



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 — 14<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

## 2008-09 Board of Directors

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Michele Nicholson

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Jeff Hooton

## Today's Program: Charlie Morris, Sheriff *Okaloosa County*



Charlie Morris was first elected Sheriff in Okaloosa County in 1996 and has been re-elected to the post twice now. He oversees 368 personnel, including

260 sworn officers.

They cover an area roughly 999 square miles and protect an estimated 191,000 year-round residents, along with many thousands of tourists who visit the area each year.

His agency offers a full-range of law enforcement services, including patrol, investigations, warrants, community policing, environmental services, airport security, marine and beach patrols, school resource officers, traffic, and much more.

Morris was born in Longview Texas in 1949 and obtained a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Management. He also attended the FBI National Academy, National Sheriffs' Institute Executive Development Program and various other state and national criminal justice seminars.

Sheriff Morris spent 18 years in the

United States Air Force as a Security Police Officer before retiring as a Major and going to work as the first school resource officer in Okaloosa County's history. He spent four years with the Fort Walton Beach Police Department before being elected Sheriff.

During his terms, Sheriff Morris has set his priorities as modernizing the agency, increasing the quality of life for deputies, boosting responsiveness and becoming more community-friendly and community-involved.

Towards that end he has served on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Florida YMCA, Children's Advocacy Center, and American Heart Association. He is the current President of the Florida Sheriff's Association. He has also been appointed and served as Chairman to the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council, Co-Chair of the Northwest Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force, Chairman of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Policy Board, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Florida Sheriff's Association, Florida Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. Sheriff Morris and his wife Barbara have three children and live in Shalimar.





AUGUST 20, 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!



## Upcoming Programs

Sep 3 Okaloosa County Emergency Mngr. Randy McDaniel

Sep 24 Dr. Karen Chapman Okaloosa Co. Health Dept.

### MEETING STATS – 08/13/08

**Attendance: 70.53%**

#### Visiting Rotarians

Nevins Smith, Tallahassee  
Mike Fransisco, Destin

#### Makeups

Gerry Chalker	Andy Corbin
Jim Curry	Charlie Davis
JT Edwards	Haydon Grubbs
Chad Hamilton x 2	Deborah Kernan
Melissa Neal x 2	Ted Rahe
Al Stearns x 3	

### WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

*"By its failures as well as its successes, Rotary advances, but no worthy motive, if made known, fails to register itself somewhere, somehow. Possibly its influence may be felt in entirely unexpected places."*

*Paul Harris,*  
Peregrinations Volume 3



### Happy AUGUST Birthday!

Roger Peadro	09	Chad Hamilton	17
Jim Curry	22	Dan Nelson	23
Ted Rahe	26	Debbie Bodensine	29

### 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?

## ABCs of Rotary.....First Names or Nicknames

*By Cliff Dochterman, Former RI Pres.*

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Miss, the Honorable, or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Mary, Karen, or Charley by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname

which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles" "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on physical characteristics.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step that opens doors to all other opportunities for service.



### Coming Soon

#### **Pay Your Rotary Bill by Credit Card? You Betcha!**

Coming soon – your Rotary Club bill may be paid by credit card effective 10/1/08. This system should be in place prior to the release of the September 30 statements, and we will provide further detail/instructions as they become clear.

### ***Last Week's Meeting: Leslie Smith from Rotary Youth Camp***

Leslie gave a presentation on the Rotary Youth Camp in Northwest Florida for children with handicaps. Pres. Stevens informed Ms. Smith that our Rotary Club would be sponsoring a child to attend the camp this year; hopefully someone from our Club!

Abernethy, Tom <b>PHF</b> Banking - Loans	Foster, William <b>PHF SM X</b> Attorney	Litschauer, Ted, <b>SM</b> Public Safety	Pryor, Fred <b>PHF *</b> Utility Service - Gas	Townsend, Forrest <b>PHF* X</b> Veterinarian
Arrowsmith, Steve <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking	Fowner, Bob <b>PHF</b> Assoc. Manager	Lowrey, Thomas <b>PHF*</b> Stockbroker	Rahe, Theodore <b>PHF*</b> Property Management	Trum, Alex <b>PHF</b> Orthodontist <i>Retired</i>
Arthur, Jack <b>PHF</b> Insurance	Gilligan, Tony <b>PHF</b> Government Contractor	Martin, Ralph <b>PHF</b> Aircraft Equip. Mfg.	Raines, Joe <b>PHF</b> Outdoor Advertising	Vaughan, John <b>PHF</b> Past Service
Bennett, Nitsi <b>PHF X *</b> Non-profit Administration	Goodman, Jackie <b>SM</b> Hotel Marketing	Mattern, Jamey <b>SM</b> Architect	Raynsford, Vance * <b>SM</b> <i>Honorary</i>	Walker, Timothy <b>SM</b> ER Physician
Bodenstine, Debbie <b>SM</b> Economic Development	Grubbs, Haydon <b>PHF</b> Education	<b>McDonald, Tim PHF</b> <b>Manufacturing</b>	Richburg, James R. <b>PHF X</b> College Administration	Watson, Yonge <b>PHF *</b> Real Estate
Bohnsack, Rob, <b>SM</b> Reverend	<b>Hamilton, Chad PHF</b> <b>CPA</b>	McGilvray, Stacey <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking	Robinson, William <b>PHF</b> Fund Raising	West, Charles <b>PHF SM</b> Investment Broker
Brewster, Joseph <b>PHF</b> Cable Television	Hardy, Sallie <b>PHF</b> Commercial Properties	McCombs, David <b>SM</b> Aerospace Prg. Mgmt.	Royster, Skip <b>PHF *</b> Commercial Contractor	Williamson, Kenneth <b>PHF *</b> <i>Honorary</i>
Brutt, Frank <b>PHF</b> County Planning	Hayes, Tom <b>SM</b> Financial Services	Mead, John Attorney	Shanahan, Joyce <b>PHF SM X</b> City Government	Woo, Jean <b>PHF</b> Dentist
Campbell, Wayne <b>PHF</b> Hospital Administration	Henderson, Joseph <b>PHF *</b> Accounting/Auditing	Meyer, Joseph <b>SM</b> Computers-retail	Shaw, Susan <b>SM</b> Fund Raising	Yeiser, Jack <b>PHF</b> Mortgage Broker
Chalker, Gerry <b>PHF SM</b> Pension Administration	Henley, Mitzi <b>SM</b> Retail Shopping	Miceli, Gail <b>PHF</b> Banking	Shaw, Timothy <b>PHF*</b> Attorney	York, Jerry <b>SM</b> Auto Sales
Clark, Jason <b>SM</b> Insurance	Hightower, M. Cullen <b>PHF</b> <b>*X Furniture - Retail</b>	Miceli, Philippe <b>PHF *SM</b> Private Banking Exec	Shelley, Eulice <b>PHF *</b> Moving & Storage	Youngblood, Russ <b>PHF**</b> Psychology
Conner, Tom <b>SM</b> News Media	Hipsh, Larry <b>SM</b> Attorney	Miller, David O. <b>PHF</b> Developmental Dsablty.	Simpson, Natalie <b>SM</b> Legislative	
Corbin, Andy <b>PHF**X</b> Electronics Mfg	<b>Hipsh, Whitney SM</b> <b>Real Estate Attorney</b>	Morgan, John <b>PHF *</b> Computer Engineer	Sims, Sandy <b>SM</b> Utilities Management	
Curry, Jim <b>SM**</b> Government Management	Hooton, Jeff <b>SM</b> Commercial Lending	Neal, Melissa Education	Smith, Pete <b>PHF *</b> Appraiser	
Davis, Charles <b>PHF SM</b> Restaurant Owner	Howard, William <b>PHF</b> Real Estate - General	<b>Negron, Jason SM</b> <b>Attorney</b>	Smith, Scott <b>SM</b> Chiropractor	
Davis, James <b>PHF *SM</b> Public Utilities	<b>Hughes, Chris SM</b> <b>Building Industry</b>	Nelson, Dan <b>PHF</b> Restaurant - Fast Food	Stearns, Allan <b>PHF</b> Travel Agent	
<b>Davis, Jessica SM</b> <b>Non-Profit Fundraising</b>	Hutson, Karen T. <b>PHF</b> Retail Cars	Nicholson, Michele <b>SM</b> Communications	Stevens, Rick <b>PHF X</b> Surge Suppression System	
Dietsch, Kevin <b>SM</b> Golf Course Mgmt.	Johnson, Chris <b>PHF*</b> <i>Honorary</i>	Peadro, Roger <b>PHF</b> Pastor	Stokes, Randy <b>PHF *</b> Architecture	
Dorris, George <b>PHF</b> Dentistry	Johnson, Johnny <b>PHF X**</b> Banking	Perkins, Bryant <b>SM</b> Youth Org. Mgmt.	Tibbetts, Alexis <b>SM</b> Schools	
Duncan, Buddy <b>SM</b> Chaplin	Kernen, Deborah <b>PHF</b> Communications	Plummer, Mary <b>PHF</b> Real Estate Sales	Tidmore, Max <b>PHF *</b> Office Machines	
Edwards, JT <b>SM</b> Landscape Mgmt.	Landers, Chuck, <b>PHF</b> CPA	Pooley, Jan <b>PHF</b> Department Store	Tinsley, Mary <b>SM</b> Advertising Sales	
Englett, Michael <b>PHF SM</b> College Athletics	Leonard, Tony <b>PHF**</b> Retail/Musical Instrmnt.	Potts, Charlie, <b>PHF*</b> Jeweler	Tinsley, Kent <b>SM</b> Commercial Banking	
Fallin, Ralph <b>PHF *X</b> Dairy Products	Linn, John <b>PHF SM</b> Kitchens-retail	Pritchard, Kathy <b>PHF</b> Commercial Banking	Tinsley, William <b>PHF * X</b> Savings & Loan Mgt.	

**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**

- Pam Hill
- Jonathan Ochs
- Shane O'Dell
- Steve Riggs
- Desley Parker

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

As of 08/13/08  
100 Members  
3 Honorary Members  
**103 Total Members**

**Leave of Absence**

- Rob Bohnsack
- Bill Howard
- Stacey McGilvray
- Skip Royster
- Tim Walker
- Younge Watson
- Bill Robinson
- Scott Smith

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