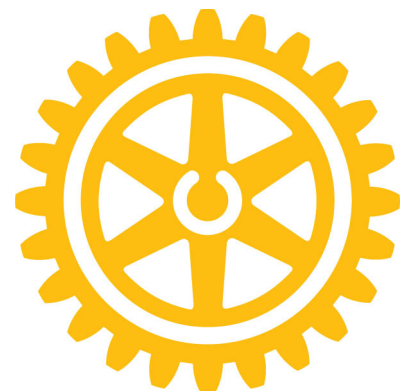
BACKPACK STUFFING AFTER TODAY'S MEETING

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?



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Military Operations Commander

Robert Anderson, SM
CPA

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Insurance

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Funeral Director

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

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Economic Development

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Cable Television

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County Planning

Mack Busbee
County Government

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Kevin Cagle, SM
Office Machines

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Pension Administration

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Certified Public Accountant

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Certified Public Accountant

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Retail/Musical Instruments

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Kitchens-Retail

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
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Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM
Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, SM
Retail/Computers

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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
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Fund Raising

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Investment Broker

Ken Williamson, PHF SM ●
Retired

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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