

ROTARY ROSTER

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CPA

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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

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Dentistry

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Landscaping Owner

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Social Services

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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

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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

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Accounting/Auditing

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Retail Shopping Center

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CPA Retired

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Business Development

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Education

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Certified Public Accountant

Ross LaBlanc, SM
Certified Public Accountant

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Retail/Musical Instruments

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Architect

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Developmental Disabilities

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Retail/Computers

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Developmental Disabilities

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Veterinarian

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Certified Public Accountant

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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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Rick Stevens

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Nathan Sparks

Executive Director of the Okaloosa County EDC



Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County
Nathan Sparks began his career in economic develop-ment in 1998, when he took the position of Research Analyst with the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama. In this role, Nathan was heavily involved in the development of a statewide targeted industry recruit-ment strategy which emphasized the state's automotive-related assets.

In 2000, Nathan joined The St. Joe Company where his primary responsibility was the implementation of a comprehensive economic development branding and marketing strategy for the northwest Florida region. He was also significantly involved in creating the region's 16-county economic development partnership, Florida's Great Northwest, Inc.

Nathan was named Executive Director of the Brunswick and Glynn County (Georgia) Development Authority in February 2005. During his time at BGCDA, Nathan spear-headed the development of two new industrial parks, implemented an aggressive target marketing campaign and was responsible for generating tens of millions of dollars of new investment and hundreds of new jobs.

Nathan was invited to lead the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County (Florida) in June 2013. As Executive Director of the EDC, Nathan is re-sponsible for the day-to-day management and oversight of an organization dedi-cated to advancing the economic vitality of Okaloosa County, its businesses and communities.

Nathan graduated from Oglethorpe University in 1998 with a degree in In-ternational Business. He is a 2002 graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute and was awarded the Certified Economic Devel-oper (CEcD) designation by the International Economic Development Council in 2006. Nathan was recognized in 2007 as one of the community's "Top 20 Under 40" by Golden Isles Magazine and in 2008 as one of Georgia's "Top 40 Under 40: Georgia's Best and Brightest" by Georgia Trend magazine.

Nathan is married to the former Susan Wilkes and they have a seven-year old son, Jackson.



President Huang's ambitious 1.3 million membership goal

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary News

Gary C.K. Huang never imagined he would become Rotary International's president when he joined in 1976, but now that he is in office, he hopes to increase membership to 1.3 million by the end of his term.

"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities," says Huang, who on 1 July became Rotary's first Chinese president.

Huang also hopes his presidential theme, Light Up Rotary, will encourage members to brighten Rotary's image to the public, which he believes in return will improve member recruitment and retention.

Huang has a track record of improving membership development in Asia, adding 19 clubs when he was district governor for Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau. One of the cornerstones of his presidency is encouraging clubs and districts to conduct a Rotary Day. These one-day events, he says, can spotlight a particular cause, and solidify Rotary's image as one of the world's leading service organizations.

"We need to showcase our good work to everyone in the community. Rotary Days need to be fun and all inclusive. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate. My hope is at the end of the day a few non-members will want to join Rotary," he says. "Let's give people the opportunity to experience what it's like to make a difference. Rotary Days can achieve that."

Huang designed a travel schedule that will allow him to visit more than 30 Rotary Day events across the globe, including Argentina, Chile, France, India, Italy, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, and the U.S., as well as his home city of Taipei.

Huang says he's honored and humbled to be Rotary's president. He knows he's part of an exclusive club.

"We [past Rotary presidents] have achieved great success in our businesses and in our communities," says Huang. "But success isn't about power or money. It's about giving back. Being a Rotarian has given me the opportunity to help those in need. As president, I can inspire our members to take advantage of the same opportunity and bring happiness in people's lives."

Huang says Rotary members are never short on ideas and innovative ways to solve problems, but funding gaps prevent many of these projects from taking off.

For instance, Rotary members in Korea, Japan, and China are strong fundraisers, but struggle to help each other use the funds because of distance and language barriers, Huang says.

"I want to show Rotarians why I am their president," he adds. "The best way to do that is to see and inspire their work, participate in their projects, and help them raise funds."

"I want to, along with my district governors, reach out and try to link different clubs from different countries together so we can find the right communities in need," he adds. "That's one of the great things about being an international organization: the ability to bring different cultures and backgrounds together to find a common cause."

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Aug. 13: Virginia West, Rotary Youth Exchange

Aug. 20: Summer Jimmerson, Ronald McDonald House

Aug. 27: Social Night!

Sept. 3: Larry Ashley, Okaloosa County Sheriff

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1911, Lucille Desiree Ball, one of America's most famous redheads and beloved comic actresses, is born near Jamestown, New York. Ball and her real-life husband Desi Arnaz were cast as Lucy and Ricky Ricardo in *I Love Lucy*, which aired from 1951 to 1957 and became one of the most popular TV sitcoms in history.

On this day in 1945, at 8:16 a.m. Japanese time, an American B-29 bomber, the *Enola Gay*, drops the world's first atom bomb, over the city of Hiroshima. Approximately 80,000 people are killed as a direct result of the blast, and another 35,000 are injured. At least another 60,000 would be dead by the end of the year from the effects of the fallout.

On this day in 1965, President Lyndon Baines Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act, guaranteeing African Americans the right to vote. The bill made it illegal to impose restrictions on federal, state and local elections that were designed to deny the vote to blacks.

TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 1983, in a late-night phone call to police, a shrimper said that he saw the Flying Dutchman, three months after the 47-foot cabin cruiser disappeared.

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Julia McNabb, birthday, Aug. 3

Roger Peadro, birthday, Aug. 9

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Diane Poff, sponsored by Lyndon Poff.

Ken Hinrichs, President & CEO of United Way Okaloosa & Walton Counties and previous Rotarian, sponsored by Roger Peadro.

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?

