

The Rotary Reader

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EXND Diving & Marine
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Mr. Lasch was born in Virginia in 1968. Graduating from Potomac Senior High School in 1986, he enlisted in the US Navy in 1987 after watching Jacques Cousteau on TV. Spending 20 years as a hard hat diver (Deep Sea), Mr. Lasch served at many commands with the US Marines, his personal best. Earning the Fleet Marine Warfare Pin he was the first Engineman in the Navy to accomplish this intense qualification process. In November 2007 he retired from active duty to continue what he loved the best, diving. EXND was founded in Dec. 2006 and has slowly increased to a reputable commercial diving company. EXND built the Divers Air System for the 7th Special Forces keeping their transition on time with no loss of training. EXND's main function is to provide commercial diving services to any entity worldwide. We are capable of diving to 225 feet of seawater with 2 divers and a supervisor. We are currently working on bridge inspections for 2 engineering firms and the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Lasch is married to Dina Lasch and has one son (Frank III) who is currently on deployment with the US Navy.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

April 12-15 RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - Adventures Unlimited - Milton, Florida

April 28-29 District 6940 Conference at Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach

May 4-5 Billy Bowlegs Amateur Golf Tournament at Fort Walton Beach Golf Club

This Day in History

On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13, the third lunar landing mission, is successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert, and Fred W. Haise. The spacecraft's destination was the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon, where the astronauts were to explore the Imbrium Basin and conduct geological experiments. After an oxygen tank exploded on the evening of April 13, however, the new mission objective became to get the Apollo 13 crew home alive.

On this day in 2004, Phil Mickelson wins the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club, his first major championship in nearly 12 years as a professional golfer.

On this day in 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte, emperor of France and one of the greatest military leaders in history, abdicates the throne, and, in the Treaty of Fontainebleau, is banished to the Mediterranean island of Elba.

What Team Are You On?

Team 1 - \$1800.00	Team 2 - \$2100.00	Team 3 - \$1550.00	Team 4 - \$3100.00	Team 5 - \$450.00
Mary Plummer	Lyndon Poff	Pete Smith	Matt Turpin	Al Stearns
Andy Corbin	Jim Curry	James Davis	George Dorris	Buddy Duncan
Haydon Grubbs	Chad Hamilton	Sallie Hardy	Tom Hayes	Jody Henderson
Johnny Johnson	Cristie Kedroski	Chuck Landers	Tony Leonard	John Linn
Dave Miller	Jason Monroe	John Morgan	Matt Morgan	Dan Nelson
Robert Anderson	Jack Arthur	Jan Pooley	Debbie Bodensine	Kathy Pritchard
Eulice Shelley	Natalie Simpson	Nitsi Bennett	Charlie Potts	Joe Brewster
Forrest Townsend	Brian Trigg	Alex Trum	Scott Smith	John Vaughan
Jean Woo	Mike WrightReynolds	Jack Yeiser	Russ Youngblood	John Foster
Team 6 - \$500.00	Team 7 - \$800.00	Team 8 - \$1800.00	Team 9 - \$1550.00	Team 10 - \$1000.00
Michele Nicholson	Kevin Cagle	Julie Orr	Gerry Chalker	Roger Peadro
Brian Ekedahl	Ralph Fallin	Scotty Foster	Bob Fowner	Tony Gilligan
Mitzi Henley	Whitney Hipsh	Jeff Hooton	Bill Howard	Chris Johnson
Ted Litschauer	Jamey Mattern	J. R. McDonald	Julie McNabb	Joe Meyer
Frank Brutt	Ted Rahe	Chris Calleri	Charlie Palmer	Jason Clark
Fred Pryor	Randy Stokes	Bob Richburg	Joe Rollins	Susan Shaw
Rick Stevens	John Weaver	Alexis Tibbetts	Kent Tinsley	Herb Tinsley
Yonge Watson	Ron Grissom	Aaron Webber	Charles West	Ken Williamson
Dusty Ricketts	Ross LeBlanc	David Macdonald	James Bass	Richard Kunkel

Receiving the gift of sight in Nicaragua

By Amber Recker, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne), Indiana, USA.

Walking through the hall of a small clinic in Managua, Nicaragua, I met Stanley.

Stanley had cataracts and had lost all hope of keeping his eyesight. He was slowly slipping into a life of dependency on others. But physicians at the clinic were able to perform a simple procedure on Stanley, and today, he can see.

I visited the clinic in July 2011. People from all over Nicaragua travel to receive free eye-care for medical issues like cataracts, minor eye injuries, and complications from diabetes which are easily treatable in the United States. But because of their poverty and lack of access to medical care, people in Nicaragua lose their eyesight to these treatable issues.

Before Rotary began helping the clinic, it didn't have the supplies needed to perform necessary surgeries. The physicians made do with what they had and were able to help only a handful of patients a day.

Several years ago, Dr. Jonathan Walker from Fort Wayne, Indiana, was introduced to the clinic. He saw the potential for sustainability and a real willingness on the part of the physicians to help people and teach new physicians. He reached out to Rotarians in District 6540 and over the past few years, he and the organization have raised enough money to provide the clinic with diagnostic equipment, surgical tools, sterilization machines, teaching tools and more. Today, the clinic sees over 600 patients a day.

I heard many stories like Stanley's about how things used to be and how they had to cope with what they had. One doctor told us this story: a man came in with something in his eye. The doctor's only choice was to slash it open and ask the patient to lean forward so she could smack him on the back of the head in order to dislodge it. That was the extent of their technology.

Now they can screen, diagnose, treat and perform surgeries at the facility. With the new equipment, they are able to train new doctors and send them into remote villages, reaching people who would have never received the care they need.

My Rotary moment occurred that afternoon in the clinic administrator's office. I am so proud to be a Rotarian. I am forever changed because of the people of Nicaragua who give so much to each other every day.

[Read more a bout Amber's trip in her blog.](#)

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

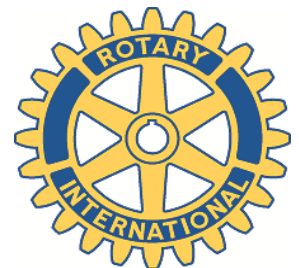
Gerry Chalker



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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?



Rotary Roster

Anderson, Robert SM

CPA

Arthur, Jack PHF SM

Insurance

Bennett, Nitsi PHF X *

Non-Profit Administration

Bodenstine, Debbie PHF X SM

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

Chalker, Gerry PHF SM *

Pension Administration

Clark, Jason SM

Insurance

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

Foster, William PHF SM * X

Attorney

Fowner, Bob PHF SM

Association Manager

Gavin, Clifton SM

Attorney

Gilligan, Tony PHF SM

Government Contractor

Grissom, Ron

Utilities

Grubbs, Haydon PHF SM

Education

Hamilton, Chad PHF SM

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 SM

Foundation Development

Kunkel, Richard

Education

Landers, Chuck PHF SM

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

Macdonald, David

Retail Management

McDonald, J.R. SM

Aerospace Marketing

McNabb, Julie SM

Developmental Disabilities

Meyer, Joe

Retail/Computers

Miller, David O. PHF

Developmental Disabilities

Monroe, Jason SM

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 SM

Financial Services

Orr, Julie SM

Personnel Staffing

Palmer, Charlie

Real Estate Development

Peadro, Roger PHF SM

Pastor

Plummer, Mary PHF SM

Real Estate Sales

Poff, Lyndon PHF X SM

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

Ricketts, Dusty

News Media

Rollins, Joe SM

Compliance Services

Shaw, Susan SM

Fund Raising

Shelley, Eulice PHF *

Moving & Storage

Simpson, Natalie SM

Legislative

Smith, Pete PHF * SM

Appraiser

Smith, Scott PHF SM

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 SM

CPA

Vaughan, John PHF SM

Past Service

Watson, Yonge PHF*SM

Real Estate

Weaver, John SM

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 SM

Photography

Yeiser, Jack PHF

Mortgage Broker

Youngblood, Russ PHFSM**

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 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, Tuscan Grill at Hidden Creek

Niceville: Thursday noon, OWC Bld. K

South Walton: Thursday 7:30 a.m., Embassy Suites