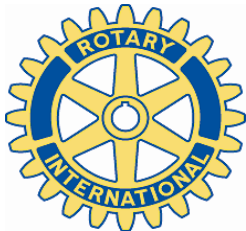


February 2, 2011



# The Rotary Reader

Post Office Box 892

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**District Governor's Gold Medal of Honor Award Winner – 2006-07**

**Presidential Citation Award Winner – 15<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

*The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach*

## Today's Speaker

**Paul Sirmans**

**President, Early Learning Coalition**



Paul Sirmans is an attorney in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. A native of Moultrie, Georgia, Paul has been practicing law since 1997 when he was admitted to the Georgia Bar. He began his career working with law firms in Atlanta, Georgia focusing primarily in residential real estate law and foreclosures. In 2001 he moved to Destin, Florida where he was admitted to the Florida Bar. He started his own firm in 2003 and opened a title company in 2004. In 2010, he joined the law firm of Anchors, Smith, Grimsley, PLC in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He currently focuses on several areas of practice including: civil litigation; wills/trusts/estates; business formation; commercial/residential leasing; foreclosure/ workouts; residential and commercial real estate.

Paul graduated from the University of Georgia in 1993 with a major in English. He then attended law school at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia where he graduated in 1997. Paul is a member of the Okaloosa –Walton Bar Association. He serves as Chairman of the board of the Early Learning Coalition, is a member of the YMCA Advisory Board, and is an active member at St. Rita Catholic Church. Paul enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Jan and 2 boys Ben and Nick.

Mr. Sirmans was appointed by Governor Charlie Christ as the president of the Early Learning Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties in June of 2009.

One of three Gubernatorial Appointees currently serving the Early Learning Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, Paul leads the efforts of the organization in directing School Readiness Services to the two-counties' subsidized population of children, as well as directing the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program for four year old children. Paul has the support of the additional 20 members of the group in implementing policy and directing services to maximize the use of local funding for preparing young children from birth to five to be prepared for educational success upon entering Kindergarten. Visit the Early Learning website at [www.elc-ow.org](http://www.elc-ow.org) for additional information on the Early Learning Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2011  
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?

### **NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS**

**Mike WrightReynolds** has been proposed for reinstatement in the FWB Club by Al Stearns . Mike was a member from 2000-2008. He and his wife, Marcia, are owners of Gulf Reflections photography studio.

**Julie Orr** has been proposed for membership by Andy Corbin. Julie is with Landrum Staffing Inc. which is based in Pensacola and opening a Fort Walton Beach office soon. She is currently involved with Ballet Pensacola and previously worked as an ESL teacher in Connecticut and on the White House Staff in 1992-93.

**Cristie Kedroski** has been proposed for membership by Chuck Landers. Cristie is the Director of Resource Development and College Foundation at NWF State College. She is a member of the Junior League and previously served as interim COO of Florida's Great Northwest, a regional economic development organization representing 16 counties in Northwest Florida.

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

The 2011 R.I. International Convention will be held on May 21-25 in New Orleans. This is a golden opportunity to attend what promises to be an experience that will inspire you, inform you about Rotary on an international level, and provide you with resources and motivation to move our club forward. Plus it will be a helluva good time!

Our club is paying the registration fee of \$340 for any member wanting to attend. This does not include transportation, hotel and meals but a number of club members will be going and transportation and housing arrangements are being made. Please let President Al know if you are interested. More information can be found at the R.I. website.





### Water for Life provides clean drinking water for Haiti

Roy Sheldrick and other members of the Rotary Club of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, have spent 15 years helping to provide clean drinking water for 300,000 people in the Artibonite Valley of Haiti.

A year after a massive earthquake crippled the country, followed by a deadly cholera outbreak, their work in the region is more important than ever.

Sheldrick and his wife, Norma, founded Water for Life after taking part in a service trip to Haiti with their church in 1996. The nonprofit organization, supported by the Ancaster club and District 7090 (parts of Canada and New York, USA), drills wells to provide clean and accessible water in Haiti. To date, the project has raised more than US\$1.5 million for 219 wells. It has also helped construct more than 350 latrines.

#### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

##### VISITING ROTARIANS

Mark Shirley, Abbeville, LA      Larry Leese, Oakwood, OH  
Charlie Rogers, Carmel, IN      Jim Fry, Carmel, IN

##### ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Lyndon Poff brought Skip Lewick  
Al Stearns brought Mike Wrightreynolds  
Jody Henderson brought Angela Balent  
Mark Fitzhugh brought Connie Connelly

##### INTERACT/WHEELETTE

Tyler Roark, CHS      Dylan Johnston, CHS      Jessey Burroughs, FWBHS      Wes Busby, FWBHS  
Karatina Imburgio, CHS      Katie Jo Rogers, CHS      Shelby Robinson, FWBHS      Taylor Reed, FWBHS

##### MAKEUPS

Nitsi Bennett   Gerry Chalker   Jason Clark   Jim Davis   Larry Hipsh   Ted Rahe   Scott Smith

##### ATTENDANCE: 68.9%

**Secretary's Note:** All statements have been e-mailed or mailed - Comments - Carole—[Carolejones56@aol.com](mailto:Carolejones56@aol.com) or 218-2018

**Quote of the Day:** "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'"

- Audrey Hepburn

# Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Roster

<b>Amos, Pam SM</b> Funeral Services	<b>Felts, Gary SM</b> Retail Services	<b>Linn, John PHF SM</b> Kitchens-retail	<b>Pryor, Fred PHF SM *</b> Utility Service – Gas	<b>Webber, Aaron SM</b> Condo Management
<b>Anderson, Robert SM</b> CPA	<b>Fitzhugh, Mark</b> Clergy	<b>Litschauer, Ted SM</b> Public Safety	<b>Rahe, Theodore PHF SM *</b> Property Management	<b>West, Charles PHF</b> Investment Broker
<b>Arthur, Jack PHF SM</b> Insurance	<b>Foster, William PHF SM * X</b> Attorney	<b>Lowrey, Thomas PHF*</b> Stockbroker	<b>Richburg, Bob PHF SM X</b> College Administration	<b>Williamson, Kenneth PHF SM *</b> Retired
<b>Bennett, Nitsi PHF X *</b> Non-profit Administration	<b>Fowner, Bob PHF SM</b> Assoc. Manager	<b>Martin, Ralph PHF</b> Aircraft Equip. Mfg.	<b>Rollins, Joe SM</b> Compliance Services	<b>Woo, Jean PHF SM</b> Dentist
<b>Bodenstine, Debbie SM</b> Economic Development	<b>Gavin, Clifton SM</b> Attorney	<b>Mattern, Jamey PHF</b> Architect	<b>Shaw, Susan SM</b> Fund Raising	<b>Yeiser, Jack PHF</b> Mortgage Broker
<b>Bohnsack, Rob SM</b> Reverend	<b>Gilligan, Tony PHF SM</b> Government Contractor	<b>McDonald, J.R. SM</b> Aerospace Marketing	<b>Shelley, Eulice PHF *</b> Moving & Storage	<b>Youngblood, Russ PHF ** SM</b> Psychologist
<b>Brewster, Joseph PHF</b> Cable Television	<b>Grubbs, Haydon PHF SM</b> Education	<b>McNabb, Julie SM</b> Developmental Disabilities	<b>Simpson, Natalie SM</b> Legislative	
<b>Brutt, Frank PHF SM</b> County Planning	<b>Hamilton, Chad PHF</b> CPA	<b>Meyer, Joseph</b> Computers-retail	<b>Smith, Pete PHF *</b> Appraiser	
<b>Butcher, Tom</b> Honorary Member	<b>Hardy, Sallie PHF SM</b> Commercial Properties	<b>Miceli, Gail SM</b> Banking	<b>Smith, Scott SM</b> Chiropractor	
<b>Cagle, Kevin SM</b> Office Machines	<b>Hayes, Tom PHF, SM</b> Financial Services	<b>Miller, David O. PHF</b> Developmental Disabilities	<b>Spurling, Dyan SM</b> Banking Services	<b>PHF:</b> Paul Harris Fellows
<b>Chalker, Gerry PHF SM *</b> Pension Administration	<b>Henderson, Joseph PHF*SM</b> Accounting/Auditing	<b>Monroe, Jason</b> Communications	<b>Stearns, Allan PHF SM</b> Travel Agent	<b>SM:</b> PH Sustaining Members
<b>Clark, Jason SM</b> Insurance	<b>Henley, Mitzi SM</b> Retail Shopping	<b>Morgan, John PHF * SM</b> Computer Engineer	<b>Stevens, Rick PHF * X SM</b> Surge Suppression Systems	* FWB Club Past Presidents
<b>Conner, Tom PHF SM</b> News Media	<b>Hipsh, Larry SM</b> Attorney	<b>Morgan, Matthew SM</b> Electrical Engineer	<b>Stokes, Randy PHF SM *</b> Architecture	** Past President Other Clubs
<b>Corbin, Andy PHF SM X *</b> Electronics Mfg	<b>Hipsh, Whitney SM</b> Real Estate Attorney	<b>Nelson, Dan PHF SM</b> Restaurant - Fast Food	<b>Tibbetts, Alexis SM</b> Schools	X FWB Rotarian of the Year
<b>Curry, Jim PHF SM **</b> Government Management	<b>Hooton, Jeff SM</b> Commercial Lending	<b>Nicholson, Michele SM</b> Communications	<b>Tinsley, Kent SM</b> Commercial Banking	Members in green font have missed three or more meetings. Please give them a call and encourage them to attend a meeting.
<b>Davis, James PHF SM *</b> Public Utilities	<b>Howard, William PHF</b> Real Estate - General	<b>Peadro, Roger PHF SM</b> Pastor	<b>Tinsley, Herb PHF * X SM</b> Savings & Loan Mgt.	Members in purple have perfect attendance.
<b>Dorris, George PHF SM</b> Dentistry	<b>Hutson, Karen T. PHF SM</b> Retail Cars	<b>Perkins, Bryant SM</b> Youth Org. Mgmt.	<b>Townsend, Forrest PHF*X SM</b> Veterinarian	Members in blue font are on a leave of absence.
<b>Duncan, Buddy SM</b> Chaplain	<b>Johnson, Chris PHF *</b> CPA Retired	<b>Plummer, Mary PHF SM</b> Real Estate Sales	<b>Trigg, Brian SM</b> Program Analyst	
<b>Edwards, JT SM</b> Landscape Mgmt.	<b>Johnson, Johnny PHF X** SM</b> Banking	<b>Poff, Lyndon PHF X</b> Paint & Body Shop	<b>Trum, Alex PHF SM</b> Orthodontist <i>Retired</i>	<b>Don't forget that you can make up a missed meeting at a neighboring club. They include:</b>
<b>Ekedahl, Brian SM</b> Social Services	<b>Landers, Chuck PHF</b> CPA	<b>Pooley, Jan PHF SM X</b> Department Store	<b>Vaughan, John PHF SM</b> Past Service	<b>Crestview:</b> Wednesday noon, Sonny's BBQ
<b>Empson, Dan</b> Honorary	<b>Leonard, Tony PHF **</b> Retail/Musical Instruments	<b>Potts, Charlie PHF SM *</b> Jeweler	<b>Vitis, Ginger</b> Dental Hygienist	<b>DeFuniak Springs:</b> Wednesday 7:30 a.m., McLain's Family Steak House
<b>Fallin, Ralph PHF SM *X</b> Dairy Products	<b>Lewis, Preston SM</b> Minister	<b>Pritchard, Kathy PHF SM</b> Commercial Banking	<b>Watson, Yonge PHF * SM</b> Real Estate	<b>Mid-Bay:</b> Wednesday 7 a.m., Bluewater Bay Golf Club

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**Mid-Bay:** Wednesday 7 a.m., Bluewater Bay Golf Club

**Navarre:** Thursday noon, Cocardies

**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