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Kenneth E. Williamson



Ken graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, Alabama, in May 1942. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corp in August 1942. He went to radio operators and gunnery school and served in B-25 aircraft in China Burma India theater from July 1943 until April 1946, as radio operator-gunner. Ken graduated from University of Alabama in 1950 with a BSEE. He later graduated from Cornell University with MBA in 1970. Ken worked for IBM as computer engineer from 1950 to 1955. He was employed by Vitro Services Corporation in June 1955, became the company's president and CEO in 1972, and retired in January 1990 as President Emeritus. He joined the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club in January 1956, and was president in 1964-65. He and Doris have been married for 68 years and have a daughter, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

NIGERIA DECLARED POLIO-FREE, REMOVED FROM ENDEMIC LIST

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on 25 September that Nigeria is now polio-free and has been officially removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been detected there.

With Nigeria's historic achievement, polio remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. That means transmission of the virus has never been stopped there.

Nigeria was the last country in Africa where polio was endemic. [The continent celebrated its own first full year without the disease on 11 August](#). Once three years have passed without a case in WHO's entire African region, officials will certify polio eradicated there.

"Rotary congratulates Nigeria on its tremendous accomplishment in stopping polio," says RI President K.R. Ravindran. "On behalf of the entire Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we thank volunteers, health workers, and parents in communities across Nigeria for their tireless commitment to ensuring every last child is protected against this devastating disease. In the months ahead, their dedication will remain as important as ever, as we work to keep Nigeria polio-free and to eliminate polio from its final strongholds in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

Nigeria's success is the result of several sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of thousands of health workers, and new strategies that reached children who had not previously been immunized because of a lack of security in the country's northern states.

TYPE 2 POLIOVIRUS GONE FOR GOOD

In other encouraging news, an independent global health commission officially verified on 21 September that wild poliovirus type 2, one of three strains of the wild virus, has been eradicated worldwide. Although the last type 2 case was detected back in 1999, the confirmation is an important milestone, as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative [prepare to switch](#) from a form of the vaccine that targets all polio types to one that does not protect against type 2.

The announcement by the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication confirms that only two strains of the wild poliovirus remain. Of those, type 3 wild poliovirus hasn't been detected in almost three years, and wild poliovirus type 1 is endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

FUNDING INCREASE NEEDED TO REACH FINAL GOAL

On 25 September, the GPEI's Polio Oversight Board met to determine the next steps needed to eradicate polio. The group concluded that \$1.5 billion in new funding is needed to help Rotary and its partners end polio in the next few years. With Nigeria now polio-free, spending will focus on the most vulnerable children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, while continuing to shield millions of children already living in polio-free countries.

"With a fully funded program and global commitment to ending this disease, we have the opportunity to interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus in Pakistan and Afghanistan in 2016, opening the door for certification of a global eradication in 2019," says Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "With [Rotary members'] continued support, we will soon see our dream of a polio-free world realized."

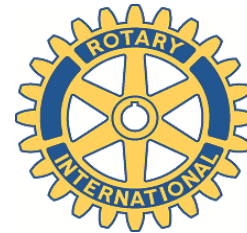
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Upcoming Speakers

October 7th: Cristie Kedroski - VP for College Advancement NWFSC

October 14th: Elizabeth Granzow - Okaloosa S.C.I.E.N.C.E. Initiative

October 21st: Phil van Stavern - Lifequest Organ and Recovery Services

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS

Charles West - September 29th

Eulice Shelley - October 2

Jack Arthur - October 3

Mitzi Henley - October 5

Today in History

1927

[Babe Ruth](#) hit his 60th home run. The record stood until [Roger Maris](#) hit 61 in 1961. [Mark McGwire](#) beat Maris's record in 1998 by hitting 70 and [Barry Bonds](#) topped this in 2001 with 73.

1938

Britain and France surrendered to Germany's demands concerning the [Sudetenland](#), and signed the [Munich Pact](#).

1946

Twenty-two [Nazi](#) leaders were found guilty at the [Nuremberg](#) trials.

1949

The [Berlin Airlift](#) came to an end.

1955

Actor [James Dean](#) was killed in a car crash.

1966

[Botswana](#) gained its independence from [Great Britain](#).

Rotary Roster

Bill Alexson

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CPA

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Neal Bern SM

Insurance

Debbie Bodenshteyn, PHF SM Roty

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Mack Busbee

County Government

Tom Butcher

Honorary Member

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Office Machines

Gerry Chalker, (8) PHF SM *

Pension Administration

Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY *

Electronics Mfg.

George Dorris, PHF SM

Dentistry

Jeff Dunford

Banker

JT Edwards, PHF SM RotY

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Dan Empson

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Cliff Ennis

Business IT Management

Ralph Fallin, (34) 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

CPA

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

Stephanie Jones SM

Banking

Laura Kirby (2)

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 PHF SM **

Shopping Center Manager

Julie McNabb, SM

Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, SM

Retail/Computers

David O. Miller, (13) PHF SM

Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM*

Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan, SM

Electrical Engineer

Dan Nelson, PHF SM

Restaurant/Fast Food

Michelle Nicholson, SM

Communications

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, (9) PHF SM RotY*

Department Store

Charlie Potts, PHF SM*

Jeweler

Kathy Pritchard, PHF SM

Commercial Banking

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Dusty Ricketts, SM

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Retired

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Russ Youngblood PHF SM**

Psychologist

Interested in joining Rotary?

Please contact our Membership Chairs
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or

Andy Corbin ajc@tslinc.com

PH: Paul Harris Fellows

SM: PH Sustaining Members

* FWB Club Past Presidents

** Past President Other Clubs

RotY: FWB Rotarian of the Year

Members in purple have perfect attendance.

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 Rutherford's at Regatta Bay
DeFuniak Springs: 12 p.m. Wednesday at McLain's Family Steakhouse
Mid-Bay: 7 a.m. Wednesday at Bluewater Bay Golf Club
Navarre: 12 p.m. Thursday at Tuscan Grill at Hidden Creek
Niceville: 12 p.m. Thursday at Northwest Florida State College Building K
South Walton: 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Embassy Suites