

Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

# THE ROTARY READER

Post Office Box 892  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

**District Governor's Gold Medal of Honor Award Winner — 2005-06**  
**Presidential Citation Award Winner—12<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

2006-07  
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## Today's Guest Speaker: Giovanni Mirra

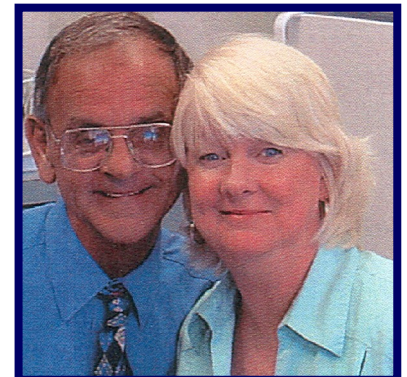
*Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant, FL Dept of Education*

Our guest speaker today is Giovanni (John) Mirra. Mr. Mirra will be speaking today on turning diversity into dollars—vocational rehabilitation and networking. Mr. Mirra is a graduate of the University of Arkansas Fayetteville with a masters in mental health counseling. He is a certified rehabilitation counselor with over 26 years experience in rehabilitation.

Mr. Mirra's first job in rehabilitation was with Abilities Unlimited in Fort Smith Arkansas as a Trainer and Job Placement Specialist. He was the Manager of the first Co-ed Group Home in the state of Arkansas for people with developmental disabilities. He worked 2 years as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the state of Arkansas and 18 years with the state of Florida, the last 5 as a Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant and as a Business Leadership Network Liaison.

The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation believes that education and training are the keys to successful placement for people with disabilities. They focus is on educating the public, business community, educators, and human resource professionals about the win-win situation that occurs when people with disabilities become productive employees.

Mr. Mirra has been married for 40 years to the love of his life and he has 3 children and 5 grandchildren.





**NOVEMBER 29, 2006**  
 Welcome Rotarians and Guests!

We're glad to have you join us.

**Scooter Policy:** Members, If you leave prior to the completion of the program, you will be fined \$5.00 under the scooter policy. Please leave your badge on Rhonda's table if you leave early!

**MEETING STATS – 11/15/06**

**ATTENDANCE: 51.60%**

**Visiting Rotarians:**  
 None

**Guests of Rotarians:**  

<u>Guest</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>
Lisa Absher	Joyce Shanahan

**CHS Interact/Wheelettes:**  
 Brandon Fritz  
 Clint Lance

**FWBHS Interact/Wheelettes:**  
 Dawn Frank  
 Amy Gibson  
 Evan Lee

**Makeups:**

Tony Gilligan	eClub
Al Stearns	eClub
Karen Baker	eClub
Haydon Grubbs	Niceville
Ted Rahe	eClub



**Upcoming Programs**

- Dec 6 Homeland Security**  
*George Collins*
- Dec 13 Literacy Education**  
*Amanda Brannon*
- Dec 20 Christmas Luncheon**  
*Location to be Announced*
- Dec 27 No Club Meeting**
- Jan 3 Legislative Update**  
*Honorable Representative Ray Sansom*



**ATTENTION**

**Absentee fines increase to \$5 effective December 1, 2006**



**Happy November Birthday!**

Pat Hollam	07	Chris Johnson	08
John Morgan	16	Jean Woo	18
Jamey Mattern	20	Skip Royster	20
Charlie Potts	23	Skip Rainer	23
Dick Marks	24	Jack Yeiser	25

**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?

## Do You Know...*about Attendance Requirements?*

Regular attendance is essential to a strong and active Rotary club. The emphasis on attendance is traced back to 1922 when Rotary International announced a worldwide attendance contest that motivated thousands of Rotarians to achieve 100 percent attendance year after year. Many Rotarians take great pride in maintaining their 100 percent record in their own club or by making up at other Rotary club meetings.

Although the bylaws of Rotary require members to attend only 60 percent of all meetings, the custom has emerged in many clubs that 100 percent is the desirable level. Rotary stresses regular attendance because each member represents his or her own business or profession and thus the absence of any member deprives the club of the values of its diversified membership and the personal fellowship of each member. Club directors may determine appropriate reasons for excusing absences. From time to time, proposals have been made to give attendance credit

for various reasons or to lower the minimum requirement, but such attempts have not been adopted by the Council on Legislation.

In 2001, the Council approved the creation of a New Models Rotary Clubs pilot project to develop up to 200 new clubs that were more responsive to the needs of younger professionals. The new models clubs are allowed to operate outside the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and Bylaws. Many of these clubs have altered their meeting frequency and relaxed attendance requirements.

Make-ups must occur within 14 days of the missed meeting and can be accomplished by visiting another club as listed on the last page of the bulletin or by doing a make-up on line at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

Source: *ABCs of Rotary* by Cliff Dochterman

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

**1997** - Lions' Barry Sanders becomes NFL's 2nd all-time rusher

**1989** - U.S. 63rd manned space mission STS 33 (Discovery 9) returns from space

**1967** - Beatles release "Magical Mystery Tour"

**1965** - 15,000 demonstrate against war in Vietnam in Washington D.C.

## Help our Club with the Lima Peru International Service Project

The Love for Peru foundation, in conjunction with the Fort Walton Beach Rotary and other clubs participating in the Peru trip, are planning to pack the shipping container on **Saturday, December 9, 2006—8am**. The items will first be loaded from the storage facility at Out O' Space Storage, 540 E Fairfield Avenue in Pensacola, FL. The container will then be taken to the Baptist Hospital site to load the remainder of the items. Debbie Kernen said *"We need as many people as possible. I won't pretend that this won't be hard work, however the satisfaction will be great. This is very important to the Lima, Peru Project."*

**We need your help!!! Saturday, December, 9, 2006 — 8:00 am in Pensacola. Meet at the "Out-O' Space Storage" at 540 E. Fairfield Drive-Pensacola. Park out front-walk around back.** You should be able to see the container from the parking lot. **For details on getting to the storage location and to get the gate code, see Emil Pagliari.**



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Abel, Gregg <b>SM</b> Telephone Answ. Svc.	Foster, William <b>PHF SM X</b> Attorney	Kilpatrick, Glenn <b>PHF*</b> Real Estate	Peadro, Roger <b>SM</b> Pastor	Stevens, Rick <b>PHF X</b> Surge Suppression System
Abernethy, James <b>PHF</b> Banking - Loans	Fowner, Bob <b>PHF</b> Assoc. Manager	Leonard, Tony <b>PHF**</b> Retail/Musical Instrmnt.	Plummer, Mary <b>SM</b> Real Estate Sales	Stokes, Randy <b>PHF *</b> Architecture
Arthur, Jack <b>PHF</b> Insurance	Francisco, Mike <b>PHF SM</b> Aerospace Consulting	Linn, John <b>PHF SM</b> Kitchens-retail	Poe, Ken <b>PHF SM</b> Tires, Retail	Tidmore, Max <b>PHF *</b> Office Machines
Baker, Karen <b>PHF *</b> Real Estate	Gilligan, Tony <b>PHF</b> Government Contractor	Lowrey, Thomas <b>PHF*</b> Stockbroker	Pooley, Jan <b>PHF</b> Department Store	Tinsley, William <b>PHF * X</b> Savings & Loan Mgt.
Bennett, Nitsi <b>PHF X *</b> Non-profit Administration	Gill, Tommy <b>SM</b> CPA	Marks, Dick <b>SM</b> Retail Signs	Potts, Charlie, <b>PHF*</b> Jeweler	Townsend, Forrest <b>PHF* X</b> Veterinarian
Bodenstine, Debbie <b>SM</b> Economic Development	Grubbs, Haydon <b>PHF</b> Education	Martin, Ralph <b>PHF</b> Aircraft Equip. Mfg.	Pritchard, Kathy <b>PHF</b> Commercial Banking	Trum, Alex <b>PHF</b> Orthodontist <i>Retired</i>
Braithwaite, David <b>SM</b> Banking - Commercial	Hamilton, Chad <b>SM</b> CPA	Mattern, Jamey <b>SM</b> Architect	Pryor, Fred <b>PHF *</b> Utility Service - Gas	Unger, Joel <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking
Brewster, Joseph <b>PHF</b> Cable Television	Hardy, Sallie <b>PHF</b> Commercial Properties	McDonald, Tim <b>PHF</b> Manufacturing	Rahe, Theodore <b>PHF*</b> Property Management	Vaughan, John <b>PHF</b> Past Service
Brutt, Frank <b>PHF</b> County Planning	Hayes, Tom <b>SM</b> Financial Services	McGilvray, Stacey <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking	Rainer, Skip <b>PHF</b> Banking	Walker, Timothy <b>SM</b> ER Physician
Campbell, Wayne <b>PHF</b> Hospital Administration	Henderson, Joseph <b>PHF *</b> Accounting/Auditing	Meyer, Joseph <b>SM</b> Computers-retail	Raines, Joe <b>PHF</b> Outdoor Advertising	Ward, Jim <b>SM</b> Attorney
Cangelosi, Edward <b>SM</b> Attorney	Hightower, M. Cullen <b>PHF</b> <b>*X</b> Furniture - Retail	Miceli, Gail <b>SM</b> Banking	Raynsford, Vance <b>* SM</b> Honorary	Watson, Yonge <b>PHF *</b> Real Estate
Chalker, Gerry <b>PHF SM</b> Trust Banking	Higley, Phil <b>PHF X</b> Honorary	Miceli, Philippe <b>PHF</b> Private Banking Exec	Richburg, James R. <b>PHF X</b> College Administration	West, Charles <b>PHF SM</b> Investment Broker
Clark, Jason <b>SM</b> Insurance	Hill, Rudy <b>SM</b> Office Equipment	Mickle, Donna <b>PHF SM</b> Business Consultant	Roake, Peter <b>PHF *</b> Insurance - Auto	White, Darryl <b>SM</b> Pilot
Cochran, Fred <b>PHF * SM</b> Furniture Retail	Hipsh, Whitney <b>SM</b> Real Estate Attorney	Miller, David O. <b>PHF</b> Developmental Dsablty.	Robbins, Dave <b>SM</b> A/C Heating & Refrig.	Williamson, Kenneth <b>PHF *</b> <i>Honorary</i>
Conner, Tom <b>SM</b> News Media	Hollarn, Pat <b>SM</b> Music Instructor	Morgan, John <b>PHF *</b> Computer Engineer	Robinson, William <b>PHF</b> Fund Raising	Woo, Jean <b>PHF</b> Dentist
Corbin, Andy <b>PHF**</b> Electronics Mfg	Hooton, Jeff <b>SM</b> Commercial Lending	Negron, Jason <b>SM</b> Attorney	Royster, Skip <b>PHF *</b> Commercial Contractor	WrightReynolds, Mike <b>PHF</b> Photographer
Curry, Jim <b>SM**</b> Government Management	Howard, William <b>PHF</b> Real Estate - General	Nelson, Dan <b>PHF</b> Restaurant - Fast Food	Shanahan, Joyce <b>SM</b> City Government	Yeiser, Jack <b>PHF</b> Mortgage Broker
Davis, Charles <b>PHF SM</b> Restaurant Owner	Hughes, Chris <b>SM</b> Building Industry	Nelson, Will <b>SM</b> Attorney	Shaw, Timothy <b>PHF*</b> Attorney	Youngblood, Russell <b>PHF</b> Psychology
Davis, James <b>PHF *</b> Public Utilities	Hutson, Karen T. <b>PHF</b> Retail Cars	Newton, Mitch <b>PHF</b> Video Rental	Shelley, Eulice <b>PHF *</b> Moving & Storage	
Dorris, George <b>PHF</b> Dentistry	Johnson, Chris <b>PHF*</b> CPA <i>Retired</i>	Nicholson, Michele <b>SM</b> Communications	Sims, Sandy <b>SM</b> Utilities Management	
Englett, Michael <b>PHF SM</b> College Athletics	Johnson, Johnny <b>PHFX**</b> Banking	Owens, Sid <b>SM</b> Temporary Labor	Smith, Pete <b>PHF *</b> Appraiser	
Fallin, Ralph <b>PHF *X</b> Dairy Products	Keith, John <b>PHF X* ** SM</b> Banking	Pagliari, Emil <b>PHF</b> Restaurants - Seafood	Smith, Scott <b>SM</b> Chiropractor	
Favre, Ford <b>SM</b> Banking	Kernen, Deborah <b>PHF</b> Communications	Parker, Desley <b>SM</b> Success Coach	Stearns, Allan <b>PHF</b> Travel Agent	

**Don't forget that you can makeup a missed meeting at a neighboring club. They include:**

**Crestview:** Wednesday noon, Sonny's B-B-Q

**DeFuniak Springs:** Wednesday 7:30 a.m., McLain's Family Steak House

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

**Navarre:** Thursday noon, Cocodries

**Niceville:** Thursday noon, OWC Bld. K

**South Walton:** Thursday 7:30 a.m., Embassy Suites

**Destin:** Tuesday 7:15 a.m. Rutherford's at Regatta Bay

For more locations, visit our district Web site at:  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org) or  
[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

PHF: Paul Harris Fellows  
 SM: PH Sustaining Members  
 \* FWB Club Past Presidents  
 \*\* Past President Other Clubs  
 X FWB Rotarian of the Year

107 Members as of 11/29/06  
 3 Honorary members  
 110 Total Members