



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

2008-09 Board of Directors

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Debbie Bodenshtine and
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Jeff Hooton

Today's Guest Speaker: Senator



Senator Don Gaetz was chosen in 2006 to represent Northwest Florida in the

Senate. He is the first non-legislator in more than 50 years elected to the Senate without opposition.

Senator Gaetz is Chairman of the Select Committee on Florida's Economy, as well as the Policy and Steering Committee on Commerce and Industry, and finally, Health Regulation. In addition, he serves on Senate Committees with social responsibility, ways and means, education Pre-K-12, health and human services appropriations, and rules.

Prior to his service in the Senate, Don Gaetz was the Superintendent of the Okaloosa County School District. During his term of office from 2000 to 2006 Oka-

loosa Schools became the highest performing public school system in Florida and won numerous national awards for academic excellence.

Senator Gaetz is the recipient of many national and state honors, including:

- Florida's Education Trendsetter, Florida Trend Magazine
- Humanitarian of the Year, Florida Special Olympics
- William Heartwell Award, Champion of America's Workforce
- Duke University, Don Gaetz Professorship in Religion and Medicine
- Architect of the Medicare Hospice Benefit, National Hospice Foundation
- George Washington Honor Medal, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
- Soli Deo Gloria Award, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota





FEBRUARY 25,2009
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 – 02/18/09

Attendance: 58.51%

Visiting Rotarians

Dick Gillman, Rittman, OH

Larry Leese, Oakwood, OH

Rotarians with Guests
Joe Rollins / Gerry Chalker

Interact/Wheelette

Alexis Tringas, CHS

Craig Anderson, CHS

Crysta Weaver, CHS

Thomas Fitzgerald

Makeup

Jim Curry

Mickey Englert

Johnny Johnson

Dave Miller

Joyce Shanahan



Upcoming Programs

- March 4 Greg Donovan
North West Florida Regional Airport
- March 11 Former Dist. Gov. Bill Lyford
Rotary Foundation Fund
- March 18 Roger Peadro
Rotary Golf Tournament

Humor.....

It must be wonderful to be a doctor. In what other job could you ask a girl to take her clothes off, look her over at your leisure -- then send the bill to her husband?



Happy February Birthday!

- 1 Al Sterns
- 9 Tim Walker
- 21 Tony Leonard
- 22 Joe Brewster
- 26 Mary Tinsley

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?

HOST ITALY IN YOUR HOME

The Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club is hosting a Group Study Exchange Group from the Milan area of Italy this year. Our guests will be arriving here on April 26th and departing on May 1, 2009. I would like to extend the first opportunity to host these wonderful ambassadors to our FWB Club members. I am looking for hosts for:

Pier Marco Romagnoli - Team Leader - male/69- Member of Rotary Club Milano Nord, married, 3 daughters, MS in Electrical Engineering at MIT 1965 and currently working as a consultant.

Silvia Aiello- Team Member- female/28, single, works as a Physician in Milan Hospital specializing in Plastic Surgery.

Michela C. Fumagalli - Team Member- female/28 - single, Degree in Corporate Communications and works as Public Affairs Manager at Regional Small Business Association.

Manuels Mariotti - Team Member - female/36- married, degree in Food Science and Technology & PHD in Food Biotechnology, working as a research scientist at Milan State University.

Davide G. Belloni - Team Member- male/28- single, lawyer, works in Milan law firm that specializes in commercial law.

Hosting and working with the GSE teams is a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures and share with them ours. If you would like to host one of these individuals or have any questions please call Debbie Bodenshteyn, 850-974-4820.

Historic Moments -- Rotary's 104th anniversary

During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.



The first four Rotarians(left to right) Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul Harris. *Rotary images*

Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

Abernethy, Tom **PHF**
Banking - Loans

Arrowsmith, Steve SM
Commercial Banking

Arthur, Jack **PHF**
Insurance

Bennett, Nitsi PHF X *
Non-profit Administration

Blue, Jackie **SM**
Hotel Marketing

Bodenstine, Debbie **SM**
Economic Development

Bohnsack, Rob, **SM**
Reverend

Brewster, Joseph **PHF**
Cable Television

Brutt, Frank **PHF**
County Planning

Campbell, Wayne **PHF**
Hospital Administration

Chalker, Gerry PHF SM*
Pension Administration

Clark, Jason **SM**
Insurance

Conner, Tom **SM PHF**
News Media

Corbin, Andy PHFX**
Electronics Mfg

Curry, Jim **SM****
Government Management

Davis, Charles **PHF SM**
Restaurant Owner

Davis, James PHF *SM
Public Utilities

Davis, Jessica SM
Non-Profit Fundraising

Dorris, George **PHF**
Dentistry

Duncan, Buddy **SM**
Chaplain

Edwards, JT **SM**
Landscape Mgmt.

Englett, Michael **PHF SM**
College Athletics

Fallin, Ralph PHF *X
Dairy Products

Foster, William **PHF SM X**
Attorney

Fowner, Bob **PHF**
Assoc. Manager

Gilligan, Tony PHF
Government Contractor

Grubbs, Haydon PHF
Education

Hamilton, Chad **PHF**
CPA

Hardy, Sallie **PHF**
Commercial Properties

Hayes, Tom **SM**
Financial Services

Henderson, Joseph **PHF ***
Accounting/Auditing

Henley, Mitzi **SM**
Retail Shopping

Hightower, M. Cullen **PHF**
***X** Furniture - Retail

Hipsh, Larry **SM**
Attorney

Hipsh, Whitney **SM**
Real Estate Attorney

Hooton, Jeff SM
Commercial Lending

Howard, William **PHF**
Real Estate - General

Hughes, Chris SM
Building Industry

Hutson, Karen T. **PHF**
Retail Cars

Johnson, Chris **PHF***
Honorary

Johnson, Johnny PHF X**
Banking

Kernen, Deborah PHF
Communications

Kleist, Carl **SM**
Communications

Landers, Chuck, **PHF**
CPA

Leonard, Tony **PHF****
Retail/Musical Instrmnt.

Linn, John **PHF SM**
Kitchens-retail

Litschauer, Ted, **SM**
Public Safety

Lowrey, Thomas **PHF***
Stockbroker

Martin, Ralph **PHF**
Aircraft Equip. Mfg.

Mattern, Jamey **SM**
Architect

McDonald, Tim PHF
Manufacturing

McGilvray, Stacey **SM**
Commercial Banking

McCombs, David **SM**
Aerospace Prg. Mgmt.

Mead, John
Attorney

Meyer, Joseph **SM**
Computers-retail

Miceli, Gail **PHF**
Banking

Miceli, Philippe **PHF *SM**
Private Banking Exec

Miller, David O. PHF
Developmental Dsablty.

Morgan, John **PHF ***
Computer Engineer

Neal, Melissa
Education

Negron, Jason **SM**
Attorney

Nelson, Dan **PHF**
Restaurant - Fast Food

Nicholson, Michele **SM**
Communications

Peadro, Roger **PHF**
Pastor

Perkins, Bryant **SM**
Youth Org. Mgmt.

Plummer, Mary PHF
Real Estate Sales

Pooley, Jan PHF
Department Store

Potts, Charlie, **PHF***
Jeweler

Pritchard, Kathy **PHF**
Commercial Banking

Pryor, Fred **PHF ***

Utility Service - Gas

Rahe, Theodore PHF*
Property Management

Raines, Joe PHF
Outdoor Advertising

Raynsford, Vance *** SM**
Honorary

Richburg, James R. **PHF X**
College Administration

Robinson, William PHF
Fund Raising

Royster, Skip **PHF ***
Commercial Contractor

Shanahan, Joyce PHF SM X
City Government

Shaw, Susan **SM**
Fund Raising

Shaw, Timothy PHF*
Attorney

Shelley, Eulice **PHF ***
Moving & Storage

Simpson, Natalie **SM**
Legislative

Smith, Pete **PHF ***
Appraiser

Smith, Scott SM
Chiropractor

Stearns, Allan PHF
Travel Agent

Stevens, Rick **PHF X**
Surge Suppression System

Stokes, Randy **PHF ***
Architecture

Tibbetts, Alexis **SM**
Schools

Tidmore, Max **PHF ***
Office Machines

Tinsley, Mary **SM**
Advertising Sales

Tinsley, Kent **SM**
Commercial Banking

Tinsley, William **PHF * X**
Savings & Loan Mgt.

Townsend, Forrest **PHF* X**
Veterinarian

Trum, Alex **PHF**

Orthodontist *Retired*

Vaughan, John **PHF**
Past Service

Walker, Timothy SM
ER Physician

Watson, Yonge **PHF ***
Real Estate

West, Charles **PHF SM**
Investment Broker

Williamson, Kenneth **PHF ***
Honorary

Woo, Jean **PHF**
Dentist

Yeiser, Jack **PHF**
Mortgage Broker

York, Jerry SM
Auto Sales

Youngblood, Russ **PHF****
Psychology

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 02/18/09
100 Members
1 Honorary Members
101 Members

Recent Resignations:
NONE