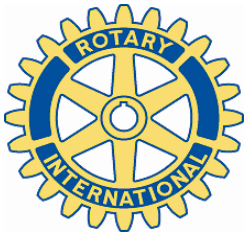


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# The Rotary Reader

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:

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#### Vice-President:

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#### Secretary:

Jason Clark

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Jeff Hooton

#### Past President:

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#### 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

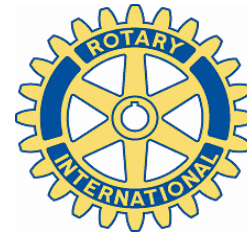
## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

“My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular.”

- Adlai E. Stevenson, Jr. (1900 -1965)

## ROTARY SELECTS MORE THAN 400 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD

More than 400 university students from 40 countries have been selected to study abroad as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars during the 2011-12 academic year.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study at universities in the 200 countries and geographical areas where Rotary clubs are active. While abroad, scholars participate in community service projects and speak at local Rotary club meetings and conferences, schools, civic organizations, and other forums where they serve as “goodwill ambassadors” for their home countries.

## **MORE FACTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW**

- A rat can last longer without water than a camel.
- Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it will digest itself.
- The dot over the letter “i” is called a tittle.
- A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
- A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a mate.
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.
- A 2x4 is really 1-1/2” by 3-1/2”.
- During the chariot scene in “Ben Hur”, a small red car can be seen in the distance (and Heston’s wearing a watch.
- Weatherman Willard Scott was the first Ronald McDonald.
- The very first bomb dropped by the Allies in Berlin in WWII killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
- If one places a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death. (Who was the sadist who discovered this??)
- The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen’s “Born in the USA”.
- The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- 111,111,111 x 111,111,111=12,345,678,987,654,321

## FLORIDA LEGAL EXPERT RECEIVES FOUNDATION ALUMNI HONOR



Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, an attorney and president emeritus of Florida State University in Florida, USA, is the recipient of the 2010-11 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award, The Rotary Foundation's top honor for alumni.

D'Alemberte, a 1958-59 Ambassadorial Scholar, addressed attendees at the Rotary Reunion on 20 May before the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

He was recognized during the third plenary session at the convention, where he spoke of a chance encounter he had with a Rotarian in England in 1957, while he was serving in the U.S. Navy. His ship had docked in London, and the man encouraged him to apply for a Rotary scholarship so he could return to England and study there.

"So much of life is luck, and that chance encounter with a man whose name I do not know has made so much difference," said D'Alemberte. "I owe great thanks to the British Rotarian who was proud of his country, believed in enhancing international relationships, and was so supportive of the work of The Rotary Foundation that he took time to encourage an American sailor and changed that sailor's life."

A former member of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee, Florida, and a Paul Harris Fellow, D'Alemberte has been widely commended for his efforts in the areas of dispute resolution and rule of law for international legal reform throughout Eastern Europe. He has also received numerous awards for his university leadership and pro bono legal service.

In 1989, D'Alemberte became president-elect of the American Bar Association (ABA), which gave him an opportunity to provide pro bono support for newly emerging democracies in Central and Eastern Europe. With the support of prominent U.S. jurists, lawyers, and ABA members, he and a colleague, Homer Moyer, created the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI) in 1990, which helped implement constitutional, legal, and institutional reforms in those regions.

After his scholarship, D'Alemberte earned a law degree, with honors, from the University of Florida College of Law. Convinced that the legal profession would enable him to make a difference in the lives of others, he went on to concentrate on media and public law. His work included a case that helped bring about camera access in courtrooms, a milestone that won him an Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 1985.

D'Alemberte served as president of Florida State University from 1994 to 2003, and continues to teach at the College of Law.

# 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

**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

**Scapon, Len**

Director of Photography

**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