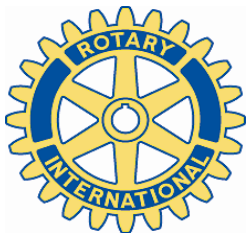


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# The Rotary Reader

Post Office Box 892

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

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

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

## The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

Today's Speaker

Don Abrams

General Manager, The Gulfarium

### Board of Directors

**President:**

Al Stearns

**Vice-President:**

Scott Smith

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Jason Clark

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**Rotary Foundation:**

Jan Pooley

**Public Relations:**

Vacant

**Club Administration:**

Chuck Landers

**Sergeant at Arms:**

Lyndon Poff

Rob Bohnsack

**Speakers:**

Dave Miller

**Scholarship, Inc.:**

Mitzi Henley

**Social Committee**

Michele Nicholson

**Bulletin**

Andy Corbin



Don Abrams is the General Manager and CFO of Gulf Exhibition Company which operates the Gulfarium on Okaloosa Island. He has been the manager since 1995. Prior to that he was a diver and part of the show at the Gulfarium. He was born in 1967 and served in the U.S., Air Force as a Maintenance Technician from 1985-1990 and a Maintenance Operation Specialist from 1990-1995. Don served two terms as President of the Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast; during his tenure, the organization expanded from one club in Okaloosa County to multiples clubs in the multiple counties. He is one of five individuals in 50 years to be awarded Lifetime membership to the Board of Directors Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast. Don also served as a City Councilman in Mary Esther from 2000-2003.

He has been married to his wife, Tamara, for over 21 years. They are the parents of two daughters, Gabrielle, 14, and Jade, 7.

MARCH 16, 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?

**Quote of the Day:**

All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height."  
- Casey Stengel

**VOCATIONAL NIGHT AT NWFSC**

Last Monday, Jim Curry hosted club members at the county's new Emergency Operations Center at NWF State College. Special thanks to Debbie Bodenshine for making arrangements for food. It was a wonderful evening for education and Rotary fellowship.



March 2011 FWB Rotary Vocation Night at the EOC with host Jim Curry



FWB Rotary in the EOC War Room- Vocation Night 3/2011

## ERUDITIOUS THOUGHTS FROM STEPHEN WRIGHT

- 1. I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.**
- 2. Borrow money from pessimists—they don't expect it back.**
- 3. Half the people you know are below average.**
- 4. 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.**
- 5. 82.7% of statistics are made up on the spot.**
- 6. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.**
- 7. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.**
- 8. If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.**
- 9. Those who believe in psychokinesis, raise my hand.**
- 10. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.**
- 11. I almost has a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.**
- 12. How do you tell you're out of invisible ink.**
- 13. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends.**

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

#### VISITORS

Bryant Perkins brought John Weaver

Joe Rollins brought Juliet Valenzuela

Susan Shaw brought Ester Molder

#### VISITING ROTARIANS

Larry O'Dell and his wife, Three Rivers, Michigan

#### INTERACT/WHEELETTE

Jessey Burroughs, FWB

#### MAKEUPS (3-2-11 and 3-9-11)

Rob Bohnsack	Mitzi Henley	Johnny Johnson
Chuck Landers	Roger Peadro	Ted Rahe
Nitsi Bennett	Jason Clark	Andy Corbin
Gary Felts	Chuck Landers	Roger Peadro
Jan Pooley	Scott Smith	Rick Stevens

**ATTENDANCE: 63.3%**

# Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Roster

<b>Amos, Pam SM</b> Funeral Services	<b>Fitzhugh, Mark</b> Clergy	<b>Litschauer, Ted SM</b> Public Safety	<b>Pooley, Jan PHF SM X</b> Department Store	<b>Vaughan, John PHF SM</b> Past Service
<b>Anderson, Robert SM</b> CPA	<b>Foster, William PHF SM * X</b> Attorney	<b>Lowrey, Thomas PHF*</b> Stockbroker	<b>Potts, Charlie PHF SM *</b> Jeweler	<b>Watson, Yonge PHF * SM</b> Real Estate
<b>Arthur, Jack PHF SM</b> Insurance	<b>Fowner, Bob PHF SM</b> Assoc. Manager	<b>Martin, Ralph PHF</b> Aircraft Equip. Mfg.	<b>Pritchard, Kathy PHF SM</b> Commercial Banking	<b>Webber, Aaron SM</b> Condo Management
<b>Bennett, Nitsi PHF X *</b> Non-profit Administration	<b>Gavin, Clifton SM</b> Attorney	<b>Mattern, Jamey PHF</b> Architect	<b>Pryor, Fred PHF SM *</b> Utility Service – Gas	<b>West, Charles PHF</b> Investment Broker
<b>Bodenstine, Debbie SM</b> Economic Development	<b>Gilligan, Tony PHF SM</b> Government Contractor	<b>McDonald, J.R. SM</b> Aerospace Marketing	<b>Rahe, Theodore PHF SM *</b> Property Management	<b>Williamson, Kenneth PHF SM *</b> Retired
<b>Bohnsack, Rob SM</b> Reverend	<b>Grubbs, Haydon PHF SM</b> Education	<b>McNabb, Julie SM</b> Developmental Dis-abilities	<b>Richburg, Bob PHF SM X</b> College Administration	<b>Woo, Jean PHF SM</b> Dentist
<b>Brewster, Joseph PHF</b> Cable Television	<b>Hamilton, Chad PHF</b> CPA	<b>Meyer, Joseph</b> Computers-retail	<b>Rollins, Joe SM</b> Compliance Services	<b>WrightReynolds, Mike</b> Photography
<b>Brutt, Frank PHF SM</b> County Planning	<b>Hardy, Sallie PHF SM</b> Commercial Properties	<b>Miceli, Gail SM</b> Banking	<b>Shaw, Susan SM</b> Fund Raising	<b>Yeiser, Jack PHF</b> Mortgage Broker
<b>Butcher, Tom</b> Honorary Member	<b>Hayes, Tom PHF, SM</b> Financial Services	<b>Miller, David O. PHF</b> Developmental Dis-abilities	<b>Shelley, Eulice PHF *</b> Moving & Storage	<b>Youngblood, Russ PHF ** SM</b> Psychologist
<b>Cagle, Kevin SM</b> Office Machines	<b>Henderson, Joseph PHF*SM</b> Accounting/Auditing	<b>Monroe, Jason</b> Communications	<b>Simpson, Natalie SM</b> Legislative	
<b>Chalker, Gerry PHF SM *</b> Pension Administration	<b>Henley, Mitzl SM</b> Retail Shopping	<b>Morgan, John PHF * SM</b> Computer Engineer	<b>Smith, Pete PHF *</b> Appraiser	
<b>Clark, Jason SM</b> Insurance	<b>Hipsh, Larry SM</b> Attorney	<b>Morgan, Matthew SM</b> Electrical Engineer	<b>Smith, Scott PHF</b> Chiropractor	
<b>Conner, Tom PHF SM</b> News Media	<b>Hipsh, Whitney SM</b> Real Estate Attorney	<b>Nelson, Dan PHF SM</b> Restaurant - Fast Food	<b>Spurling, Dyan SM</b> Banking Services	
<b>Corbin, Andy PHF SM X *</b> Electronics Mfg	<b>Hooton, Jeff SM</b> Commercial Lending	<b>Nicholson, Michele SM</b> Communications	<b>Stearns, Allan PHF SM</b> Travel Agent	
<b>Curry, Jim PHF SM **</b> Government Management	<b>Howard, William PHF</b> Real Estate - General	<b>Orr, Julie</b> Personnel Staffing	<b>Stevens, Rick PHF * X SM</b> Surge Suppression Systems	
<b>Davis, James PHF SM *</b> Public Utilities	<b>Hutson, Karen T. PHF SM</b> Retail Cars	<b>Peadro, Roger PHF SM</b> Pastor	<b>Stokes, Randy PHF SM *</b> Architecture	
<b>Dorris, George PHF SM</b> Dentistry	<b>Johnson, Chris PHF *</b> CPA Retired	<b>Perkins, Bryant SM</b> Youth Org. Mgmt.	<b>Tibbetts, Alexis SM</b> Schools	
<b>Duncan, Buddy SM</b> Chaplain	<b>Johnson, Johnny PHF X** SM</b> Banking	<b>Plummer, Mary PHF SM</b> Real Estate Sales	<b>Tinsley, Kent SM</b> Commercial Banking	
<b>Edwards, JT SM</b> Landscape Mgmt.	<b>Kedroski, Cristie</b> Foundation Development	<b>Poff, Lyndon PHF X</b> Paint & Body Shop	<b>Tinsley, Herb PHF *X SM</b> Savings & Loan Mgt.	
<b>Ekedahl, Brian SM</b> Social Services	<b>Landers, Chuck PHF</b> CPA	<b>Poole, Jean</b> Staff Geneticist	<b>Townsend, Forrest PHF*X SM</b> Veterinarian	
<b>Empson, Dan</b> Honorary	<b>Leonard, Tony PHF **</b> Retail/Musical Instruments		<b>Trigg, Brian SM</b> Program Analyst	
<b>Fallin, Ralph PHF SM *X</b> Dairy Products	<b>Lewis, Preston SM</b> Minister		<b>Trum, Alex PHF SM</b> Orthodontist <i>Retired</i>	
<b>Felts, Gary SM</b> Retail Services	<b>Linn, John PHF SM</b> Kitchens-retail			

**PHF:** Paul Harris Fellows  
**SM:** PH Sustaining Members  
 \* FWB Club Past Presidents  
 \*\* Past President Other Clubs

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 have perfect attendance.

Members in blue font are on a leave of absence.

**Don't forget that you can make up a missed meeting at a neighboring club. They include:**

**Crestview:** Wednesday noon, Ryan's

**Destin:** Tuesday 7:15 a.m. Rutherford's at Regatta Bay

**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