



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 Program: The Honorable Don Gaetz, Senator, District 4, Florida



Senator Gaetz was born and reared in rural North Dakota and graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, with a bachelor's degree in religion and political science. While an undergraduate, he was national oratory

and debate champion and president of the student body. He earned his master's in public administration with a major in education from Troy State University in Alabama.

Senator Gaetz was first elected to the Florida Senate in 2006. He chairs the Education Pre-K Committee; is the alternating chair of the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee. In addition, the Senator is a member of the Social Responsibility Policy and Calendar Committee; Banking and Insurance; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Health and Human Services Appropriation; Judiciary and Administrative Procedures Committee.

As a lifelong republican, Senator Gaetz was elected to the Okaloosa School Board in 1994 and was re-elected in 1998. In 2000, he won election as Superintendent with 77 percent of the vote. He was the first non-educator elected as Superintendent. In November, 2004, he became the first Superintendent of Schools in 24 years to be re-elected without opposition.

During Senator Gaetz's tenure as Superintendent, Okaloosa Schools moved up from a C rating to become the highest performing school system in Florida in 2003, 2004 and again in 2005. Thirty-one of Okaloosa's thirty-five district-operated schools

are ranked as A schools by the State of Florida. Under his administration, Okaloosa schools and students have attained a record of academic achievement no other county has equaled in the history of the state's school grading system. During his tenure the district began the nationally recognized, award winning Community High-Okaloosa Institutes for Career Education (CHOICE), a series of career-technical institutes in aerospace, information technology, construction technology, and health services.

Senator Gaetz's background is in business and finance. Along with two partners, he co-founded VITAS Healthcare Corporation in 1984. VITAS grew from a \$3,600 investment to become one of America's most successful privately held health care companies, with annual revenues of \$500 million and employing over 5,000 health care professionals in offices throughout the United States. In 2004 he and his partners sold the company.

Senator Gaetz is former President and Chairman of the Board of the National Hospice Organization and has been honored by that group as the individual most responsible for the establishment of hospice care within the American health care payment system. Senator Gaetz chaired the national effort which developed the Medicare and Medicaid Hospice Benefits and successfully convinced Congress to pass them into federal law, thereby saving hundreds of millions of dollars in health care costs and providing hospice access to millions of elderly and disabled Americans.

Senator Gaetz served as chairman of the Florida Governor's Commission on Long-Term Health Care and was a co-founder and first chairman of the Florida State





JUNE 11, 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 – 06/04/08

Attendance: 59.8%

Visiting Rotarians:

Bob Robertson, Biloxi, MS
Russ Silver, Pensacola North
Michael Handler, Pensacola North
Terry Landers, Raytown, MO

Guests of Members

Guest

Dan Empson
Mark Wiltsie
Terry Landers

Rotarian

Andy Corbin
Joyce Shanahan
Jason Clark

Makeups

Nitsi Bennett	Bryant Perkins
Joyce Shanahan	Sandy Sims



Upcoming Programs

Jun 17 TUESDAY—Annual Dinner
Jun 18 NO MEETING

To Do:

Save The Date
Annual Club
Dinner

When: Tuesday, June 17th
6pm Social/6:30pm Program

Where: FWB Yacht Club

RSVP: By June 11th to Carole
carolejones56@aol.com

Cost: Rotarian \$16/Guest \$28

What Paul Harris Said...

"Rotary is simple, genuine, true. It abhors deceit and pretentiousness, and had rather run the risk of under-rating than to run the risk of over-extolling its own virtues."

PAUL HARRIS,
Message to the
Rotary Club of New Orleans
1917



Happy June Birthday!

Alex Trum	1	Charlie Davis	3
Kathy Pritchard	5	Jessica Davis	7
Michele Nicholson	9	John Vaughan	12
Bob Fowner	16	Fred Pryor	17
Bud Raysford	22	Shane O'Dell	26
Yonge Watson	26	George Dorris	28
Joe Meyer	29	Scott Smith	30

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?

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Hospice Organization.

Senator Gaetz is honored by numerous state legislatures, professional organizations, educational institutions, and charitable groups for his leadership and philanthropy. He was named Person of the Year by the Leukemia Society of America, Humanitarian of the Year by the Florida Special Olympics, and received the President's Award for distinguished contributions to education from his alma mater, Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota). Concordia also conferred upon him the college's highest honor, the Alumni Achievement Award. In 2005, Duke University established the endowed Don Gaetz Distinguished Professorship in End-of-Life Care and Ethics to recognize his

principal role in improving care of terminally ill Americans and their families.

Senator Gaetz's current and previous local board affiliations include the Salvation Army, the Executive Committee of the Economic Development Council, the Gulf Coast Council of Boy Scouts of America, the University of West Florida Presidential Selection Committee, the Niceville-Valparaiso-Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Twin Cities Youth Baseball and the Okaloosa-Walton Workforce Development Board.

Don is married to the former Victoria Quertermous, who was reared and educated in Fort Walton Beach. They have two children, Matthew and Erin. ■

At Last Week's Meeting... Rotary Scholarship Winners

Whitney Hipsh introduced the Rotary Scholarship Winners. We were all impressed by this group's accomplishments and enthusiasm! Your Rotary dollars at work!



Don't Miss Greg Litton, Special Guest Speaker at the June 17th Annual Banquet

Greg Litton was born on Monday, July 13, 1964, in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1984, he was a first round draft pick (10th), Litton was 24 years old when he first played in the big leagues on May 2, 1989, with the San Francisco Giants. He played his last game on August 10th, 1994. His post-season appearances include 1989 National League Championship Series and the World Series. Greg was a rookie and an instrumental part of the Giants team, helping them to the World Series, where he hit a home run in game four.

Litton was a versatile utility man. The positions he played most often were [second base](#), the [outfield](#), and [third base](#). He also played [shortstop](#), [first base](#), and [catcher](#), and even made one appearance as a [pitcher](#). His personal high for playing time was during the [1990](#) season, when he was in 93 games and made 220 [plate appearances](#).

Career highlights included:

- batted .500 (3-for-6) in the [1989 World Series](#) against the [Oakland Athletics](#), including a two-run homer in Game # 4 off reliever [Gene Nelson](#)
- a pinch-hit [grand slam](#) in the top of the 13th inning to defeat the [Cincinnati Reds](#) ([October 4, 1992](#))
- eight 3-hit games, with the most impressive being two [doubles](#) and a [home run](#) against the [Chicago Cubs](#) ([May 15, 1992](#))
- two doubles, good for four [runs batted in](#), against the [Kansas City Royals](#) ([September 16, 1993](#))
- hit a combined .417 (20-for-48) against [All-Star pitchers](#) [Norm Charlton](#), [Danny Jackson](#), [Greg Maddux](#), and [Frank Viola](#)

He finished his career with a lifetime [batting average](#) of .241, 13 [HR](#), 97 [RBI](#), and 78 [runs](#) scored in 374 ballgames.

Greg now resides in Pensacola.

Hole in One Winner!!!



Jason Clarke met with hole-in-one winner David Keels from Fadgeville, Ga. who won the golf cart from Dixiel-ectricar at the golf tournament. He picked the golf cart up on Monday June 9th.

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

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

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

As of 06/0408

107 Members
3 Honorary Members
110 Total Members

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