



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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Andy Corbin

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Jan Pooley

Public Relations:

Joyce Shanahan

Club Administration:

Wayne Campbell

Sergeant at Arms:

Jason Clark and  
Charles West

Speakers:

Mitzi Henley and  
Alexis Tibbetts

Scholarship, Inc.:

Roger Peadro

## Today's Guest Speaker: J.E. (Gene) Smith

*CEO Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative*



J. E. (Gene) Smith is currently Chief Executive Officer of Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative,

Inc., known as CHELCO, in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. He joined CHELCO in 1981 as General Manager. He serves as President of CHELCO Services, Inc. (CSI), an affiliated, for-profit corporation. Smith is the President of the All Sports Association, and a member of Regions Bank Advisory Board and a member of the Sacred Heart on the Emerald Coast Board.

Smith serves on the Executive Board and is past President of the Okaloosa County (Florida) Economic Development Council, and former Trustee for Okaloosa-Walton College, and an active Rotarian. He is

past President for Okaloosa Walton United Way. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Florida's Great Northwest, a member of the Defense Support Initiative of Okaloosa County, and served as Vice President of the Mental Health Association Board.

Smith is also past President of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), past President of the National Cooperative Service Corporation (NCSC) board, past Chairman of Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC), past President of Florida Electric Cooperative Association (FECA), past Chairman of the National Food and Energy Council, and past President of the United Utility Supply Cooperative board.

He graduated from Columbia Military Academy, attended Athens College and completed his education at University of Alabama. ■





SEPTEMBER 19, 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 – 9/12/07

ATTENDANCE: 76.92%

Visiting Rotarian

Jeff Hual, Gulf Breeze  
Warner Searls, Lancaster, OH

Guests of Members

Guest

Don Amunds  
Mary Rahe  
Sabrina McLaughlin

Member

Forrest Townsend  
Ted Rahe  
Susan Shaw

CHS Interact

Chandler Riviezzo  
Hunter Campbell

Makeups:

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Nitsi Bennett - Park Prj   | Jim Curry - eClub        |
| Charlie Davis - 2 x eClub  | Tony Gilligan - Park Prj |
| Johnny Johnson - eClub     | Desley Parker - Park Prj |
| Kathy Pritchard - Park Prj | Jonathan Ochs - Park Prj |
| Natalie Simpson - Park Prj |                          |



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 26 **Human Trafficking**  
*George Collins, OCSO*
- Oct 3 **Economic Development**  
*Larry Sassano*
- Oct 10 **American Red Cross**  
*Sheri Frost*
- Oct 17 **Mental Health Assoc.**  
*Ginny Bar*

Niceville-Valp Rotary Club Golf Tournament

Friday, October 12, 2007

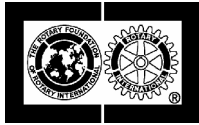
Our club has sponsored a team every year (they have sponsored our tournament as well) and all we need is 4 players. Need: name, golf handicap and shirt size.

Contact: Gerry Chalker if you are interested.



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?



## 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

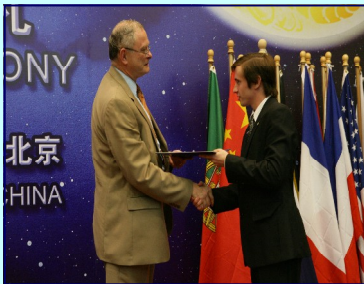
Contact: Lisa Stewart or Amanda Garrett  
lstewart@jparchitects.com or 850-244-9700



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE NIGHT SILENT AUCTION

Help is needed for a Silent Auction that will be held on Vocational Service Night, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We are **looking for committee members AND donations.** Please contact **Debbie Kernen** if you can help on the committee or if you have items you wish to donate. Thank you for your service above self!

### Where Are They Now?



Pictured at left is Ben Corbin. He attend Beihang University in Beijing, China for the summer session of International Space University.

Ben is also presenting a paper to the 58<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress in Hyderabad, India, next week. The paper is based on his experiences as the Chief Engineer

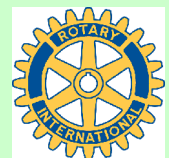
at the Mars Desert Research Station and the same paper he presented to our Rotary Club this past spring.



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Sound Park

September 28th—10am



You are cordially invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the City of Fort Walton Beach Sound Park, 108 Miracle Strip Parkway SW on Friday, September 28, 2007 at 10am. Light refreshments will be served courtesy of Tom and Peggy Rice, proprietors of the Magnolia Grill.



Installation of the Seawall



Landscaping in Progress



Completed Park

# Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach - ROTARY ROSTER

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