



Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

THE ROTARY READER

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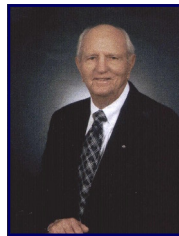
Speakers:

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Today's Guest Speaker: Charles H. "Bull" Rigdon, Jr. CEO/Director Northwest Florida Fair Association



Today's guest speaker is Charles H. "Bull" Rigdon, Jr. Rigdon is the CEO of the Northwest Florida Fair Association and will talk to us today about their activities and what they do for our community.

In 1965, ten members of the Fort Walton Beach Shrine Club, with Rigdon at the lead, started a fair with one tent on Okaloosa Island in Fort Walton Beach. Over three years the event grew to five tents. They soon realized they would have to move. Rigdon had a dream to build a fairground that would serve the community and in 1971 part of this dream came true. After a meeting seeking help with finding a new inland location, the Honorable Bob Sikes, with the help of the Secretary of the Department of Defense, came up with the present location consisting of 42 acres. Under Rigdon's leadership, the land was cleared and the first phase of the Okaloosa County Fairgrounds was born. The Fairgrounds Complex as it is known today, was created by 90% volunteers and houses the annual Greater Okaloosa County Fair, in addition to various other activities held throughout the year.

Rigdon was one of the original Directors of the Okaloosa County Fair Association and still serves today. He was appointed Manager in 1970 and now serves as CEO/Director. He is a member of the Florida Federation of Fairs and in 1980 was elected to the Board of Directors. In 1986 he was elected President of the Florida Federation of Fairs, serving one term and returning to

his seat on the Board which he still holds today. In 1994, Rigdon was appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida to serve on the Florida State Fair Authority of which he was later appointed to the executive committee.

Rigdon spent nearly three years in Korea and the next 38 years in the civil engineering business at Eglin Air Force Base, the last 20 as Deputy Chief of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Division, the largest of its kind within the Department of Defense. His responsibility encompassed a 724 square mile radius, with over 1,250 white and blue collar employees from 27 different technical skills.

Rigdon was born in Portland, FL on September 22, 1929. He graduated high school and attended Pensacola Junior College and Georgia Tech. He completed the USAF Civil Engineering Technical Supervisor Course at Air University (the USAF's formal professional military education institution); the Hazardous Material Control Course; the Oil Spill Control Course; and the Disaster Control Seminar from Texas A&M. He completed the USAF Radiological Decontamination Course Equipment School; the Flexible Pavements School; the Electric and Acetylene Welding School; Central Supervisory Control System School; and the USAF On-scene Crisis Commander School.

Rigdon was married to the late Margaret Davis in 1956. Together they had two children, Karen and Charles who were brought up in Fort Walton Beach and still reside in Florida. Rigdon married Helen Sue Hunt in 2004.





JANUARY 10, 2007
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!



Upcoming Programs

- Jan 17 **The Rose Parade**
Fellow Rotarian John Linn
- Jan 24 **Education and Schools**
Dr. Alexis Tibbetts
- Jan 31 **OWC—Women's Basketball**
Coach Brittney Ezell
- Feb 7 **Volunteer Okaloosa**
Director Jane Pritchett

MEETING STATS — 1/03/007

ATTENDANCE: 66.99%

Visiting Rotarians:

Niels Bleese	Hamburg, Germany
Brian Darby	Lichfield Staffordshire, UK
Larry Leese	Oakwood, Ohio
Martin Mohs	Hamburg, Germany
Jake Swaninger & his guest, Joyce Sanders	Naples North

Guests of Rotarians:

<u>Guest</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>
Natalie Simpson	John Keith
Cullen Hightower	Don Howard
William Kline	Jason Negron
Larry Hipsh	Whitney Hipsh

Makeups:

Jim Davis (2) eClub	Ted Rahe	eClub
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What Paul Harris Said.....

"Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines."

Paul P. Harris,
"This Rotarian Age" 1935
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EVERY Rotarian EVERY Year—EREY



The Rotary Foundation does so much to improve our world's quality of life. Health care, education and cultural programs help thousands of people through out the world. Please support the Foundation's efforts with a sustaining member contribution. Make a payment of \$25 per quarter totaling a \$100 a year, and you become a sustaining member! Contact Rhonda to check your status or to sign up.



Happy January Birthday!

Whitney Hipsh	4	Sallie Hardy	8
Ken Williamson	11	Andy Corbin	23
Chris Hughes	23	Scotty Foster	25
Ralph Martin	27		

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 . . . *the object of Rotary?*

In some areas of the world, weekly Rotary club meetings begin with all members standing and reciting the Object of Rotary. This statement, which comes from the constitution of Rotary, is frequently seen on a wall plaque in Rotarians' offices or places of business.

The Object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." The statement then lists four areas by which this "ideal of service" is fostered: through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business, and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

Object of Rotary has not always been expressed in this manner. The original consti-

tution of 1906 had three objects: promotion of business interests, promotion of good fellowship, and the advancement of the best interests of the community. By 1910, Rotary had five objects as increased emphasis was given to expanding Rotary. By 1915, there were six objects. In 1918, the objects were rewritten again and reduced to four. Four years later, they had again grown to six and were revised again in 1927.

Finally, at the 1935 Mexico City convention, the six objects were restated and reduced to four. The last major change came in 1951 when the objects were streamlined and changed to a single object, which has four parts.

Source: ABCs of Rotary from former RI President Cliff Dochterman

THIS DAY

IN HISTORY....

1996 – Jimmy Johnson announced as new coach of Miami Dolphins

1968 - "Great Balls of Fire" reaches #1

1956 - Elvis records "Heartbreak Hotel"

1949 - RCA introduces 45 RPM record

1901 – Oil discovered in Texas

1861 – Florida becomes 3rd state to secede from US

Last Week's Meeting... Honorable State Rep. Ray Sansom



The New Year was off to a good start with the Honorable State Representative Ray Sansom speaking to our club. Representative Sansom spoke to Rotarians about the challenges he and fellow legislators face in the upcoming session. Important topics on everyone's mind of course, were taxes, insurance, affordable housing, and education.

Meet Our Newest Rotarian



President Philippe Miceli greets our Club's newest Rotarian, Chuck Landers of Saltmarsh, Cleaveland and Gund.

Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome Chuck to the Club!!!!

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

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 or
www.rotaryclubone.org
makeup on line at

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

108 Members as of 01/3/07
3 Honorary members
111 Total Members