



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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Today's Guest Speaker: Amanda Wilkerson

Director, Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge



Today's guest speaker is Amanda Wilkerson, director of the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge. Amanda spent her childhood in

Dallas, Texas and has devoted much of her life to animals. She came to the ECWR in the spring of 2000 as a volunteer, to gain hands on animal experience while pursuing a degree in Zoo Animal Science. During this time she interned at area zoos and marine parks where she worked hands-on with lions, tigers, bears, primates, birds of prey, reptiles, and an array of hoof stock and marine animals.

After showing her dedication to the ECWR as a volunteer she was hired as a part time office manager in May of 2001. In this position she was in charge of all record keeping and permits. She also implemented the computer program for animal medical records that the ECWR still uses today.

Shortly after proving herself as a vital team member of the ECWR Amanda was promoted to Animal Care Supervisor. Over the next year and a half, she made tremendous improvements in the areas of animal care and husbandry by utilizing the skills and information from her education and intern experiences.

In 2003, Amanda was offered the opportunity to work and perform with a variety of marine mammals including Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins, Pan-tropical Spotted Dolphins, California Sea Lions, Harbor Seals, and Grey Seals. She then pursued her childhood dream of working as a marine mammal trainer.

After only two years, Amanda decided that she no longer wanted to work in captive animal shows and dedicated her life to wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education. She once again joined the ECWR Team, this time as the director. Amanda has since worked tirelessly to make the ECWR become a leader in their industry and our community.





JANUARY 7, 2009
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 – 12/17/08

Attendance: 63.44%

Visiting Rotarians

None

Rotarians with Guests

Amanda Wesson / John Mead
 Charlene Howard / Bill Howard
 Jim Pennington / Joe Meyer

Interact/Wheelettes

Ashley Bravo, CHS	Brandon Wickman, CHS
Charlie Williford, CHS	Sonya Cox, CHS

Makeups

Steve Arrowsmith x 3	Gerry Chalker
Jim Davis	Mickey Englett
Jeff Hooton	John Linn
Jan Pooley x 2	Ted Rahe x 2
Bob Richburg x 4	Al Stearns x 2



Happy January Birthday!

01 Jason Negron	04 Whitney Hipsh
08 Sallie Hardy	11 Ken Williamson
23 Andy Corbin	25 Scotty Foster
23 Chris Hughes	27 Ralph Martin



Upcoming Programs

Jan 14 To be determined
Jan 21 To be determined



Get Involved!

A volunteer is needed to prepare the Club's weekly bulletin. The files are in Microsoft Publisher and it is a fairly easy endeavor. All prior bulletins are available on a flash drive, can you cut and paste?

Club Secretary Carole will gladly assist anyone willing to try their hand at this important Club task. Please see President Rick if you are interested and available to help! Thank you!



Proposed For Membership



First Publication

Pam Reynolds, Managing Partner of Emerald Coast Funeral Homes. Pam is also a former Rotarian of Waynesville, VA. She is proposed for membership by Joyce Shanahan.

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?

Giving peace a chance: Rotary announces new class of World Peace Fellows

Contact: Sandra Prufer + 1 (847) 866-3208, sandra.prufer@rotary.org Rotary International News 24 Dec 08

Sixty students to work for peace in the new year

Evanston, Ill., USA -- Amid daily headlines of war, suicide bombings, ethnic and religious violence and social unrest, signs of peace are especially welcome -- and not just during the holiday season.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International – a humanitarian service organization dedicated to world peace and understanding - has named a new class of World Peace Fellows to study peacemaking and conflict resolution at the six Rotary Centers for International Studies located at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Argentina, and the United States.

Launched in 2002, this innovative approach to world peace is a master's level program aimed at equipping the next generation of global and community leaders with skills needed to reduce the threat of war and violence. The Rotary World Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process that begins when they apply through their local Rotary clubs. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their personal, academic and professional achievements.

"You have to only pick up a newspaper to realize how vitally important it is that our world leaders be skilled in the arts of conflict resolution and peaceful negotiation. Everything we do through our Rotary clubs is intended ultimately to promote world peace," says Rotary Foundation Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe.

Like the members of the classes preceding them, the 60 students in the 2009-11 class are a diverse group, representing 34 countries and an array of professional and cultural backgrounds. Their interests and areas of expertise include public health, education, international law, economic development, journalism, and social justice. They include:

- Nisreen Abdallah, West Bank, Palestine, **age 26**, is program director for youth leadership development for OneVoice Movement, which promotes a two-state solution for the Israeli and Palestinian conflict and trains Palestinian youth in conflict resolution.. Abdallah will attend the Rotary Center at the **University of Bradford, England**.
- **Abu Sifian Taj Elassfia, Nyala, Sudan, age 28**, has worked with International Non-Government Organizations in Darfur to help generate income for people living in camps for internally displaced people (IDP). As founder of Youth Without Borders, he assists youth by making a link between war refugees and host communities in southern Sudan. He will attend the Rotary Center at **Duke University, USA**.
- **Rosa Maria Martinez Bolivar, Bogota, Colombia**, age 22, works in the Human Rights Observatory of the Vice Presidency of Colombia where she monitors human rights violations and Colombian armed conflict. She will attend the Rotary Center at the **University of California, Berkeley, USA**.

• **Humari Shafi Awan, Abbottabad, Pakistan, age 34**, established the Al-Ansar Society which helps poor families improve their income and send their children to school. The society also raises funds to establish a schooling system for underprivileged children and has organized short term training courses for untrained teachers. She will attend the Rotary Center at the **University of Queensland, Australia**.

• **Glenn Ian Raynor, Victoria, Canada, age 40**, is the executive director for the Pacific People's Partnership in British Columbia, where he has worked on sustainable development initiatives in the developing states of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia. He will attend the Rotary Center at **International Christian University, Tokyo**.

• **Sara Sarno, Naples, Italy, 28**, works as a volunteer coordinator for Unnayan Uddog, which combats commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of children in Bangladesh. As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Quito, Ecuador she promoted the Yachana Project which helps with development and education in the Amazon. She also worked at UNICEF's Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean on child protection issues. She will attend the Rotary Center at the **Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aries, Argentina**.

In addition to the two-year program, the Rotary Center at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand offers an intensive, three-month course aimed at mid-level professionals in governments, NGOs, and international industry.

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Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and has more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographic regions. For more information about the Rotary Centers for International Studies, please visit www.rotary.org

Interested in becoming a Rotary World Peace Fellow? Contact a Rotary Club in your area or send an email to rotarycenters@rotary.org

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

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](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 1/7/09
98 Members
3 Honorary Members
101 Members

Recent Resignations:
Sandy Sims
Kevin Dietsch