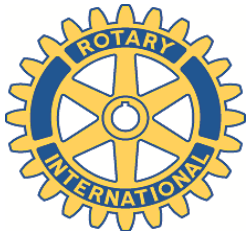


June 23, 2010



# 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*

## Okaloosa County Tax Collector Chris Hughes

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Chris Hughes is originally from Panama City, Florida, and has served as the Okaloosa County Tax Collector since 1993. Upon taking office, he rapidly became known as an innovator in tax collections in the State of Florida by becoming one of the first Tax Collectors to fully integrate the use of personal computers to handle all tax collection functions.

Since taking office, Chris Hughes has pioneered ways to collect funds efficiently while trying to make the process as painless for the customer as possible. Chris was one of the first Tax Collectors in the country to accept credit cards for tax payments both in the office and over the Internet, and developed the first web based Tax Certificate Sale. He has been selected by his peers and state agencies to pilot several new programs that have been adopted by every Tax Collector in the State of Florida. He has served as the President of the Florida Tax Collector's Association, the President of the Florida Association of Constitutional Officer Associations and the Founding Chairman of the Florida

Local Government Internet Consortium. In recognition for outstanding customer service and office efficiency, Chris was named the Outstanding County Treasurer of the United States by the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers.

Chris is known for his love of barbecue and has been seen on the Food Network and the Travel Channel. He is a nationally recognized Barbecue Chef, professional Barbecue Competition Judge, a former member of one of the Top Ten Barbecue Teams in the World, the host of his own television show, *On the Grill with Mr. BBQ*, and has authored three cookbooks. Chris Hughes has served as a regular guest on the National Syndicated Radio Program, *The Max Howell Show*.

Chris' wife, Dr. Vickie Hughes, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Certified Nurse Practitioner for the United States Air Force.

Chris is a former member of the FWB Rotary Club and provided the barbecue lunch for our golf tournament for many years.



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**JUNE 23, 2010**  
**Welcome Rotarians and**  
**Guests!**

## **Stats 6-16-10**

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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!

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### **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?
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### **Rotarians with Guests**

**Gary Felts—Guest of Jason Clark**

**Kaitie Meyer—Guest of Joe Meyer**

**Megan West—Guest of Charles West**

#### **Makeup for 6-16-10**

**Pam Amos**

**Don Arias**

**Jim Davis**

**Clif Gavin**

**Johnny Johnson**

**Julia McNabb**

**Michele Nicholson**

**Natalie Simpson**

**Frank Walker**

**Attendance: 68.5%**

### **REMINDER**

**There will be no regular meeting at the Yacht Club next Wednesday due to the Annual Installation Banquet that night.**

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## **JOKE OF THE DAY**

**Bill, an avid golfer, contacts a "Medium" and asks if there is a golf course in Heaven. The Medium says that his request is a big order, but she will try and find out and get back to him.**

**After several days go by, Bill finally gets a call from the Medium.**

**"Well," said Bill, "what did you find out?"**

**"I've got good news and bad news for you," said the Medium.**

**"OK, what's the good news?," Bill exclaimed.**

**"Well, there's a beautiful 36 hole golf course in Heaven and you'll have 24 hour access with your own personal caddy," said the Medium.**

**"And the bad news?" asked Bill.**

**"You're due to tee-off this Sunday at around 10:30 in the morning."**

## Membership Information

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year. Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting.

Check the *Official Directory* or use the [Club Locator](#) to get meeting and contact information. Be sure to call or e-mail before you show up for a meeting.

### What to do when you can't find a meeting

Rotarians often wonder what to do if there's not a club where they travel or if an emergency causes them to miss a meeting.

One option is to attend a regular meeting of a local [Rotaract club](#), [Interact club](#), [Rotary Community Corps](#) or [Rotary Fellowship](#). Attending one of these meetings counts as a make-up.

Another option is to participate in an interactive activity on a [Rotary e-club website](#). Check with your club secretary and the e-club of interest to learn more.

### Are college students eligible for membership?

No. Rotarians have achieved a certain level of career experience that allows them to bring a specialization to their club, and students haven't yet reached a level in their professional and personal lives that allows them to fulfill all aspects of Rotary club membership. But undergraduate and graduate students, as well as young adults, may become members of [Rotaract clubs](#).

### How do I switch to senior active status?

Rotary no longer has a senior active classification. As of the 2001 Council on Legislation, only two membership categories exist: active and honorary. Rotarians who have retired may retain the same classification, but they aren't counted in the total number of members in a classification.

### How many members are there worldwide?

There are more than 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide.

### How many clubs are there in Rotary?

Rotary has over 33,000 Rotary clubs worldwide.

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# Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Roster

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