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Dr. Forrest Townsend



Dr Forrest Townsend grew up in Milton, Florida. He received his bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology from the University of West Florida. He went on to get a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University, School of Veterinary Medicine in 1976. During this time he married his high school sweetheart, Sally, and they have three children and 8 grandchildren.

After an internship in Lakeland, Florida, he eventually settled in Fort Walton Beach in 1978. He always had an interest in dolphins and the Gulfarium had need of a veterinarian, so this how his career started as a marine mammal veterinarian.

In 1988 he became involved with wild dolphin health assessments in the longest study of dolphin populations in Sarasota Florida. For many years, he spent four weeks a year studying wild dolphin health. The first National Marine Fisheries Service dolphin health study was in Matagorda Bay, Texas, after a massive dolphin die off in 1992. Since that first wild dolphin health assessment, he has been on every NMFS wild dolphin health assessment from Cape May, New Jersey, down the U.S. East Coast, the Gulf of Mexico and the Eastern Tropical Pacific.

Most recently since the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Dr Townsend has been the National Marine Fisheries Service lead veterinarian studying the effects on the dolphin populations in Barataria Bay, LA, with the reference site in Sarasota Bay, Fl. The purpose of these studies is to address the potential for sub-lethal, chronic and indirect health impacts of the DWH oil spill. More on this subject at a later date.

When hurricane Katrina hit the Mississippi coast ten years ago, he was called by NMFS to help rescue the dolphins and sea lions washed out of the local oceanarium. This is that story.

BRINGING EDUCATION TO RURAL MEXICAN AREA, ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME

When Mariana Day moved in 1989 to the small beach town of Chacala, in Nayarit, Mexico, she noticed that the surrounding rural areas struggled to maintain schools. And most children weren't able to go beyond an eighth-grade education. Day, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Bahía de Jaltemba-La Peñita, in Nayarit, had started a local scholarship program before she joined Rotary. Called Changing Lives, the program provided students with high school tuition, uniforms, school supplies, and transportation.

In addition, Rotary clubs from the United States and Mexico have been investing in the education of children in Nayarit since 2003, providing scholarships and libraries and rehabbing school buildings.

The lasting impact in the region is apparent.

"I think the combination of the scholarship program and Rotary's interaction with the schools has made things seem possible, has changed the climate of education here, and the way the people think about education," Day says.

One example of Rotary's impact is Carolina Gonzales Rivas. She was able to attend high school thanks to Day's scholarship program. Rivas is currently working on her master's degree and has recently joined the Rotary Club of Jaltemba-La Peñita.

"I think that what Rotary is doing by supporting education and supporting students is to have a vision for life, to have aspirations – that's what is going to change the world," Rivas says.

The Rotary Club of Berkeley, in California, USA, along with the Bahia de Jaltemba-La Peñita club and other North American clubs, recently tackled their largest project to date: a monthlong renovation of La Preparatoria 20 de Noviembre, a high school in the village of Las Varas. Funding came from a Rotary Foundation global grant and the financial contributions of six Rotary districts covering the 25 Rotary clubs that participated.

A total of 90 volunteers including the school's teachers, students, and students' parents, improved the old buildings and built three laboratory classrooms. All three feature new equipment and technology and can be used by local residents as well as students.

Eduardo Dominguez, a member of the Bahía de Jaltemba-La Peñita club, says one of the biggest rewards of these efforts is the fact that a college education is now a real possibility for local students.

"There are many young people in Mexico with huge potential and with much to give, as long as they are given an opportunity," Dominguez says. "Rotarians are helping those opportunities to occur, for [these young people] to become contributors to their communities."

By Daniela Garcia

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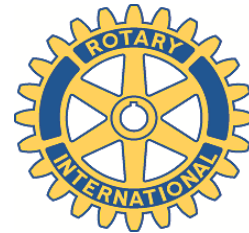
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

September 16th: George vonHilsheimer

September 24th: Social

ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Fallin, September 13th

Chuck Landers, September 15th

Today in History

1776

The Second [Continental Congress](#) changed the name of the nation to the United States of America, from the United Colonies.

1850

[California](#) became the 31st state.

1893

President [Grover Cleveland's](#) daughter, Esther Cleveland, became the first president's child to be born in the [White House](#).

1926

The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) was created by the Radio Corporation of America.

1948

The People's Democratic Republic of Korea ([North Korea](#)) was created.

1956

[Elvis Presley](#) appeared on television for the first time on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

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CPA

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Education– College

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Mitzi Henley, SM
Retail Shopping Center

Ken Hinrichs
Non-Profit Administration

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Stephanie Jones SM
Banking

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Business Development

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Education

Chuck Landers, PHF SM
Certified Public Accountant

Ross LeBlanc, SM
Certified Public Accountant

Tony Leonard, PHF SM **
Retail/Musical Instruments

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Kitchens-Retail

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
Public Safety

Jamey Mattern, PHF SM
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Shopping Center Manager

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Developmental Disabilities

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Retail/Computers

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Developmental Disabilities

John Morgan, PHF SM*
Computer Engineer

Matthew Morgan, SM
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Restaurant/Fast Food

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Real Estate Sales
Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY
Paint & Body Shop

Diane Poff
Paint & Body Shop
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Department Store

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* 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