



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 Guest Speaker: Ron Richards

*District Governor*



Today's guest speaker is our very own District Governor, Ron Richards who will speak to us about Paul Harris Fellows.

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. ■





NOVEMBER 26, 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

- Dec 17**      **Captain Brad Williams  
Fish and Wildlife**
- Dec 24**      **Christmas — NO MEETING**
- Dec 31**      **New Year's — NO MEETING**

### MEETING STATS — 11/19/08

**Attendance: 64.89%**

**Visiting Rotarians**

Harrell Timmons, Hillsburg, IL

**Rotarians with Guests**

<b>Guest</b>	<b>Rotarian</b>
Pam Reynolds	Roger Peadro

**Interact/Wheelettes**

Bridget Cogley	Justin Coppock
Miller McInnis	Riley Giadrosich

**Makeups**

Ralph Fallin	Debbie Kernen
David McCombs	Melissa Neal x 3
Joyce Shanahan	



## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**For each new morning  
with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the  
night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy  
goodness sends.**

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)*



### Happy November Birthday!

Chris Johnson	08	John Morgan	16
Jean Woo	18	Jamey Mattern	20
Skip Royster	20	Charlie Potts	23
Jack Yeiser	25		

### 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.....Paul Harris Fellows

By *Cliff Dochterman, Former RI Pres.*

Undoubtedly, the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow Recognition was first proposed. Although the concept of making US\$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin, and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world. By 2002, some 813,000 Paul Harris Fellows had been added to the rolls of The Rotary Foundation.

The companion to the Paul Harris Fellow is the Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, which is the recognition presented to an individual who has given, or in

whose honor a gift is made, a contribution of \$100, with the stated intention of making additional contributions until \$1,000 is reached. At that time, the Sustaining Member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

A special recognition pin is given to Paul Harris Fellows who make additional gifts of \$1,000 to the Foundation. The distinctive gold pin includes a blue stone to represent each \$1,000 contribution — from \$2,000 to \$6,000. Red stone pins signify gifts of \$7,000 to \$9,000. Paul Harris Fellow Recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation that build goodwill and understanding in the world.

## Canadian plants Rotary flag on Everest

by David Mills  
*The Rotarian -- November 2008*

Sitting on top of the world, Dan Mallory shows off a banner signed by members of his club.

Dan Mallory's love affair with mountains, which began 22 years ago with a climb up Pico Bolívar, Venezuela's highest peak, led him to the top of Mt. Everest on 25 May. His sons, Adam and Alan, were with him; his daughter, Laura, summited the next day.

In 2001, the member of the Rotary Club of Barrie, Ont., Canada, decided to challenge himself by climbing the seven summits, the highest mountains on each of the seven continents. As an added twist, he planned to do each with at least one member of his family.

After summiting Mt. Aconcagua in Argentina with Adam, Mt. McKinley (Denali) in Alaska with Alan, Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia with his wife, Barbara, Mt. Elbrus in Russia with Laura, and Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with Barbara and Laura, Mallory decided it was time to tackle Everest.

Mallory, 57, along with Adam, 25, and Alan, 23, reached the summit first, completing the climb with their Sherpa guides on the morning of 25 May. Laura, 20, was held up by acute mountain sickness but reached the top the next day. Barbara started the climb but had to drop out after tearing her Achilles tendon.

The summit is a small space, a rectangle measuring about 6 1/2 by 23 feet, with sharp drop-offs on three sides and a steep area leading from the Hillary Step, an abrupt spur of rock and ice. A Buddha statue sits at the top, draped in prayer flags and other mementos from climbers — now including a banner from the Rotary Club of Barrie.

The Mallorys' climb is the first time a family of five has attempted to summit together. Laura is now the youngest Canadian and youngest woman, and Alan the second-youngest Canadian man, to reach the top of Everest.

What's next for this adventurous family? "There's still one more," says Mallory, referring to Vinson Massif in Antarctica. He hopes to complete his quest in 2010. But for now, he has returned to his insurance business in Barrie with a wealth of stories to be told. "You don't ever want to get to a point in life where you look back and say I wish I had, but now it is too late."



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

**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)

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.

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

**As of 11/26/08**  
99 Members  
3 Honorary Members  
**102 Members**

**Recent Resignations:**  
Sandy Sims  
Kevin Dietsch