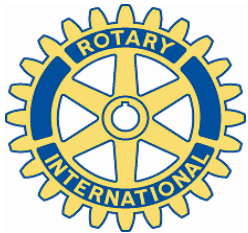


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# The Rotary Reader

Post Office Box 892

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

*Presidential Citation Award Winner — 18<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year*

## The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

**Ken Wright**  
**The Lonnie Jones Memorial Project (USCG)**



Ken Wright is a local native to Niceville, FL where he graduated from Niceville High School in 1978. With a brief career in the construction business after graduating from High School, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard where he served for over 22 years. While serving in the military, he rose from the enlisted ranks and to a commissioned officer in the United States Coast Guard. During his career, he served a variety of assignments, which included Search and Rescue, drug interdiction, migrant interdiction, aids to navigation, and several others. These assignments put him at various locations in the United States and the Caribbean waters. While serving in the Coast Guard, Ken Wright was placed over the Military Housing Programs for the Southeast United States, where he received the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal for demonstrating exceptional leadership, strategic insight, and managerial ability while serving over 3,500 military personnel and over 12,000 dependents in over 5 states. Ken Wright also received a myriad of medals for his service, which included Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Special Operations Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medals to name a few.

After completing his Coast Guard Career he returned home to Niceville, FL and began a career in Real Estate. He was instrumental in creating a new Real Estate Company and later served as Vice President for the company. After a couple of years managing the day to day activities of this Real Estate Company, he later joined a local native and former Coast Guard shipmate, Kerry Veach, the Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Southern Realty, where he continues his career today. Ken Wright volunteers a lot of his time in the community. Most notably he serves as a member of the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association. He has served as Vice President and is presently the President for 2011. Ken serves as a board member on the Crestview Military Appreciation and Recognition Celebration Committee, which is instrumental in showing appreciation to the men and women of the military both past and present with an annual event. Some of his other volunteer positions have been a Board Member of the Emerald Coast Marine Institute, a school for troubled youth, and a variety of committees with the local Chamber of Commerce's as well as the Building Industry Association.

In November 2010, Ken Wright spearheaded the dedication ceremony for the Petty Officer Lonnie Jones Memorial Project at the Coast Guard Station Destin to recognize a fallen Coast Guard Shipmate, who died in a search and rescue mission in the Destin Pass.

Ken Wright is married to the former Ms. Erica Knapp and has two children, Drew Wright and Madison Knapp.

### Board of Directors

**President:**

**Scott Smith**

**Vice-President:**

**Jason Clark**

**Secretary:**

**Jan Pooley**

**Treasurer:**

**Roger Peadro**

**Past President:**

**Al Stearns**

### **Committee Chairs**

**Membership:**

Julie Orr

**Services Projects:**

Jamey Mattern

**Rotary Foundation:**

Jan Pooley

**Public Relations:**

Jamey Mattern

**Club Administration:**

Aaron Webber

**Sergeant at Arms:**

Mike Wright Reynolds

**Programs:**

Chad Hamilton

**Scholarship, Inc.:**

Mitzi Henley

**Social Committee**

Pam Reynolds-Amos

**Bulletin**

Andy Corbin

### **Assistant District**

**Governor**

**Rick Stevens**

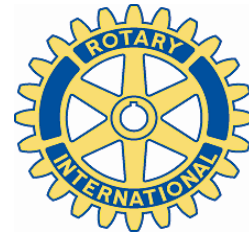
## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

“A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice.”

- Bob Cosby

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
- If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
- Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
- If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

8/3 Representative Matt Gaetz

8/10 Tony Hughes—Dover AFB

8/17 Tom Rice—Fisher House of the Emerald Coast

8/24 Christina Forsyth—Children's Volunteer Health Network

## SUSTAINABLE GIVING



Too many Americans don't have enough to eat. In 2009, the number reached 50 million, 17 million of whom were children. David Bobanick, executive director of [Rotary First Harvest, a Program of Rotary District 5030](#) in Washington State, is committed to shrinking those statistics. He is still haunted by the memory of a woman he helped years ago at a food pantry. She reminded him of his grandmother. "That did it for me," he says.

Since the program was founded in 1982 by the late Rotarians Norm Hillis and Mike Shanahan, of the Rotary Club of University District of Seattle, it has distributed more than 155 million pounds of surplus produce, donated by farmers, to hunger programs across Washington and throughout the United States. It has tapped into a vast network of food donors, truckers, warehouse workers, local pantries, volunteers, and partner organizations, such as AmeriCorps VISTA. The effort feeds hungry people while saving donors disposal, labor, and storage costs. Shanahan always knew the project worked because "Rotarians use their influence, and people identify with the good that is coming from it."

### Interested in Rotary History??

There are some sites that document much of Rotary's history.

The addresses are: <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/>

and <http://www.rotaryhistory.org/>

and <http://www.historynewsletter.org/>

Please note that some of these sites are *not* affiliated with Rotary International.

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Bill Howard—July 28th

### THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Lowrey—38 Years

# 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 PHF X

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

Ekedahl, Brian SM

Social Services

Empson, Dan

Honorary

Fallin, Ralph PHF SM X \*

Dairy Products

Fitzhugh, Mark

Clergy

Foster, William PHF SM \* X

Attorney

Fowner, 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

Attorney

Hooton, Jeff SM

Commercial Lending

Howard, William PHF

Real Estate-General

Illion, Adam

Congressional Budget Office

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

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

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

Turpin, Matt

CPA

Vaughan, John PHF SM

Past Service

Watson, Yonge PHF \* SM

Real Estate

Weaver, John

Youth Organization Mgmt.

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 12:00 p.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