

# ROTARY ROSTER

**Bill Alexson**  
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**Robert Anderson, SM**  
CPA

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Insurance

**James Bass, SM**  
Funeral Director

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Non-Profit Administration

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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**  
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**Ralph Fallin, (33) PHF SM RotY ●**  
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**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**  
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**Ken Hinrichs**  
Non-Profit Administration

**Jeff Hooton, PHF SM**  
Commercial Lending

**Chris Johnson, PHF ●**  
CPA Retired

**Laura Kirby**  
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**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 ●**  
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**Matthew Morgan, SM**  
Electrical Engineer

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**Brian Page, SM**  
Tax Attorney

**Susan Page, SM**  
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Pastor

**Mary Plummer, PHF SM**  
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**Diane Poff**  
Paint & Body Shop

**Jan Pooley, (8) PHF SM RotY ●**  
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**Charlie Potts, PHF SM ●**  
Jeweler

**Kathy Pritchard, PHF SM**  
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**Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY ●**  
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**Eulice Shelley, PHF SM ●**  
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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

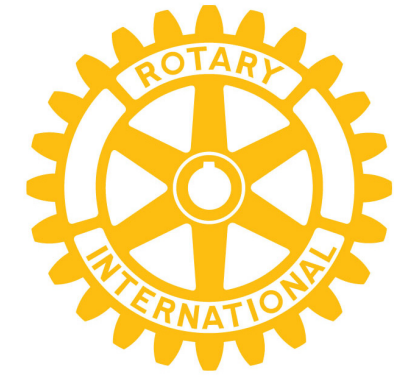
**Mid-Bay:** 7 a.m. Wednesday at Bluewater Bay Golf Club

**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

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## Board of Directors

**President:**  
Debbie Bodenstine

**Vice President:**  
Kathy Prichard

**Secretary:**  
Charles West

**Treasurer:**  
Katie Sharon

**Past President:**  
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

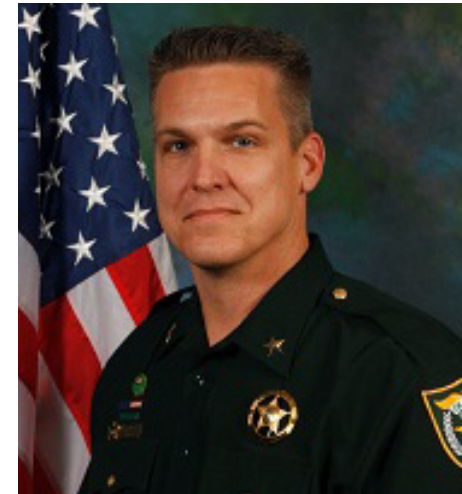
**Sergeant at Arms:**  
Andy Corbin/Ross Hamilton

**Scholarship, Inc.:**  
Matt Turpin

**Rotary Reader:**  
Dusty Ricketts

**Executive Secretary:**  
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## Larry Ashley Okaloosa County Sheriff



Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley was elected to office November 2, 2010, after rising through the ranks from road patrol to Chief Deputy. He was re-elected in November 2012.

He was born February 23, 1966, in Long Beach, California, the son of a Navy machinist. After living in various areas around the world during childhood, he graduated from Geneva High School in Geneva, Alabama, and headed to the University of Southern Mississippi on an athletic scholarship. He earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice in 1989. He graduated from the Florida State Law Enforcement Academy at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in 1990 and the Police K-9 Patrol/Detector School in 1991 before obtaining a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University in 1998.

He began his law enforcement career at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in 1990 in the Uniformed Patrol Division. Over the next 14 years, Ashley also served in the K-9/Street Crimes Division, Investigations Division, and as Captain of Field Services. He was promoted to major and director of Criminal Investigations in 2004, major and director of Support Services Division in 2007, major and director of Field Services Division in 2008, major and director of Finance and Administration in 2009, and chief deputy of Sheriff's Office Operations in 2009.

During these years of service in virtually all aspects of the agency, Sheriff Ashley also continued his education and specialized training, graduating from the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia in 2005. He attended the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Chief Executive Training as well as dozens of advanced law enforcement training courses and specialized seminars.

Sheriff Ashley has earned numerous awards and commendations during his career, including being a nominee for Officer of the Year in 1994 and receiving the Florida Senate Medal of Excellence Award in 2009, the legislature's highest award for service to the people of Florida. In addition he was named in 2012 to Governor Rick Scott's "Citizen Safety and Protection Task Force" and in 2013 as a Commissioner on the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Sheriff Ashley serves as a Gubernatorial Appointee to Florida's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems Council and has received special statewide recognition for his leadership and support of "School Safety" efforts in Florida Schools. Sheriff Ashley is also the single recipient of the Florida Association of Counties 2014 "County Partner Award" for his push for a resolution to the DJJ juvenile detention cost-share system, his push for a resolution to the DJJ juvenile detention cost-share system, his push for a resolution to the DJJ juvenile detention cost-share system, his push for a resolution to the DJJ juvenile detention cost-share system.

Sheriff Ashley enjoys serving the community as a youth sports coach and YMCA Board Member, Executive Board Member for the Okaloosa-Walton United Way, and vice chairman of the finance committee at the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach. He says teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Sunday school is his most rewarding endeavor.

# Young writers get published with the help of Rotary

By **Arnold R. Grahl**  
Rotary News

In Jamaica, 11-year-old Jordan Allwood reads his classmates a story about a lonely puppy who finds a new family.

The puppy grows into a big dog, enjoys walks along the beach, and survives a frightening autumn day when he is caught in a trap before being rescued by his family. Jordan's story is one of hundreds that were written by children ages 7-11 for a writing contest organized by the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020 and supported by clubs in 10 Caribbean nations.

The best stories, including Jordan's, were published in "The Butterfly StoryBook," an e-book produced by the club and sold through Amazon.com. Rotary members and others are encouraged to donate copies to school libraries. Proceeds are used to support other literacy efforts.

In July, Rotary International and the International Reading Association (IRA) selected the Butterfly StoryBook project and a summer mobile library project run by the Rotary Club of Ellensburg Morning, Washington, USA, to receive two \$2,500 awards from the Pearson Foundation. The awards recognize projects in which Rotary clubs and local IRA-affiliated reading councils collaborate to strengthen literacy in local and international communities. Rotary and the IRA have been project partners since 2002.

Diana White, a past district governor and member of the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020, says she got the idea for the story contest after a visit to the headquarters of Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI), which holds a number of well-publicized youth contests every year. White said a project that involved drafting rules and promoting a contest was perfect for the e-club. It turned to clubs throughout the district to solicit entries from local schools.

In 2013, the contest's first year, 200 children contributed stories. This year, 300 young writers took part. Each club selects three local winners, who receive certificates. Then a panel of judges from the e-club chooses 10 stories from among all of those to include in "The Butterfly StoryBook." Each of those young authors receives \$50 in books.

"It's been a great shot in the arm for our club, which only just chartered last year," says White. "We tried to think of things we could do specifically that didn't require everyone getting together in one place. This project has been more successful than we could have imagined and has been a great source of pride for our members."

This year, the e-club provided a free copy of the e-book to the Jamaica Reading Association, an IRA-affiliated council, which used it in its annual Reading Week in April. The association signed an agreement with the club to further promote the contest throughout the Caribbean. Rotary clubs in the U.S. Virgin Islands purchased 500 copies for the Summer Reading Challenge held there. Clubs have also purchased copies to donate to schools in Canada, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, and the United Kingdom.

The contest rules required each story to have a Caribbean theme, because the e-club wanted to share the culture of the region while encouraging creative writing. University students in Haiti translated the stories into French and Haitian Creole free of charge. The books are also available in English and will soon be available in Spanish.

"I'm really excited how this has all turned out," says White. "We still have a long way we can go with this project. There's no limit how far these books can be promoted through the Internet."

The Rotary Club of Ellensburg Morning and the IRA council based at Central Washington University collaborated on the second project to receive a Pearson Foundation award. Mandi Laurent, a member of the council, got the idea for a bookmobile, or mobile library, after attending a conference on summer reading loss.

Volunteers from the Rotary club, the IRA council, the local Rotaract club, and the Ellensburg Education Foundation solicit books from a variety of sources, sort them by grade level, and accompany the bookmobile, a converted delivery truck, to its stops in low-income neighborhoods every Tuesday in July.



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Sept. 10: Kay Stokes Scholarship recipients  
Sept. 17: Holly Moseley, medical marijuana  
Sept. 24: David Rauch, district governor  
Oct. 1: Dr. Eleanor McCain, End of Life Care

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**On this day in 1777**, the American flag was flown in battle for the first time on this day in 1777, during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge, Delaware. Patriot General William Maxwell ordered the "Stars and Stripes" banner raised as a detachment of his infantry and cavalry met an advance guard of British and Hessian troops.

**On this day in 1939**, on this day in 1939, in response to Hitler's invasion of Poland, Britain and France, both allies of the overrun nation declare war on Germany. The first casualty of that declaration was not German—but the British ocean liner Athenia, which was sunk by a German U-30 submarine that had assumed the liner was armed and belligerent.

**On this day in 1990**, President George Bush prepares for his first summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. The theme of the meeting was cooperation between the two superpowers in dealing with the Iraqi crisis in the Middle East.

## TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

**On this day in 1981**, Tommy Ray, Fort Walton Beach's former safety director and police chief, sued the city, mayor and several city councilmen, alleging his constitutional rights to freedom of speech and due process were violated when the mayor fired him July 7.

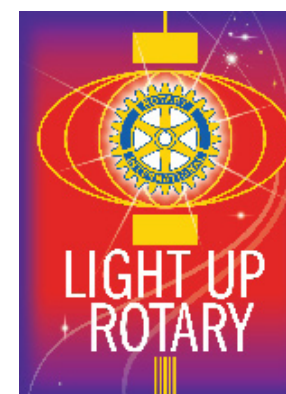
## ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

J.T. Edwards, anniversary, Sept. 1

Randy Stokes, birthday, Sept. 2

Frank Brutt, birthday, Sept. 2

Mary Plummer, birthday, Sept. 6



## 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?

