



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*

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## Today's Guest Speaker: Julie Hurst Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center

Julie Hurst, has been the Executive Director of Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center for ten years.

President of the Florida Network of Children Advocacy Centers, Board member of the National Children's Alliance. Member of the Governor's Advisory Council for Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Advisory.

Mission Statement Of The CAC:

The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center is a not-for-profit agency that, along with our partner agencies, provides services in Okaloosa and Walton Counties which:

- prevent child abuse
  - reduce the trauma of sexual and physical abuse
  - protect and treat child abuse victims and their families while holding offenders accountable
- restore the lives and futures of abused, neglected, and drug-endangered children and their families

Guiding Principles

In fulfilling our mission the Emerald

Coast Children's Advocacy Center embraces these guiding principles:

- To bring together and facilitate the work of professionals from our partner agencies: the State Attorney's Office, the Child Protection Team, the Florida Department of Children and Families and area law enforcement agencies under one roof in a child-friendly environment
- To provide intervention and therapeutic treatment services at no charge to child victims of abuse and their families
- To offer child abuse prevention education and training in Okaloosa and Walton Counties

To connect children and families traumatized by abuse with needed community resources.

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer at the Children's Advocacy Center, please fill out the form below or contact Marisol Kingsbury, Volunteer Coordinator at 850.833.9237.ext. 222 or [marisol@eccac.org](mailto:marisol@eccac.org).





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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!

**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?

**MEETING STATS – 05/06/09**

**Attendance: 55.91%**

**Visiting Rotarians**

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**Rotarians with Guests**

Aaron Webber / Bob Fowner

Daniel Stanton / Andy Corbin

**Interact/Wheelette**

Ashley Hoard

Kelli Todd

**Makeup**

Jim Davis

Mitzi Henley x 2

Nitsi Bennett

*Upcoming Speaker*

*June 3rd*

*F-35 Litigation*



**Matt Gaetz**

## Alaska Club Moves to Fight Hunger

**E**very second Saturday of the month, members of the Rotary Club of Anchorage East, Alaska, USA, distribute food to families in low-income neighborhoods through a mobile food pantry, addressing the area's increasing need for assistance.

In 2006, the club raised \$50,000 to purchase and refurbish an old beer truck for the Food Bank of Alaska. Rotarians have since maintained a strong connection to the project by volunteering once a month to distribute food and funding the maintenance of the vehicle. The truck made a "magical" transformation from hops to hope, says David Kester, who chairs the effort.

"This project fills a basic but important need in the community," he says. "By helping put food on the table, we are hitting people where it counts. We're making a lasting impact one family at a time."

Demand at the mobile food pantry has increased by about 30 percent in the last 18 months, says Susannah Morgan, an Anchorage East club member and executive director for the Food Bank of Alaska, which distributes food six times a week to hundreds of families in Anchorage. The recession has increased the number of people seeking help.

"We're seeing more and more working residents utilizing our pantry," says Morgan. "I'm consistently amazed at how many people are hungry. This pantry puts a face on hunger."

Stocked with a variety of canned goods as well as fresh and frozen produce, the truck delivers enough groceries to last a family a week. The food is donated by farmers, local grocery stores, and other agencies. People can choose the items they want and take home as much as they can carry, says Kester.

Club member and Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn E. Jones says volunteering once a month at the pantry gives Rotarians the opportunity to build relationships in the community.

"We know a lot of the people on a first-name basis," she says. "It's a great hands-on project that is fun and exhilarating. When the money runs out, we're there to put food on the table. You can see the appreciation on their faces."

Kester estimates that more than 2 million pounds of food has been distributed since the mobile pantry first started its engine. He says the free groceries help in ways that extend beyond finances.

"We give families one less thing to worry about, which in turn can improve home life," says Kester. "This project serves communities in immeasurable ways."

"I think Rotarians here are catching a glimpse of the difference we truly can make in people's lives," says Morgan. "The success of the mobile pantry gives me faith that Rotary can fight hunger worldwide."

*Adapted from Rotary International News*



**Do you have good news? Fill it in below, so you  
don't forget to announce it  
when the Sergeant of Arms asks?**

**My good news is:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Abernethy, Tom **PHF**  
Banking - Loans

**Arrowsmith, Steve SM**  
Commercial Banking

Arthur, Jack **PHF SM**  
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 SM**  
Cable Television

Brutt, Frank **PHF SM**  
County Planning

Cagle, Kevin **SM**  
Office Supplies

Campbell, Wayne **PHF SM**  
Hospital Administration

**Chalker, Gerry PHF SM\***  
Ret. Planning Admin.

Clark, Jason **SM**  
Insurance

Conner, Tom **SM PHF**  
News Media

**Corbin, Andy PHF\*\*X SM**  
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 SM**  
Dentistry

Duncan, Buddy **SM**  
Chaplain

Edwards, JT **SM**  
Landscape Mgmt.

**Fallin, Ralph PHF \*X SM**  
Dairy Products

Foster, William **PHF SM X**  
Attorney

Fowner, Bob **PHF SM**  
Assoc. Manager

**Gilligan, Tony PHF SM**  
Government Contractor

**Grubbs, Haydon PHF SM**  
Education

Hamilton, Chad **PHF SM**  
CPA

Hardy, Sallie **PHF SM**  
Commercial Properties

Hayes, Tom **PHF SM**  
Financial Services

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

Henley, Mitzi **SM**  
Retail Shopping

Hipsh, Larry **SM**  
Attorney

Hipsh, Whitney **SM**  
Real Estate Attorney

**Hooton, Jeff SM**  
Commercial Lending

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

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

Johnson, Chris **PHF\* SM**  
*Retired*

**Johnson, Johnny PHF X\*\***  
Banking

**Kernen, Deborah PHF**  
Communications

Kleist, Carl **SM**  
Communications

Landers, Chuck, **PHF SM**  
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 SM**  
Manufacturing

McGilvray, Stacey **SM**  
Commercial Banking

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

McBabb, Julia  
Disability Advocacy

Mead, John  
Attorney

Meyer, Joseph  
Computers-retail

Miceli, Gail **PHF**  
Banking

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

**Miller, David O. PHF**  
Developmental Dsablty.

Morgan, John **PHF \*SM**  
Computer Engineer

Negron, Jason **SM**  
Attorney

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

Nicholson, Michele **SM**  
Communications

Peadro, Roger **PHF SM**  
Pastor

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

**Plummer, Mary PHF SM**  
Real Estate Sales

Poff, Lyndon  
Auto Collision Services

Pooley, Jan **PHF SM**  
Department Store

Potts, Charlie, **PHF\*SM**  
Jeweler

Pritchard, Kathy **PHF SM**  
Commercial Banking

Pryor, Fred **PHF \*SM**  
Utility Service - Gas

**Rahe, Theodore PHF\*SM**  
Property Management

**Raines, Joe PHF SM**  
Outdoor Advertising

Raynsford, Vance \*  
*Honorary*

Reynolds, Pam **SM**  
Funeral Services

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

**Robinson, William PHF SM**  
Fund Raising

Rollins, Joe **SM**  
Ret. Plan Administration

Royster, Skip **PHF \***  
Commercial Contractor

Shaw, Susan **SM**  
Fund Raising

**Shaw, Timothy PHF\* SM**  
Attorney

Morgan, John **PHF \*SM**  
Computer Engineer

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

Simpson, Natalie **SM**  
Legislative

Smith, Pete **PHF \* SM**  
Appraiser

**Smith, Scott SM**  
Chiropractor

**Stearns, Allan PHF SM**  
Travel Agent

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

Stokes, Randy **PHF \*SM**  
Architecture

Tibbetts, Alexis **SM**  
Schools

**Tidmore, Max PHF \* SM**  
Office Machines

Tinsley, Mary **SM**  
Advertising Sales

Tinsley, Kent **SM**  
Commercial Banking

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

Townsend, Forrest **PHF\* X SM**  
Veterinarian

Trum, Alex **PHF SM**  
Orthodontist *Retired*

Vaughan, John **PHF SM**  
Past Service

Frank Walker **SM**  
Insurane Services

**Walker, Timothy SM**  
ER Physician

Watson, Yonge **PHF \*SM**  
Real Estate

West, Charles **PHF SM**  
Investment Broker

Williamson, Kenneth **PHF \* SM**  
*Retired*

Woo, Jean **PHF SM**  
Dentist

Yeiser, Jack **PHF SM**  
Mortgage Broker

**York, Jerry SM**  
Auto Sales

Youngblood, Russ **PHF\*\* SM**  
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](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

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

**Members in purple font have perfect attendance.**

**Members in blue font are on a leave of absence.**

**As of 05/06/09**  
104 Members  
1 Honorary Members  
**105 Members**

**Recent Resignations:**  
Mickey Englett 5/06