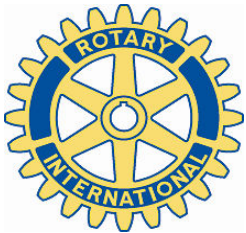


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# The Rotary Reader

Post Office Box 892

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

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

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

## The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

**KATHY HOUCHINS**  
**Homelessness Summit**



### 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 WrightReynolds

**Programs:**

Chad Hamilton

**Scholarship, Inc.:**

Mitzi Henley

**Social Committee**

Pam Reynolds-Amos

**Bulletin**

Andy Corbin

**Executive Secretary**

Nancy Robinson

### **Assistant District Governor**

Rick Stevens

Kathy Houchins has been involved in Hospitality Management in Florida, Wisconsin and Kentucky during a 35 year career. She currently holds an active Real Estate Sales License and CAM (Community Association Management) License. In addition, she owned and operated a Real Estate Brokerage in Naples, Florida, for 10 years.

She is currently Chairman of the Homelessness Task Force for the Ft. Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and is Chairman of the Okaloosa County - Tourism Development Council (TDC). In addition, she is serving as President of the Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) and Vice-President of the Board of Fresh Start for Children and Families. She is a member of the USO Advisory Council for the Panhandle of Florida, a Life Time Ambassador for Eglin AFB and a Life Director of the FWB Chamber of Commerce.

Kathy is a Past President/Chair of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Past President of the Military Affairs Council (MAC). As President of the Chamber, she started the initiative for branding our area in 2008. As Chair of the TDC Council, Kathy was able to see the initiative come full circle and be adopted by the community. In 2001, she worked with Peggy Mahone and Tisha Maraj to bring an event to our community in the winter months. The end result was .....*"Mardi Gras on the Island"* ..... which has now become a successful annual event sponsored by the FWB Chamber of Commerce.

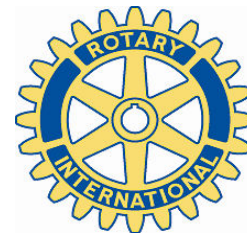
## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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 genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968) - U.S. Civil Rights Leader

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

9/7 Jim Brunner—Conchology

9/14 Dr. Ty Handy—President, Northwest Florida State College

9/21 Carolyn Ketchel—Catholic Charities

9/28 Sharon Rogers—Ben Gordon Visitation Center

## **NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

**Chris Calleri, a Senior Account Executive with Cox Communications, has been proposed for membership by Debbie Bodensine. Chris has been involved in high capacity business consulting for over 15 years. He comes to Cox from the Gulfstream Group, where he served as Director for two years. He has also served as Director for two years with GENSX, a private equity firm providing capital raise opportunities to more than 60 companies, representing 950 Million dollars. Chris holds a B.S. from Stevenson University. Please direct any comments on this proposal to President Scott.**

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### MATT TURPIN, CPA, CVA, CMAP



One of our newest members is Matt Turpin, a CPA with Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC. Matt was born November 24, 1975 in Birmingham, Alabama. Upon graduating from High School in Birmingham he attended Auburn University where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting. While at Auburn, Matt was a member of the Fraternity Phi Gamma Delta and held various offices. He was also a member and officer of The Tiger Hosts, the official hosts of the Auburn Athletic Department, recruiting young men to play collegiate football at Auburn University.

Upon graduation, Matt worked for HealthSouth, a nationwide outpatient hospital company based out of Birmingham as a staff accountant. In 2001 he went to work for a local CPA firm in Birmingham assisting in tax and business consulting and performing business valuations.

After passing the Certified Public Accounting Exam in 2003 and the Certified Valuation Analyst Exam in 2005, Matt began to build and acquire businesses in addition to his accounting practice. Matt has owned and operated various business located in central Alabama; a land development company, a physician directed weight loss company with 5 locations, a water utility company, a multi-location quick service restaurant franchisee, and multiple real estate ventures. In December of 2010 Matt earned the designation of Chartered Mergers and Acquisition Professional.

After the BP oil spill in April of 2010, Matt took the opportunity from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC to move his business to Fort Walton to manage a team preparing loss valuations for the thousands of businesses that have been severely affected along the Gulf Coast. He is currently in negotiations with senior representatives of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility to obtain the highest payment for his clients.

Matt and his wife, Kacy, live in Fort Walton Beach. They have two children Virginia, age 8 and “Win”, age 6.

## THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS

Frank Brutt – 2nd

Randy Stokes – 2nd

# 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

**Hold, Levon**

Telephone Answering Machines

**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

**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