



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

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## Today's Guest Speaker: Jay Odom

*Owner, Crystal Beach Development*

Jay Odom was raised in Shalimar, Florida. His family moved to Shalimar in 1956 directly from Odom's birthplace of Nagoya, Japan, where his father had been stationed in the Air Force. Odom attended local public schools as well as Okaloosa Walton Community College before going on to Florida Atlantic University, where he graduated second in his class in 1979, receiving a BS in Ocean Engineering.

After a five-year stint working for the noted oil industry multi-national Schlumberger Well Services, Odom redirected his efforts and energies into the real estate business. He joined the commercial real estate firm of Henry S. Miller in 1984, working in its Land Division in Austin, Texas. There, he honed his talent for navigating the permitting process for development and construction.

On visits to his family in the Florida Panhandle, Odom became convinced developments offering traditional coastal design near the Gulf of Mexico would set the pace for residential development in the Destin area. He struck an agreement with the Henderson family to acquire his first piece of property. Odom acquired this first piece of land for \$2 million with only a \$100 earnest money deposit. In June of 1988, Odom founded Crystal Beach Development and embarked on the first of many residential developments in Destin's Crystal Beach area with the groundbreaking at Water's Edge. Its success keyed a series of thoughtful and meticulously planned successful residential developments, continuing the Henderson family's vision of the Crystal Beach area. Odom's residential savvy has expanded to

include the development of a first-class subdivision in the Biloxi/Gulfport area of Mississippi, and, the design and development of 3000+ acres in Freeport, Florida called Hammock Bay.

In 1991, Odom branched into commercial real estate. Odom has diversified to create a corporate structure to plan, permit, design, construct, renovate, finance, market, sell and lease a variety of development projects.

Crystal Beach Development has planned, constructed and marketed over 1,000 residential lots, including over 3,500 linear feet of Gulf front property. Odom's commercial divisions have purchased, constructed and manage over 200,000 square feet of commercial office space, 35,000 square feet of office/warehouse space, 300,000 square feet of retail space, and development plans are underway for a first-class hotel on 7+ acres in Grayton Beach, Florida.

Odom remains highly community conscientious, giving back to the community, particularly to children's causes, such as donations to schools, children's Christmas funds, children's sports leagues, mentor programs, child welfare programs etc, as well as causes that help all citizens, including support of our military, police and fire fighter causes, disease research, just to name a few. Odom and his companies have also been presented with several awards for excellence in community involvement and beautification.

Odom's firm is based in Destin, Florida, with offices on-site at several ongoing projects.





JANUARY 30, 2008  
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 – 1/23/08

**ATTENDANCE: 71.13%**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Larry Leese, Oakwood, OH  
Bob Ryken, Bettendorf, IO

**Guests of Members**

| <u>Guest</u>  | <u>Rotarian</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Bobby Chapman | Natalie Simpson |
| Jerry York    | Gerry Chalker   |
| Jim Appleton  | Max Tidmore     |

**CHS Interact/Wheelettes**

None

**Makeups**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Jason Clark    | Whiney Hipsh    |
| Jeff Hooton    | Debbie Kernen   |
| David McCombs  | Philippe Miceli |
| Joyce Shanahan | Jean Woo x 3    |



Happy January Birthday!

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|----------------|------------|
| Sallie Hardy   | January 8  |
| Ken Williamson | January 11 |
| Andy Corbin    | January 23 |
| Chris Hughes   | January 23 |
| Scotty Foster  | January 25 |
| Ralph Martin   | January 27 |



Upcoming Programs

- Feb 6 **Greg Thomas— New Choc-taw Football Coach/AD**
- Feb 13 **John Vaughan—Vignettes of an Auslander**
- Feb 20 **Pat Rice—Editor NWF Daily News**
- Feb 27 **Brian Lambert (Randy Stokes)—Architecture**



New Membership Proposal

**PAM HILL** is the Community Representative for the North-west Florida Blood Center. Pam is very active in community and volunteer projects. She is being *proposed by Debbie Bodenshine. (second publication)*

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?

## Rotarians in Action

“Advice for Everybody”

by Annemarie Mannion

### Staying Vigilant

Since Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, more than **two billion children** have received the oral polio vaccine through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and cases of the disease have dropped by 99 percent. Today, polio is endemic in just four countries.

Robert S. Scott chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, stresses the importance of continued vigilance: “Every talk I give in North America or in Europe or wherever I am, I say you must, must keep your children vacci-

nated against polio.”

“The search for a polio vaccine truly set a precedent in the medical research field,” says Ann Lee Hussey, chair of the polio survivors action group. **“When it is eradicated, it will be only the second disease, after smallpox, ever eradicated.”**

**Read more about Rotary’s campaign to end Polio in the February 2008 Edition of the Rotary Magazine.**

*Excerpt from February 2008 edition of the **Rotarian**, Rotary’s magazine on Polio*

*Advice for Everybody by Annemarie Mannion, page 17.*

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY....

**1969** – Beatles perform their last gig together, a free concert

**1917** - 1st jazz record recorded (Dark Town Strutters Ball)

**1815** - Burned Library of Congress reestablished with Jefferson's 6500 vols

**1487**– Bell chimes invented

## \$30,000 Raised for Scholarships!

At last week’s meeting Andy Corbin, Chairman of the Billy Bowlegs Golf Tournament presented a check for \$30,000 to President Gerry Chalker and Roger Peadro, Chairman of Scholarship Inc.

These monies will be used to fund college scholarships for deserving young people in our community.



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

**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)

**Recent Resignations:**

- Pat Hollam
- Skip Rainer
- Joel Unger

**Members in green font have missed three or more meetings. Please give them a call and encourage them to attend a meeting.**

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

As of 1/30/08

102 Members  
3 Honorary Members  
**105 Total Members**