



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

**President:**

Rick Stevens

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Rotary Foundation:

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Public Relations:

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Club Administration:

Wayne Campbell

Sergeant at Arms:

Jim Curry and  
Sandy Sims

Speakers:

Debbie Bodensine and  
Michele Nicholson

Scholarship, Inc.:

Jeff Hooton

## Today's Program: Ron Richards

### *District Governor*



Today's guest speaker is our very own District Governor, Ron Richards.

Ron has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama and is a devout Crimson Tide fan. He

served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Following a highly successful 25-year career in the supermarket industry in Birmingham, Alabama and Pensacola, Ron entered the financial services industry in 1990. In 1997, he became a Certified Financial Planner offering comprehensive wealth management and personal financial planning services to his clients. He is Past President of the Gulf States Chapter of the Financial Planning Association and President of Ron Richards Financial Planning.

Ron served as Commodore of Pensacola Yacht Club for two terms in 2000 and 2001. He is currently Commodore for the Gulf Yachting Association and is First Vice President of District 8 (State of Florida) of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, the association of past commodores. He has been active on numerous boards including Big Brothers Big Sisters, and was a Big Brother. He and Innes were Foster Parents to his Little Brother for a period of one year.

Ron, as a Charter Member, was involved in the formation of the Rotary Club of Navarre in 1995 where he served as Club President for the 1998-99 Rotary year. His club was awarded the Presidential Citation for its outstanding performance. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Rotary Club of Navarre's Scholarship Fund which awards three \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors annually. In April of 2003, due to the relocation of his business, Ron left the Navarre Club and was elected into membership at the Rotary Club of Pensacola. He has been serving as Assistant Governor for Area 2 since 2005. During 2006-07 he served as President for the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola, a president's council for the twelve clubs in the area. In the first election buy ballot in District 6940 history, he was elected District Governor Nominee on March 24, 2007 following the resignation of DGN John Keith. He served as District Governor-Elect during the 2007-08 Rotary year while still representing area 2 as its Assistant Governor. Ron has maintained thirteen years of perfect attendance, and is a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the District 6940 Paul Harris Society, and a member of the Bequest Society.

Ron has been married to his wife Innes for thirty-one years. Innes is Secretary of the Rotary Club of Pensacola, has eleven years of perfect attendance, and is a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society. Ron and Innes attend Christ Episcopal Church and their hobby is sailing.





SEPTEMBER 10, 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 – 09/03/08

Attendance: 72.92%

Visiting Rotarians

None

Rotarians with Guests

<u>Guest</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>
Sheila Nichols	Joe Brewster

Interact/Wheelettes

Bonnie Kern	Sonia Cox
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Makeups

Charlie Davis	Mitzi Henley
Johnny Johnson	Melissa Neal x 2
Roger Peadro	Bryant Perkins x 2
Joyce Shanahan	Natalie Simpson
Rick Stevens	



## Upcoming Programs

- Sep 17 Amanda Stone  
2008 RI Ambassadorial Scholar
- Sep 24 Dr. Karen Chapman  
Okaloosa County Health Dept.
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving Social – *no guest speaker*
- Dec 24 Christmas – NO MEETING
- Dec 31 New Year's – NO MEETING

## WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

"He who breathes deeply has the better chance of thinking clearly. He whose mind is right is most likely to be morally right and to understand the doctrine of Service above Self."

*Paul Harris*  
*The Rotarian*  
*February 1917*



## Happy September Birthday!

Randy Stokes	02	Frank Brutt	02
Larry Hipsh	09	Ralph Fallin	13
Sandy Sims	20	Tom Abernethy	25
Joe Raines	27	Rob Bohnsack	30
Charles West	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.....District Governor Responsibilities

*By Cliff Dochterman, Former RI Pres.*

The district governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a district, which usually includes about 45 Rotary clubs. The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the International Assembly and regionally at the governors-elect training seminar, provide guidance and leadership to the more than 31,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously devotes a year to the volunteer task of leadership and makes at least one offi-

cial visit to each club in the district. The governor has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies, and goals, and is a person of recognized high standing in his or her profession, community, and Rotary club.

The governor must supervise the organization of new clubs and strengthen existing ones. He or she performs a host of specific duties to ensure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district, and is responsible for promoting and implementing all programs and activities of the RI president and Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs a district conference and other special events.

### ***Last Week's Meeting: Randy McDaniel Okaloosa County EMS Chief***



At last week's meeting Randy McDaniel spoke to the Club about County Emergency Management Services and hurricane preparations. Thank you Randy for all you do for our Community.

## 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 details/instructions as they become clear.

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

**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 09/10/08  
101 Members  
3 Honorary Members  
**104 Total Members**

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

Members in purple font have perfect attendance.

Members in blue font are on a leave of absence.