



Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

THE ROTARY READER

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District Governor's Gold Medal of Honor Award Winner — 2006-07
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Today's Guest Speaker: Melanie Smith, *Marketing Director Gary Smith Ford*

Today's guest speaker is Melanie Honda. Smith, she is the Marketing Director for Gary Smith Ford and will speak to us today about issues facing Afghan women.

Melanie is a native of Fort Walton Beach; and she is a 1998 graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. Melanie was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the University of Colorado.

After college Melanie found herself with little direction and decided to take off to Europe for almost a year. She traveled through out Western Europe and worked for a time in Dublin, Ireland in the hospitality industry. When her money ran out, she hopped a plane back across the pond and decided to join the family business at Gary Smith Ford & Gary Smith

Currently, Melanie is still employed in the family business but spends her spare time volunteering at Destin Elementary, working on issues for Afghan women, and fundraising for the Emerald Coast Foundation.



Don't Forget to Bring your Angel Tree Gifts!!!

You may bring your angel tree gifts to Rotary on December 12th or drop them off with Kathy Pritchard at Beach Community Bank. Please check your angel, some have earlier return dates!!!!



DECEMBER 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 – 11/28/07

ATTENDANCE: 73.53%

Visiting Rotarians

Dennis Nobbe, Granite City, IL
Jeff Hual, Gulf Breeze

Guests of Members

Guest	Rotarian
Jackie Goodman	Andy Corbin

CHS Interact/Wheelettes

Eric Dziokonski	Jennifer Vachon
Megan Tate	Tim Murray

Makeups

Steve Arrowsmith x 2	Jim Curry
Charlie Davis	Debbie Kernen
Tom Lowrey x 2	Philippe Miceli
Jan Pooley	Ted Rahe
Joyce Shanahan	Rick Stevens



Happy December Birthday!

David McCombs	04	Rick Stevens	12
Wayne Campbell	14	Stacey McGilvray	14
Pete Smith	14	Jody Henderson	15
Chuck Landers	15	Tim McDonald	15
Cullen Hightower	17	John Linn, Jr.	17
Johnny Johnson	18		



Upcoming Programs

- Dec 12** Boys and Girls Club
Bear Henley
- Dec 17** **MONDAY—Rotary Christmas Party**
- Dec 19** **No Meeting**
- Dec 26** **No Meeting**
MERRY CHRISTMAS



**Salvation Army
Bell Ringing**

Thanks to the following folks who rang the bell on December 1st:

Jeff Hooton	Dan Nelson
Debbie Kernen	Roger Peadro
Bob Fowner	Gerry Chalker

Ringers Needed
Saturday, December 8th

10-4pm—1 hour Shifts

Santa Rosa Mall, Main Entrance

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?

Rotary and Gates Foundation Donate \$200 Million to Eradicate Polio

Rotary International

LONDON — The global campaign to wipe out polio is getting a \$200 million donation from Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, at a time when some worry the effort will fail in the final stages.

Monday's announcement by both organizations came after nearly two decades of work against polio, an infectious disease that can paralyze and sometimes kill.

"This investment is precisely the catalyst we need as we intensify the push to finish polio," Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, said in a statement.

Though polio incidence has been slashed by more than 99 percent worldwide since the eradication effort began in 1988, the virus remains entrenched in Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Two deadlines to eliminate polio have been missed: 2000 and 2005. More than \$5 billion has been poured into the effort, and some experts worry that unless the job is finished soon, the world community's money and patience may run out.

"They're on a heroic task, but money is not the only problem," said Dr. Donald A. Henderson, who headed WHO's smallpox successful eradication campaign. "We've got to soldier on. We need more money. Look at all we've accomplished. But how do we get to the endpoint?"

Henderson and other experts worry that major obstacles to vaccinating children will be harder to overcome than filling a funding gap.

In countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia and Congo, where there are armed conflicts and weak health services, it has been extremely difficult to reach the high vaccination levels needed to wipe out polio. And in India, the vaccine is less effective, due to poor sanitation and the fact that children are often infected with intestinal viruses.

Experts are also concerned about the use of the oral vaccine, which contains live polio virus. In rare instances, the virus can mutate into a dangerous form capable of causing the disease.

The donation from Rotary International and the Gates Foundation, to be paid over three years, will largely go to immunization campaigns, surveillance and public education.

"This amount of money can make quite a big difference," said Nicholas Grassly, of Imperial College, London, who advises WHO on polio issues. "We can build on the gains that have been made this year."

WHO reports significant progress against polio in India and Nigeria, where 85 percent of the world's polio cases occur. Last year at this time, Nigeria had 958 polio cases. This year, only 226 were reported.

Still, the \$200 million falls short of the \$650 million that WHO says will be needed by 2009. Eradicating polio will ultimately cost \$1 billion more, said Dr. David Heymann, WHO's top polio official. ■



Rotary Christmas Party

Monday, December 17th

Ramada Plaza Beach Resort

Okaloosa Island

6pm to 9pm

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres/Cash Bar/Live Music



Please come and celebrate the season with your fellow Rotarians. Charge for Spouses is \$28, no fee for Rotarians. Please contact Stacey McGilvray to RSVP (833-8136) or stacey.mcgilvray@regions.com.

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

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 [makeup on line at www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

Resignations

David Braithwaite
Jim Ward
Edward Cangelosi

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

As of 12/1/07

104 Members
3 Honorary Members
107 Total Members