



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 – 14th Consecutive Year

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Debbie Bodestine and
Michele Nicholson

Scholarship, Inc.:
Jeff Hooton

Today's Guest Speaker: Gene Barker *Partner O'Sullivan Creel*



Creel. Mr. Barker will talk to us today about the economics of the bailout plan.

Gene Barker is a partner in the firm's tax services group. He has been with the firm since 1979. He previously worked as an IRS agent and is able to skillfully represent and advise his clients on complicated tax issues. He concentrates on the areas of income tax planning and preparation, retirement and estate planning, small business accounting and consulting, and litigation support services. His in-depth knowledge of industry-specific areas of the practice includes automobile dealerships, construction companies, defense contractors, hotels and restaurants, professional service firms and the healthcare industry.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and finance from Florida State University in 1977. He has been licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Florida since 1981.

Gene's professional and civic affilia-

tions include:

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Charter President, Emerald Coast Chapter of the FICPA
- FICPA Committee on Federal Taxation
- Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council
- Okaloosa Walton Community College Foundation
- Fort Walton Beach Kiwanis Club
- Okaloosa Chapter, American Heart Association
- City Director, Compass Bank
- First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach.

A die hard Seminole fan, Gene started taking his kids to FSU football games before they could walk. Unfortunately, the garnet and gold didn't rub off. All three of his kids chose different schools (Tulane, Georgia Tech and Auburn). Better luck with the grand-





DECEMBER 3, 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 – 11/26/08

Attendance: 50.00%

Visiting Rotarians

None

Rotarians with Guests

Barbara Fallin / Ralph	Buff Tibbetts / Alexis
Carol Stearns / Al	Charlene Howard / Bill
Charles Scott / Sallie Hardy	Donna Trum / Alex
Doris Williamson / Ken	Janet Brewster / Joe
Linda Litschauer / Ted	Marie Johnson / Johnny
Mayrelizbeth Pror / Fred	

Makeups

Andy Corbin	Jackie Goodman
Jeff Hooton	Carl Kleist
John Linn	Kathy Pritchard



Happy December Birthday!

David McCombs	04	Rick Stevens	12
Wayne Campbell	14	Stacey McGilvray	14
Pete Smith	14	Jody Henderson	15
Chuck Landers	15	Tim McDonald	15
Cullen Hightower	17	John Linn, Jr.	17
Johnny Johnson	18	Bryant Perkins	21



Upcoming Programs

- Dec 10 Charlotte Dunworth Group Study Exchange
- Dec 17 Captain Brad Williams Fish and Wildlife
- Dec 24 Christmas – NO MEETING
- Dec 31 New Year's – NO MEETING

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

This is a critical year. It is not easy to be optimists while storm clouds obscure the sky. Rotarians are especially sensitive to international disturbances because ties of friendship bind us together, ties which cannot be dissolved by governmental fiat".

Paul P Harris, "We Must Plan For Peace" The Rotarian, Feb 1940

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.....The Official Flag of Rotary

By Cliff Dochterman, Former RI Pres.

An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 RI Convention in Dallas, Texas, USA. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the keyway of the wheel are white.

The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City, Missouri, USA, in January 1915. In 1922, a small Rotary flag was carried over the

South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Rotary Club of Winchester, Virginia, USA. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole.

Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances, it is appropriate to print the words "Rotary Club" above the wheel symbol and the name of the city, state, or nation below the emblem.

The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the World Headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.

At Last Week's Meeting....

At last week's meeting we again welcomed District Governor Ron Richards and his wife Innes who talked to us about Paul Harris Fellowships. In addition, President Rick Stephens recognized all Paul Harris Fellows.



From left to right, clockwise: District Governor Ron Richards. President Rick Stephens with District Governor Ron Richards with his wife Innes. At bottom: the austere group of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellows.



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