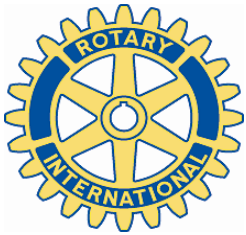


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# The Rotary Reader

Post Office Box 892

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

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

**Presidential Citation Award Winner – 17<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

## The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

Brian Ekedahl, Executive Director

Waterfront Rescue Mission



Brian Ekedahl is the Executive Director of the Waterfront Rescue Mission in Fort Walton Beach, which serves both Okaloosa and Walton counties. It was created to spread the Good News of Salvation through Christ by serving the needs of the poor, addicted, abused and homeless. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Waterfront Rescue Mission in June 2009, Brian was the Branch Manager for ABF Freight System, Inc., in Pensacola, Florida. He spent 30 years in the transportation industry, 25 of those years with ABF, serving in the operations and sales departments in Rockford, Illinois, and as the Branch Manager in Racine, Wisconsin, prior to accepting his relocation with the company to manage the Pensacola terminal in 1999. After achieving President's Club with ABF, and serving as the Branch Manager in Pensacola for ten years, Brian decided it was time to follow his desire to serve others in a more meaningful capacity, so with a deeply held faith that the Lord had work for him to accomplish, he scheduled an early retirement for May 1, 2009, and never looked back. Though he knew nothing of the position he now holds when he submitted his retirement, the President of the Waterfront Rescue Mission recruited him during a vacation period before his retirement took effect, and Brian became the Executive Director six weeks later. He was able to enjoy a full month of retirement before embarking on his new career. While employed by ABF in Rockford, Brian was also a fulltime graduate student at Northern Illinois University where he completed his second Masters degree, this one in Education, which led to his licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor in 1998. Brian has maintained his LPC licensure and status, and is certified by the National Board for Certified Counselors. He also holds certification as a Biblical Counselor through the Biblical Counseling Institute and The Riley Center at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and will soon receive certification as an Instructor in Biblical Counseling through the same institution. Brian has been involved in many activities outside of his work with the Waterfront Rescue Mission which have included participation and leadership in Toastmasters International in Pensacola, ownership of his own tutoring business in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, service as a deacon and choir member at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Pensacola, development of the First Line of Defense - a lay counseling ministry at Hillcrest, and a substitute Life Group teacher. Brian has been happily married to his wife Kimberly for 25 years and they are the proud parents of one son – Jason (34), and the devoted grandparents to their granddaughter Piper (3).

### Board of Directors

**President:**

Al Stearns

**Vice-President:**

Scott Smith

**Secretary:**

Jason Clark

**Treasurer:**

Jeff Hooton

**Past President:**

Andy Corbin

**Committee Chairs:**

**Membership:**

Vacant

**Services Projects:**

Roger Peadro

**Rotary Foundation:**

Jan Pooley

**Public Relations:**

Jamey Mattern

**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

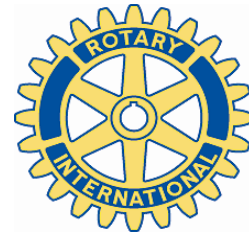
## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## THE 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

“An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile hoping it will eat him last.”  
- Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

## SCOTT'S DAD

President-elect Scott Smith's father has endured a long struggle with cancer that ended yesterday evening. He died in Bushnell, Florida, where Scott will be remaining for his dad's funeral. Please keep Scott in your prayers. As you may know, he lost his wife 'J' last December, also to cancer. We need to give him our support in this time of sorrow. Even after J's death, Scott agreed to remain as the President-elect and we look forward to a great Rotary year with him.

## FACTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW

- More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.
- The Amazon rain forest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply.
- 90% of the world's ice covers Antarctica.
- Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.
- Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined.
- Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.
- Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world on two continents.
- There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, more Italians than in Rome and more Jews than Tel Aviv.
- There are no natural lakes in Ohio, every one is man-made.
- Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.
- The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Super deep Borehole in Russia.
- The Eisenhower Interstate System requires that one in every five miles be straight. The straight sections are usable as airstrips in time of war or emergencies.
- The water of Angel Falls (the world's highest) in Venezuela drops 3,212 feet (979 meters). The are 15 times higher than Niagara Falls.

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SETS UP TORNADO RELIEF FUND

In response to the deadly storms and tornadoes that swept across seven southern U.S. states on 27 April, The Rotary Foundation has established a disaster recovery fund to support long-term club and district projects in affected areas. Clubs and districts can [donate](#) cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the [Rotary Southern United States Tornado Disaster Recovery Fund](#). The deadline for contributing is 31 December. At least 350 people were killed in the storms, which razed towns and caused between \$2 billion and \$5 billion in damages. The hardest-hit state was Alabama, with 250 deaths. While tornadoes are common in the U.S. South, they are rarely this devastating, says Past RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr., a member of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley. "This is the worst destruction I've ever seen. Communities are completely destroyed," says Estess.

Many local Rotarians are helping with immediate relief by volunteering with first-response organizations such as the Red Cross. Club members are also helping to clean up the debris, says Estess.

"Through all the damage and tragic loss of life, we are seeing a significant spirit of caring and desire to help our fellow man," he says. "Rotary will be there to help communities rebuild when many of these disaster relief organizations leave."

Past RI Director Mark Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, was stunned by the widespread damage.

"Driving through some of the communities, I realized the tremendous magnitude of the tornadoes. Chills went down my back when I saw the sheer destruction," he says. "There were areas where I couldn't see one vertical piece of construction."

"Economic development will be extremely important for towns, where many of the businesses were destroyed," says Maloney. "Our goal is to provide resources to those with innovative ideas that will help people get back on their feet."

District 6860 has established a [donor advised fund](#) to assist with relief and recovery efforts. District Governor John H. Valieant was forced to cancel the district conference, scheduled for 28-30 April, because of severe damage to the venue, Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge.

The district's disaster recovery committee will be reaching out to communities to assess the most pressing needs, says Valieant. "We'll be there for the long haul to lend a hand to help people rebuild their lives."

## LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

### VISITING ROTARIANS

Bryant Perkins, Navarre

Keith Gregory, Pensacola

### ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Joe Meyer brought his son, Nick

Ted Rahe brought his wife, Mary

### MAKEUP

Debbie Bodenshine    Gerry Chalker    Jason Clark

Mitzi Henley    Johnny Johnson    Julia McNabb

Roger Peadro    Mary Plummer    Al Stearns

**ATTENDANCE: 67%**

Secretary Notes: For members fortunate enough to have corporate sponsors, please make sure your name is on the check or stub, for the benefit of the new secretary who does not know where everyone works! Thank you.

# Rotary Roster

**Amos, Pam SM**

Funeral Services

**Anderson, Robert SM**

CPA

**Arthur, Jack PHF SM**

Insurance

**Bennett, Nitsi PHF X \***

Non-Profit Administration

**Bodenstine, Debbie SM**

Economic Development

**Bohnsack, Rob SM**

Reverend

**Brewster, Joseph PHF SM**

Cable Television

**Brutt, Frank PHF SM**

County Planning

**Butcher, Tom**

Honorary Member

**Cagle, Kevin SM**

Office Machines

**Chalker, Gerry PHF SM \***

Pension Administration

**Clark, Jason SM**

Insurance

**Conner, Tom PHF SM**

News Media

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

Electronics Mfg.

**Curry, Jim PHF SM \*\***

Government Management

**Davis, James PHF SM \***

Public Utilities

**Dorris, George PHF SM**

Dentistry

**Duncan, Buddy SM**

Chaplain

**Edwards, JT SM**

Landscape Management

**Ekedahl, Brian SM**

Social Services

**Empson, Dan**

Honorary

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

Dairy Products

**Felts, Gary SM**

Retail Services

**Fitzhugh, Mark**

Clergy

**Foster, William PHF SM \* X**

Attorney

**Fowler, Bob PHF SM**

Association Manager

**Gavin, Clifton SM**

Attorney

**Gilligan, Tony PHF SM**

Government Contractor

**Grubbs, Haydon PHF SM**

Education

**Hamilton, Chad PHF**

CPA

**Hardy, Sallie PHF SM**

Commercial Properties

**Hayes, Tom PHF SM**

Financial Services

**Henderson, Jody PHF SM \***

Accounting/Auditing

**Henley, Mitzi SM**

Retail Shopping Center

**Hipsh, Whitney SM**

Real Estate Attorney

**Hooton, Jeff SM**

Commercial Lending

**Howard, William PHF**

Real Estate-General

**Johnson, Chris PHF \***

CPA Retired

**Johnson, Johnny PHF SM X \***

Banking

**Kedroski, Cristie**

Foundation Development

**Landers, Chuck PHF**

CPA

**Leonard, Tony PHF \*\***

Retail/Musical Instruments

**Lewis, Preston SM**

Minister

**Linn, John PHF SM**

Kitchens-Retail

**Litschauer, Ted SM**

Public Safety

**Lowrey, Thomas PHF \***

Stockbroker

**Martin, Ralph PHF**

Aircraft Equipment Mfg.

**Mattern, Jamey PHF**

Architect

**McDonald, J.R. SM**

Aerospace Marketing

**McNabb, Julie SM**

Developmental Disabilities

**Meyer, Joe**

Retail/Computers

**Miller, David O. PHF**

Developmental Disabilities

**Monroe, Jason**

Communications

**Morgan, John PHF SM \***

Computer Engineer

**Morgan, Matthew SM**

Electrical Engineer

**Nelson, Dan PHF SM**

Restaurant/Fast Food

**Nicholson, Michele SM**

Communications

**O'Brien, Kevin**

Financial Services

**Orr, Julie**

Personnel Staffing

**Peace, Warren**

Giant Book Author

**Peadro, Roger PHF SM**

Pastor

**Plummer, Mary PHF SM**

Real Estate Sales

**Poff, Lyndon PHF X**

Paint & Body Shop

**Pooley, Jan PHF SM X**

Department Store

**Potts, Charlie PHF SM \***

Jeweler

**Pritchard, Kathy PHF SM**

Commercial Banking

**Pryor, Fred PHF SM \***

Utility Service-Gas

**Rahe, Ted PHF SM \***

Property Management

**Richburg, Bob PHF SM X**

College Administration

**Rollins, Joe SM**

Compliance Services

**Shaw, Susan SM**

Fund Raising

**Shelley, Eulice PHF \***

Moving & Storage

**Simpson, Natalie SM**

Legislative

**Smith, Pete PHF \***

Appraiser

**Smith, Scott PHF**

Chiropractor

**Stearns, Allan PHF SM**

Travel Agent

**Stevens, Rick PHF \* X SM**

Surge Suppression Systems

**Stokes, Randy PHF SM \***

Architecture

**Tibbetts, Alexis SM**

Schools

**Tinsley, Kent SM**

Commercial Banking

**Tinsley, Herb PHF \* X SM**

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

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

Veterinarian

**Trigg, Brian SM**

Program Analyst

**Trum, Alex PHF SM**

Orthodontist Retired

**Vaughan, John PHF SM**

Past Service

**Watson, Yonge PHF\*SM**

Real Estate

**Webber, Aaron SM**

Condo Management

**West, Charles PHF**

Investment Broker

**Williamson, Ken PHF SM \***

Retired

**Woo, Jean PHF SM**

Dentist

**WrightReynolds, Mike PHF**

Photography

**Yeiser, Jack PHF**

Mortgage Broker

**Youngblood, Russ PHF\*\*SM**

Psychologist

**PHF:** Paul Harris Fellows

**SM:** PH Sustaining Members

\* FWB Club Past Presidents

\*\* Past President Other Clubs

X FWB Rotarian of the Year

Members in purple have perfect attendance.

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

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 Steakhouse

**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