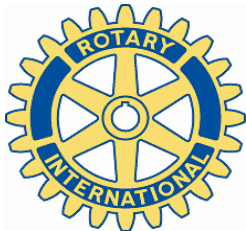


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The Rotary Reader

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Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

Presidential Citation Award Winner — 18th Consecutive Year

The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

Dr. Alexis Tibbetts
Superintendent of Schools, Okaloosa County
Trends in Education



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Dr. Alexis Tibbetts was elected Superintendent on November 7, 2006. Since that time, she and her administration have focused on many goals:

- ensuring that all Okaloosa students have the opportunity to maximize their academic potential and closing the gap in academic performance;
- improving math and science education through new initiatives in grades 3-8;
- reducing expenses and balancing a decreasing budget.

In order to tap the potential of minority and economically disadvantaged children, two "No Child Left Behind" specialists have been charged with finding innovative ways to boost academic achievement and motivation among these students, preparing them for the rigors of college and helping them acquire the skills necessary for successful entry into the workforce. Under Dr. Tibbetts' leadership, a bold new summer program was inaugurated to help ready these students for the challenges of taking the advanced academic courses they will need for success beyond high school. As a result of this and other initiatives, minority enrollment in advanced and honors courses has doubled in the past three years.

Because teacher training has a direct and significant impact on student achievement, Dr. Tibbetts has placed great emphasis on ensuring that teachers at all grade levels have opportunities for content-specific professional development.

Dr. Tibbetts is keenly aware of the importance of math and science education for the future of our country. In an effort to increase interest and competency in math and science, these subjects are becoming more inviting and relevant to the students through many initiatives, including partnerships with the USAF Armament Museum and the Emerald Coast Science Center, and fostering the Robotics Urban Challenge, Jacobs Engineering IDEA competition and National Defense Industry Association teacher mini-grants.

Dr. Tibbetts is strongly committed to containing costs and protecting taxpayer investment in the schools. As the number of school age children in the south part of the county continues to drop, state funding for these schools has decreased. With bold initiative, Dr. Tibbetts tackled the problem of under-enrollment and under-funding through a realignment of schools which has proven to be cost effective and good for the students. She slashed the district's administrative overhead costs by \$2 million and negotiated reductions in the cost of technology, School Resource Officers and school health contracts. Under her leadership, 92% of state FEFP (Florida Education Finance Program) funding goes straight to the schools.

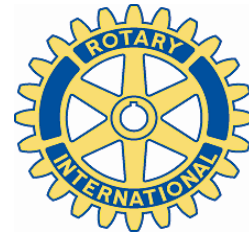
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

"The intelligent man is one who has successfully fulfilled many accomplishments, and is yet willing to learn more."

- Ed Parker (1931-1990) American martial artist and author

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

- 11/5 District 6940 Foundation Gala, P.C. Beach Marriott
- 11/9 Charlie Palmer/Marty Stanovich—First Tee Organization
- 11/16 Steve Forbes—NWFSC Men's Basketball Coach
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Week—No Meeting
- 11/30 Dr. Eddie Zant—Hyperbaric Medicine Oxygen Therapy

FAMOUS YOGI BERRA QUOTES

- *"It ain't over till it's over."*
- *"This is like deja vu all over again."*
- *"You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six."*
- *"I couldn't tell if the streaker was a man or a woman because it had a bag on it's head."*
- *"You can observe a lot just by watchin'."*
- *"How can you think and hit at the same time?"*
- *Yogi Berra on seeing a Steve McQueen movie: - "He must have made that before he died."*
- *"If you can't imitate him, don't copy him."*
- *"Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical."*
- *Mrs. Lindsay - "You certainly look cool." - Yogi Berra - "Thanks, you don't look so hot yourself."*
- *"Nobody goes there anymore; it's too crowded."*
- *"I want to thank all those who made this night necessary."*
- *"I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early."*

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange offers 10th and 11th grade students the opportunity to spend 3 weeks in the home of a new friend in Germany (and possibly other countries) and have that new friend spend 3 weeks in your home. *This is open to all students whether or not they are affiliated with Rotary or Interact.*

Cost to Rotary Club: None

Cost to Student: Airline ticket, passport, insurance, spending money (total about \$2000) and provide room and board when your new friend stays in your home for 3 weeks. Many students conduct fundraisers to assist with costs.

Value of Experience: Priceless

For Information and Application, Contact:

Fred Pryor Me120@cox.net

Carol Whitcomb Powell: whitcombpowell@gmail.com

Application Deadline: Deadline to be set (normally January 1 of exchange year)

Submit application to:

Carol Whitcomb Powell, 3926 West Madura Road, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Chris Johnson – Nov. 8th Lyndon Poff – Nov. 8th

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS

Jerrold Hall-Guest of Julie Orr Tracy Wood-Guest of Julie Orr

Lauren Haggett-Guest of Susan Shaw John Foster-Guest of Eulice Shelley

Chase Drake/Wesley Collins-Choctawhatchee H.S.

Breanna Callaway/Deanna Cales-Fort Walton Beach H.S.

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

Brewster, Joseph PHF SM

Cable Television

Brutt, Frank PHF SM

County Planning

Butcher, Tom

Honorary Member

Cagle, Kevin SM

Office Machines

Calleri, Chris

Communications

Caul, Ira

Oral History Professor

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

First, Hugo

Bungee Jumping Instructor

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

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