



Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

THE ROTARY READER

Post Office Box 892
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

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Today's Guest Speaker: Larry Sassano Okaloosa CDC



Larry Sassano is President of the EDC of Okaloosa County.

He is responsible for creating and implementing a comprehensive strategic plan for business development and economic diversity for Okaloosa County and overseeing the EDC budget.

He is a Board member for Florida's Great Northwest and Economic Development Practitioner Advisory Committee member for Enterprise Florida.

He has supervised and developed State and National marketing and targeted industry programs for the Florida Department of Commerce for 13 years. He has also conducted several research studies for state and regional economies, including: *Florida's Primary Targeted Industrial Profile*; *Rural Development Concepts for Marketing your community*; and *A Financial Strategy for The Creation of Technology Workforce*.

Before his involvement in economic development, Larry owned and operated retail stores in Ohio and Florida for 12 years.

Professional Associations include: Past Executive Director for the EDC for Bay County, Florida; Past President of the 16 county Northwest Florida International Affairs Commission; Past President of the 10 county Northwest Florida Economic Development Coalition.

Larry has been a member of several national, regional and state economic development organizations including the Florida Economic Development Council; Industrial Asset Management Council; CoreNet; International Economic Development Council and Southern Economic Development Council.

Larry holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Ohio University and did Graduate Degree work at Baldwin Wallace University. He is also a graduate of the Economic Development Institute (EDI), University of Oklahoma.





MAY 20 ,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!

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 – 05/13/09

Attendance: 64.89%

Visiting Rotarians

Doug Broxson, Pace Fl

Rotarians with Guests

Aaron Webber / Bob Fowner

Sheila Nichols / Joe Brewster

Makeup

Jim Davis

Jackie Blue

Whitney Hipsh

Jeff Hooton

Tony Leonard

Roger Peadro

Jan Pooley

Ted Rahe

Natalie Simpson

Upcoming Speaker

June 3rd

F-35 Litigation



Matt Gaetz

Big Green Box Week promotes disaster relief

Tents and shelters will be popping up all over England and beyond in support of Shelter Box, as the organization founded by Rotarian Tom Henderson launches Big Green Box Week 18-25 May.

The week is designed to raise money and awareness for the grassroots relief organization, which is best known for its big green boxes delivered to disaster sites. The boxes contain a tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Shelter Box is asking Rotarians to help promote the organization's disaster relief work by holding a dinner party, organizing an auction, or pitching a tent in their yards, among other ideas. A photo competition throughout the week will award prizes to the best picture in a variety of categories, including the most innovative shelter, unusual place to pitch a tent, or most people gathered in a tent.

Big Green Box Week coincides with the launch of Shelter Box's new partnership with the Scout Association, a move to expand the organization's reach and help it meet its goal of assisting 500,000 people a year by 2015. Supported by Rotary clubs around the world, Shelter Box has helped more than 800,000 people in 57 countries since its inception in 2000.

"In a lot of the disasters we get involved with, the Scouts are on the ground alongside our Rotary friends," said Henderson during a recent visit to RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. "They are a disciplined group of people who know about tents. They bring a calming influence to what we do.

"In Nakuru, Kenya, we put up a refugee camp in a sports field. Here we are nine months later, and Scouts are still in that camp," he added. "Every day, they get up and they go around and make sure those people are OK and that the tents are fine."

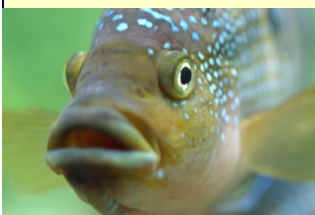
Rotarians have been a part of Shelter Box from the beginning. Henderson, a civil engineer and former search-and-rescue diver for the British Royal Navy, founded the organization with the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, in 2000. Since then, more than 7,000 clubs have helped send boxes to disaster areas. Henderson will be a speaker at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, 21-24 June.



Big Green Box Week promotes Shelter Box, the grassroots relief organization best known for its big green boxes delivered to disaster sites

WORD JUMBLE

What does a fish say when it runs into a wall??



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A D N M

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 Equipment

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.

McNabb, 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

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 or **makeup on line at** 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

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

Recent Resignations:
Mickey Englett 5/06

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.