

# 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 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

**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

**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

**Ted Rahe, (38) PHF SM ●**  
Property Management

**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

# the Rotary READER



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## Board of Directors

**President:**  
Debbie Bodenshtine

**Vice President:**  
Kathy Prichard

**Secretary:**  
Charles West

**Treasurer:**  
Katie Sharon

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Roger Peadro

## Committee Chairs

**Membership:**  
Kent Tinsley

**Service Projects:**  
J.T. Edwards

**Rotary Foundation:**  
Richard Kunkel

**Public Relations:**  
Rick Stevens

**Club Administration:**  
Ross LeBlanc

**Youth Service:**  
William Alexson

**Sergeant at Arms:**  
Andy Corbin/Ross Hamilton

**Scholarship, Inc.:**  
Matt Turpin

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Dusty Ricketts

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Lorrageia Jackson  
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## Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Coast



For more than 45 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast has been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people that need us the most. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast has actively sought to enrich the lives of boys and girls through programming in the three priority outcome areas of Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles and Good Character & Citizenship. We are dedicated to ensuring that our community's children and teens have greater access



to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.

Shervin Rassa has been with the Boys & Girls Clubs movement for over 14 years. He has dedicated his life to ensuring young people have a safe place to go during out of school time with positive, caring adults. Shervin worked for Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa, Fla., and Danville, Va., before joining the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast in 2012 as the Vice President of Operations. Shervin had the opportunity to take the organization to the next level and became the Chief Executive Officer in August 2013. Shervin is a proud Destin Rotarian and father of a daughter and son.

Jessica Davis has been a fundraiser in Okaloosa/Walton counties since moving to the area in 2005. She served as the Events and Entertainment Coordinator at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort before joining the American Heart Association. She worked as the Regional Director for six years with AHA before joining the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast as the Vice President of Development & Marketing. Jessica oversees all of the fundraising aspects and marketing for all nine clubs along the Emerald Coast. She is a former Fort Walton Beach Rotarian and proud mother of two daughters.

# Illness leads former Navy vet to form first Facebook-based club

By Arnold R. Grahl  
Rotary News

When a life-threatening illness stripped away many of her professional ambitions, Amanda Wirtz, a former U.S. Navy code breaker and professional violinist, turned to humanitarian service and Facebook to give her life new purpose.

Wirtz was in her 20s and pursuing a career as a fitness trainer when a sharp pain in her abdomen sent her to the emergency room. Expecting something manageable like appendicitis, she instead found herself

facing a rare tumor disorder that required her to undergo 30 surgeries over the next several years. Forced to rethink her life plans, Wirtz began focusing on how to help others, a quest that led her to Rotary.

"I met an older man with a Rotary pin," Wirtz recalls, "and I said, 'I love Rotary.' Ten years earlier as a Rotary Youth Exchange student, Rotary had helped build a hope and a future for me. Now, I found that through Rotary I could build hope and a future for others. And doing that, I found that I actually received it myself."

Wirtz launched the world's first Facebook-based Rotary Club last year, United Services Rotary, after being approached by Rotary leaders who were seeking ways to make membership more convenient for U.S. military personnel. Their need to travel and relocate frequently can make it difficult for members of the military to commit to the weekly attendance that most Rotary clubs require. The leaders came to Wirtz because of her passion for service and her military background. The club differs from a traditional Rotary club in that members log in to Facebook at any time during the week to view a high-definition video that reproduces many of the elements of a typical meeting: The Four-Way Test, sharing of Rotary moments, announcements, and a presentation by a main speaker. If there hasn't been time to record an original program, the weekly presentation may be a TED talk or other video on a Rotary-related topic that's available online. Members keep in touch through Facebook updates and by posting on each other's timelines.

Wirtz admits that meeting online comes with some drawbacks.

"There is nothing like being in the same room with another person. I don't think anything can replace one-on-one interaction," she concedes. "So it's, 'How can I get a sense of you truly to have the feeling of real fellowship in a remote location?' And honestly, that's something we are continuing to work on."

But she feels social media is too big a phenomenon for Rotary not to embrace it.

"I see a lot of missed opportunities, and my pain reminds me that time is short," Wirtz says. "Social media is a powerful tool."



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Nov. 5: Ramsey Ross, NWF State College athletics

Nov. 12: Sen. Don Gaetz

Nov. 19: Rotary Foundation

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving - no meeting

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**On this day in 1901**, President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, is executed in the electric chair at Auburn Prison in New York. Czolgosz had shot McKinley on September 6, 1901; the president succumbed to his wounds eight days later.

**On this day in 1929**, Black Tuesday hits Wall Street as investors trade 16,410,030 shares on the New York Stock Exchange in a single day. Billions of dollars were lost, wiping out thousands of investors, and stock tickers ran hours behind because the machinery could not handle the tremendous volume of trading. In the aftermath of Black Tuesday, America and the rest of the industrialized world spiraled downward into the Great Depression.

**On this day in 1998**, nearly four decades after he became the first American to orbit the Earth, Senator John Hershel Glenn, Jr., is launched into space again as a payload specialist aboard the space shuttle Discovery. At 77 years of age, Glenn was the oldest human ever to travel in space.

## TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

**On this day in 1958**, increased home construction on Santa Rosa Island was expected as a result of the Okaloosa Island Authority's acceptance of Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration provisions for guaranteed home loans.

## ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Russ Youngblood, birthday, Oct. 27

Ron Grissom, birthday, Oct. 30

## 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?

