

The Rotary Reader



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Presidential Citation Award Winner – 18th Consecutive Year

The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

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Sheriff Larry Ashley

Okaloosa County

Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley was elected to office November 2, 2010 after rising through the ranks from road patrol to Chief Deputy.

He was born February 23, 1966 in Long Beach California, the son of a Navy machinist. After living in various areas around the world during childhood, he graduated from Geneva High School in Geneva Alabama and headed to the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice in 1989. He graduated from the Florida State Law Enforcement Academy at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in 1990 and the Police K-9 Patrol/Detector School in 1991 before going on to pursue and obtain a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University in 1998.

He began his law enforcement career at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in 1990 in the Uniformed Patrol Division. Over the next fourteen years Ashley also served in the K-9/Street Crimes Division, Investigations Division, and as Captain of Field Services. He was promoted to Major and Director of Criminal Investigations in 2004, Major and Director of Support Services Division in 2007, Major and Director of Field Services Division in 2008, Major and Director of Finance and Administration in 2009, and Chief Deputy of Sheriff's Office Operations in 2009.

During those years of service in virtually all aspects of the agency, Sheriff Ashley also continued his education and specialized training, graduating from the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia in 2005. He attended the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Chief Executive Training as well as dozens of specialized law enforcement training courses and seminars.

Sheriff Ashley has earned numerous awards and commendations during his career, including being a nominee for Officer of the Year in 1994 and receiving the Florida Senate Medal of Excellence Award in 2009, the legislature's highest award for service to the people of Florida.

Sheriff Ashley enjoys serving the community as a youth sports coach and YMCA Board Member, Executive Board Member for the Okaloosa-Walton Homeless Coalition, and Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee at the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach. He says teaching 7th and 8th grade Sunday School is his most rewarding endeavor.

He is married to the former Lanie Lee of Fort Walton Beach. They have three children enrolled in the Okaloosa County School System. He enjoys learning anything new with his children as well as Biblical studies, teaching, fishing and hunting.

His primary goals as Okaloosa County Sheriff are to maintain the agencies recently acquired Accreditation status (which ensures the OCSO is practicing optimum law enforcement standards), to consolidate communications services, utilize technology to keep citizens better informed of agency operations, and increase physical fitness standards for deputies.

Crock my heart: A Project Prepared with Lots of Love

By Michèle LeBlanc, Rotary Club of Hearst
Rotary Canada – October 2012

Last year, Carole Lambert, president of the Rotary Club of Hearst, and Lina Caron, member of the club located in northern Ontario, innovated with a rather original activity.

To bring joy to families in need during the holiday season, the club invested \$2,300 of its own money and received \$1,500 from the district to launch the "Crock my heart" project. 18 members of the club prepared holiday's meals for 25 families who also received a \$50 gift card for groceries, a book of slow cooker recipes, utensils and the crock pot used to prepare the meal, hence the name of the project, "Crock my heart." In addition, Josée Savard Gosselin handed children carefully and wrapped Christmas gifts. This simple act of kindness brought joy and emotion in these households as well as among the club members.

But let me tell you a little more about this club. This young club chartered 23 years ago is the only French-speaking club in Ontario and one of the 44 clubs, including 4 French, in district 7010. Clubs members don't have time to get bored. They are working on a few international projects but a large portion of their time and resources is used to support community projects: a telethon in March or April to help sick children, a gala in July on Canada Day and "Operation Red Nose" that provide safe rides home after parties during the holiday season. All these activities are carried out in the spirit of fellowship and sharing, two important values for the club members.

Another project is in the planning for December. Having noticed that some families in need didn't know how to cook the turkey they receive for Christmas and end up leaving it in their freezer, the idea of "Rotarysserie" was born. The club will provide families with a roasting pan, instructions and of course a turkey ready to roast. The creative idea is to donate a meal to these families but also to teach them how to cook it themselves.

All are remarkable and unique projects that you are all welcome to duplicate in your own communities. A lot of people will thank you for it.



Rotarians with Birthdays for Remainder of December

Jody Henderson

Johnny Johnson

Chuck Landers

John Linn

Dusty Rickets

Pete Smith

Rick Stevens

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

December 19

Rotary Christmas Party

December 26

No Meeting

January 1

Member Vocation Day

Service Opportunities

- ◆ Christmas Angels - Angels are available from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Silver Sands School, Longwood Elementary and Habitat for Humanity. Attach your angel to the outside of your gift along with a card if you like and return it to Kathy by December 19th at her office or brought to next weeks Rotary meeting.
- ◆ Red Kettle Bell Ringing - Stay tuned for upcoming dates.
- ◆ Can Tabs - Don't forget to bring in your can tabs and give them to Rick Stevens. The tabs are given to Ronald McDonald House to help support their great cause.
- ◆ Please consider becoming a mentor to a young person at one of our local schools. We have 3 Rotarians from our club involved in this great program. Let's get to 10! Call 833-7614 for details on signing up.

This Day in History

On this day in 1980, American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays \$5,126,000 at auction for a notebook containing writings by the legendary artist Leonardo da Vinci.

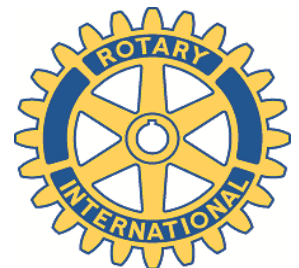
On this day in 1901, Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean.

On this day in 1913, Two years after it was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris, Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece *The Mona Lisa* is recovered inside Italian waiter Vincenzo Peruggia's hotel room in Florence. Peruggia had previously worked at the Louvre and had participated in the heist with a group of accomplices dressed as Louvre janitors on the morning of August 21, 1911.

On this day in 1970., Smokey Robinson and the Miracles finally earned their first #1 hit when "Tears Of A Clown" topped the Billboard Hot 100.

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

Bass, James SM
Funeral Director

Beedie, Michael SM
Government Administration

Bennett, Nitsi (19) PHF X *
Non-Profit Administration

Bodenstine, Debbie PHF SM X
Economic Development

Brewster, Joseph PHF SM
Cable Television

Brutt, Frank PHF SM
County Planning

Butcher, Tom
Honorary Member

Cagle, Kevin SM
Office Machines

Chalker, Gerry (5) PHF SM *
Pension Administration

Clark, Jason (2) SM
Insurance

Corbin, Andy PHF SM X *
Electronics Mfg.

Davis, James (33) PHF SM *
Public Utilities

Dorris, George PHF SM
Dentistry

Edwards, JT SM
Retail Owner

Ekedahl, Brian SM
Social Services

Empson, Dan
Honorary

Fallin, Ralph (31) PHF SM X *
Dairy Products

Foster, William PHF SM X *
Attorney

Fowner, Bob (2) PHF SM
Association Manager

Gilligan, Tony (17) PHF SM
Government Contractor

Grissom, Ron SM
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 (4) SM
Retail Shopping Center

Hooton, Jeff (5) SM
Commercial Lending

Howard, William PHF
Real Estate-General

Johnson, Chris PHF *
CPA Retired

Johnson, Johnny (40) PHF SM X *
Banking

Kedroski, Cristie SM
Foundation Development

Kunkel, Richard SM
Education

LaBlanc, Ross SM
CPA

Landers, Chuck PHF SM
CPA

Leonard, Tony PHF SM **
Retail/Musical Instruments

Linn, John PHF SM
Kitchens-Retail

Litschauer, Ted SM
Public Safety

Lowrey, Tom PHF *
Stockbroker

Mattern, Jamey PHF SM
Architect

Macdonald, David SM PHF **
Shopping Center Mgr

McDonald, J.R. SM
Aerospace Marketing

McNabb, Julie (1) SM
Developmental Disabilities

Meyer, Joe SM
Retail/Computers

Miller, David O. (10) PHF SM
Developmental Disabilities

Morgan, John PHF SM *
Computer Engineer

Morgan, Matthew SM
Electrical Engineer

Nelson, Dan PHF SM
Restaurant/Fast Food

Nicholson, Michele SM
Communications

Orr, Julie (1) SM
Personnel Staffing

Page, Brian SM
Tax Attorney

Page, Susan SM
Professional Counseling

Palmer, Charlie SM
Real Estate Development

Peadro, Roger PHF SM
Pastor

Plummer, Mary PHF SM
Real Estate Sales

Poff, Lyndon (3) PHF X SM
Paint & Body Shop

Pooley, Jan (6) 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 (36) PHF SM *
Property Management

Ricketts, Dusty SM
News Media

Rollins, Joe SM
Compliance Services

Sharon, Katie SM
Commercial Banking

Shaw, Susan SM
Fund Raising

Shelley, Eulice PHF SM *
Moving & Storage

Simpson, Natalie SM
Legislative

Smith, Pete PHF SM *
Appraiser

Smith, Scott PHF SM *
Chiropractor

Smith, Whitney SM
Attorney

Stearns, Allan (21) PHF SM *
Travel Agent

Stevens, Rick (4) PHF SM X *
Surge Suppression Systems

Stokes, Randy PHF SM *
Architecture

Tibbetts, Alexis SM
Schools

Tinsley, Kent SM
Commercial Banking

Tinsley, Herb PHF SM X *
Savings & Loan Mgmt.

Townsend, Forrest PHF SM X *
Veterinarian

Trigg, Brian SM
Program Analyst

Trum, Alex PHF SM
Orthodontist Retired

Turpin, Matt SM
CPA

Vaughan, John PHF SM
Past Service

Watson, Yonge (1) PHF SM *
Real Estate

Webber, Aaron (2) SM
Condo Management

West, Charles PHF SM
Investment Broker

Williamson, Ken PHF SM *
Retired

Woo, Jean PHF SM
Dentist

WrightReynolds, Mike (1) PHF SM
Photography

Yeiser, Jack PHF SM
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 are recognized as achieving perfect attendance as of the end of the previous year (June 30th)

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