

## 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 — 2006-07**  
**Presidential Citation Award Winner — 13<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

### 2007-08 Board of Directors

#### President:

Gerry Chalker

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Joyce Shanahan

##### Club Administration:

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##### Sergeant at Arms:

Jason Clark and  
Charles West

##### Speakers:

Mitzi Henley and  
Alexis Tibbetts

##### Scholarship, Inc.:

Roger Peadro



## Today's Guest Speaker: Maj. Gen Donny Wurster Vice Commander Special Operations, Hurlburt Field



Maj. Gen. Donald C. Wurster is Vice Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla. The command is a major command of the U.S. Air

Force and the Air Force component of U.S. Special Operations Command. AFSOC provides Air Force Special Operations Forces for worldwide deployment and assignment to unified combatant commanders. The command has approximately 12,900 active-duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and civilian professionals.

Born in Washington, D.C., General Wurster was commissioned in 1973 upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo. In 1974, he completed undergraduate helicopter training at Fort Rucker, Ala. He has commanded special operations forces at the squadron, group, wing and sub-unified command level, and he served as commander of all U.S. forces assigned to Joint Task Force-510 during Operation Enduring Freedom - Philippines. Prior to his current assignment,

the general was Deputy Director, Center for Special Operations, USSOCOM. General Wurster is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, including assignments in both rescue and special operations. He has a BS degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and received a Master of Arts degree from Webster University in St. Louis, MO.

General Wurster was named the Distinguished Graduate from Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB in AL in 1982, and the Distinguished Graduate from Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell in 1987. He also attended the War College in 1994 and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, in Washington, DC in 1997.

General Wurster has had numerous decorations and awards including: Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Air Medal; Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster; Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; Air Force Achievement Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze star. ■



SEPTEMBER 5, 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 Carole's table if you leave early!

MEETING STATS – 8/29/07

ATTENDANCE: 70.19%

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Goodrich - Natchez  
Carla Reinlie - Niceville

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

<u>Guest</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>
None	

MAKEUPS:

Gerry Chalker	Board Meeting
Jason Clerk	Board Meeting
John Linn	Freeport
Philippe Miceli	Board Meeting
Joyce Shanahan	Board Meeting
Rick Stevens	Board Meeting
Yonge Watson	eClub x 2
Charles West	Board Meeting



Happy September Birthday!

02 Frank Brutt	02 Randy Stokes
13 Ralph Fallin	20 Sandy Sims
23 Karen Baker	25 Tom Abernethy
27 Joe Raines	29 Charles West



Upcoming Programs

Sep 12	<b>Property Appraisal Review</b> <i>Hon. Pete Smith</i>
Sep 19	<b>All Sports Association</b> <i>Gene Smith, CHELCO</i>
Sep 26	<b>Human Trafficking</b> <i>George Collins, OCSO</i>
Oct	<b>Economic Development</b> <i>Larry Sassano</i>



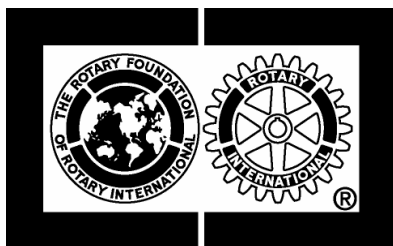
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

**September 7th Sound Park Project**

Volunteers are needed to complete the planting at the Rotary Sound Park. Over 2,000 plants will be delivered for installation on Friday, September 7th. The work project will begin at 7:30 and continue through Saturday if necessary. Nitsi Bennett is project chairman. Please contact her at Nitsdestin@yahoo.com.

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?



*Who Should Attend?*

- Any Interested Rotarian
- All Club Presidents
- All Club Foundation Chairs
- All Presidents-elect
- All Assistant Governors
- All Area Rotary Foundation Coordinators

**Lunch is provided.**

**District 6940 Rotary Foundation Seminar**

**"Doing Good in the World"**

**Saturday, September 22, 2007**

**At the McMillan Center  
at Bradford First Baptist Church  
6494 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, FL**

**Registration 9:30am  
Kick-Off 10:00am  
Conclusion 3:00pm**

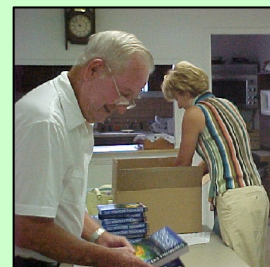
**Contact: Lisa Stewart or Amanda Garrett  
lstewart@jparchitects.com or 850-244-9700**



## Rotarians at Work – Thesaurus Project

Close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy skills with millions more functionally illiterate, lacking the tools to meet the demands of everyday life. Every July, Rotary clubs across the world focus on ways to address these problems through literacy initiatives.

The Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club will donate over 1,300 thesauruses to fourth grade elementary school children in the following elementary schools: Edwins, Destin, Eglin, Silver Sands, Wright, Shalimar, Elliot Point, Mary Esther, Ocean City, Kenwood, Florosa, Longwood, Liza Jackson, St Mary's, Northwest Florida Ballet Academy, Okaloosa Blended and Emerald Coast Career Institute.



Ralph and Gail packing boxes.



Frank hard at work.

This **Rotarians At Work** program was conceived by the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club's Service Projects Chairman Debbie Kernen and Project Leader Roger Peadro. Peadro said "I believe this is a great investment in our fourth graders. During the 4<sup>th</sup> grade they focus on their writing skills and we hope these thesauruses will improve and expand their vocabulary, especially as they prepare for the FCAT."

Friday August 31st, Rotarians placed labels on over 1,300 thesauruses indicating they were donated by the Fort Walton Beach Club. Peadro said that "we are coordinating with the Okaloosa County School District for distribution." The Club purchased the thesauruses at a wholesale rate plus shipping costs, with the assistance of the local Target Store.

*Pictured at right: (from L to R) Fred Pryor, Jan Pooley, Nitsi Bennett, Joe Meyer, Dan Nelson, John Vaughan, Frank Brutt, Ken Williamson, Ralph Fallin and Gail Miceli. Seated: Project Chairman Roger Peadro and Service Project Chairman, Debbie Kernen.*



# Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach - ROTARY ROSTER

Abernethy, James <b>PHF</b> Banking - Loans	Fallin, Ralph <b>PHF *X</b> Dairy Products	Leonard, Tony <b>PHF**</b> Retail/Musical Instrmnt.	Pagliari, Emil <b>PHF</b> Restaurants – Seafood	Smith, Pete <b>PHF *</b> Appraiser
Arrowsmith, Steve <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking	Foster, William <b>PHF SM X</b> Attorney	Linn, John <b>PHF SM</b> Kitchens-retail	Parker, Desley <b>SM</b> Success Coach	Smith, Scott <b>SM</b> Chiropractor
Arthur, Jack <b>PHF</b> Insurance	Fowner, Bob <b>PHF</b> Assoc. Manager	Litschauer, Ted, <b>SM</b> Public Safety	Peadro, Roger <b>SM</b> Pastor	Stearns, Allan <b>PHF</b> Travel Agent
Baker, Karen <b>PHF *</b> Real Estate	Gilligan, Tony <b>PHF</b> Government Contractor	Lowrey, Thomas <b>PHF*</b> Stockbroker	Plummer, Mary <b>SM</b> Real Estate Sales	Stevens, Rick <b>PHF X</b> Surge Suppression System
Bennett, Nitsi <b>PHF X *</b> Non-profit Administration	Grubbs, Haydon <b>PHF</b> Education	Martin, Ralph <b>PHF</b> Aircraft Equip. Mfg.	Pooley, Jan <b>PHF</b> Department Store	Stokes, Randy <b>PHF *</b> Architecture
Bodenstine, Debbie <b>SM</b> Economic Development	Hamilton, Chad <b>SM</b> CPA	Mattern, Jamey <b>SM</b> Architect	Potts, Charlie, <b>PHF*</b> Jeweler	Tibbetts, Alexis <b>SM</b> Schools
Bohnsack, Rob, <b>SM</b> Reverend	Hardy, Sallie <b>PHF</b> Commercial Properties	McDonald, Tim <b>PHF</b> Manufacturing	Pritchard, Kathy <b>PHF</b> Commercial Banking	Tidmore, Max <b>PHF *</b> Office Machines
Braithwaite, David <b>SM</b> Banking - Commercial	Hayes, Tom <b>SM</b> Financial Services	McGilvray, Stacey <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking	Pryor, Fred <b>PHF *</b> Utility Service - Gas	Tinsley, William <b>PHF * X</b> Savings & Loan Mgt.
Brewster, Joseph <b>PHF</b> Cable Television	Henderson, Joseph <b>PHF *</b> Accounting/Auditing	McCombs, David <b>SM</b> Aerospace Prg. Mgmt.	Rahe, Theodore <b>PHF*</b> Property Management	Townsend, Forrest <b>PHF* X</b> Veterinarian
Brutt, Frank <b>PHF</b> County Planning	Henley, Mitzi <b>SM</b> Retail Shopping	Mead, John <b>SM</b> Attorney	Rainer, Skip <b>PHF</b> Banking	Trum, Alex <b>PHF</b> Orthodontist <i>Retired</i>
Campbell, Wayne <b>PHF</b> Hospital Administration	Hightower, M. Cullen <b>PHF</b> <b>*X</b> Furniture - Retail	Meyer, Joseph <b>SM</b> Computers-retail	Raines, Joe <b>PHF</b> Outdoor Advertising	Unger, Joel <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking
Cangelosi, Edward <b>SM</b> Attorney	Hill, Rudy <b>SM</b> Office Equipment	Miceli, Gail <b>SM</b> Banking	Raynsford, Vance <b>* SM</b> <i>Honorary</i>	Vaughan, John <b>PHF</b> Past Service
Chalker, Gerry <b>PHF SM</b> Trust Banking	Hipsh, Larry <b>SM</b> Attorney	Miceli, Philippe <b>PHF</b> Private Banking Exec	Richburg, James R. <b>PHF X</b> College Administration	Walker, Timothy <b>SM</b> ER Physician
Clark, Jason <b>SM</b> Insurance	Hipsh, Whitney <b>SM</b> Real Estate Attorney	Mickle, Donna <b>PHF SM</b> Business Consultant	Riggs, Stephen <b>SM</b> CPA	Ward, Jim <b>SM</b> Attorney
Conner, Tom <b>SM</b> News Media	Hollarn, Pat <b>SM</b> Music Instructor	Miller, David O. <b>PHF</b> Developmental Dsablty.	Robbins, Dave <b>SM</b> A/C Heating & Refrig.	Watson, Yonge <b>PHF *</b> Real Estate
Corbin, Andy <b>PHF**</b> Electronics Mfg	Hooton, Jeff <b>SM</b> Commercial Lending	Montanez, Aminta <b>SM</b> Employee Leasing	Robinson, William <b>PHF</b> Fund Raising	West, Charles <b>PHF SM</b> Investment Broker
Curry, Jim <b>SM**</b> Government Management	Howard, William <b>PHF</b> Real Estate - General	Morgan, John <b>PHF *</b> Computer Engineer	Royster, Skip <b>PHF *</b> Commercial Contractor	Williamson, Kenneth <b>PHF *</b> <i>Honorary</i>
Davis, Charles <b>PHF SM</b> Restaurant Owner	Hughes, Chris <b>SM</b> Building Industry	Neal, Melissa <b>SM</b> Education	Shanahan, Joyce <b>PHF SM X</b> City Government	Woo, Jean <b>PHF</b> Dentist
Davis, James <b>PHF *</b> Public Utilities	Hutson, Karen T. <b>PHF</b> Retail Cars	Negron, Jason <b>SM</b> Attorney	Shaw, Susan <b>SM</b> Fund Raising	Yeiser, Jack <b>PHF</b> Mortgage Broker
Davis, Jessica <b>SM</b> Non-Profit Fundraising	Johnson, Chris <b>PHF*</b> <i>Honorary</i>	Nelson, Dan <b>PHF</b> Restaurant - Fast Food	Shaw, Timothy <b>PHF*</b> Attorney	Youngblood, Russell <b>PHF</b> Psychology
Dorris, George <b>PHF</b> Dentistry	Johnson, Johnny <b>PHF X**</b> Banking	Nicholson, Michele <b>SM</b> Communications	Shelley, Eulice <b>PHF *</b> Moving & Storage	
Duncan, Buddy Chaplin	Kernen, Deborah <b>PHF</b> Communications	Ochs, Jonathan <b>SM</b> Banking	Simpson, Natalie <b>SM</b> Legislative	
Englett, Michael <b>PHF SM</b> College Athletics	Landers, Chuck, <b>PHF</b> CPA	O'Dell, Shane Financial Services	Sims, Sandy <b>SM</b> Utilities Management	

**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 makeup on line at [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

As of 9/5/07

109 Members  
3 Honorary Members  
**112 Total Members**