



The Rotary Reader

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Mike Rojas - YMCA of the Emerald Coast

Michael Rojas grew up the son of an Air Force Officer. He moved all over the country, not living in the same house for more than three years at any given stretch. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii while his father was stationed at Hickam Air Force Base. He then lived in Texas, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia and Nottingham, England all before the age of 23. Michael says, "I feel that moving around as often as I did while I was growing up has provided me with great adaptability and a strong appreciation for diversity."

After graduating from Lake Mary High School, a suburb of Orlando, in 1989 Michael took a leisurely stroll through college that lasted six years. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and a minor in Computer Information Systems from Stetson University in Deland, Florida in 1995. He completed the Master of Arts program in Religion at Trevecca Nazarene University in the fall of 2011. In that course, Michael concentrated on preaching and thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the art of the spoken Word. He is currently completing his second Master of Arts degree, also at Trevecca Nazarene, this one in Organizational Leadership.

Michael was working as a computer engineer when he met his wife, Christine, in Tampa, Florida. Shortly after meeting, Christine and they started looking for a church home where they both felt comfortable. Christine had grown up attending church at The Salvation Army and when she took Michael to a Salvation Army holiness meeting he was immediately hooked. "I was instantly drawn to the service based ministry of The Salvation Army." So they started attending The Salvation Army regularly and it was not long before Michael felt God calling him into full time ministry.

Michael and Christine answered God's call and they, along with their two adopted children, attended The Salvation Army seminary training school in Atlanta, Georgia from 2003 to 2005. They served as Salvation Army officers for five years with appointments in Washington DC and Florence, Alabama. In 2010, the needs of their children made it necessary for them to resign from full time ministry to focus more attention on their family. They moved from Alabama back to St. Petersburg, Florida before realizing that God had a different plan for their family that resulted in them moving to Jackson, Mississippi so Michael could serve as the Director of Operations for The Salvation Army in that community. After working with The Salvation Army for 11 years, from 2001 to 2012, Michael resigned from his position with The Salvation Army so that he could move to Orlando to assist in caring for a family member.

From 1992 to 1996 Michael worked for the YMCA of Central Florida. He always had a fondness for the YMCA and believes wholeheartedly in the mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that promote a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. Michael says, "I am a product of the YMCA promise to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities." Because of his love for the YMCA, Michael was thrilled when he was offered the position of President/CEO of the YMCA of Florida's Emerald Coast and he is very optimistic about the future of the YMCA in this community. Michael is a certified leadership coach, an ordained pastor, an avid photographer, and he loves the beach.





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6940 CONFERENCE

April 19 – 21, 2011

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Wyndham Bay Point Resort, Panama City, Florida



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Hosted by The Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club

With proceeds going to benefit the Kay Stokes Memorial Nursing Scholarship, the James S. Sutton Scholarship Fund and the John T. Morgan III Memorial Scholarship Fund



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UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

March 20	Jim Szabo, Shalimar Point Country Club
March 27	Jan Pooley, Club Assembly
April 3	Kris Thoma, Children's Home Society

Humor from the Mind of Rick Stevens

Missing Ex-wife Found by Alaska State Troopers:

The day after his ex-wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, an Anchorage man answered his door to find two grim-faced Alaska State Troopers.

"We're sorry Mr. Wilkens, but we have some information about your ex-wife", said one of the troopers.

"Tell me! Did you find her?" Wilkens asked.

The troopers looked at each other.

One said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, Mr. Wilkens said, "Give me the bad news first."

The trooper said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but this morning we found your ex-wife's body in Kachemak Bay ."

"Oh, no!", exclaimed Wilkens.

Swallowing hard, he asked, "What's the good news?"

The trooper continued, "When we pulled her up, she had 12 twenty-five-pound king crabs and 6 good-sized Dungeness crabs clinging to her, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch."

Stunned, Mr. Wilkens demanded, "If that's the good news, then what's the great news?"

The trooper replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow!"

This Day in History

On this day in 1969, "The Love Bug," a Walt Disney movie about the adventures of a Volkswagen Beetle named Herbie, opens in theaters across the United States.

On this day in 1781, The German-born English astronomer William Herschel discovers Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun.

On this day in 1868, For the first time in U.S. history, the impeachment trial of an American president gets underway in the U.S. Senate. President Andrew Johnson, reviled by the Republican-dominated Congress for his views on Reconstruction, stood accused of having violated the controversial Tenure of Office Act, passed by Congress over his veto in 1867.

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

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Office Machines

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Pension Administration

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Insurance

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Electronics Mfg.

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Public Utilities

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Dentistry

Edwards, JT SM

Retail Owner

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Social Services

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Honorary

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Attorney

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Utilities

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Education

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CPA

Hardy, Sallie PHF SM

Commercial Properties

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Financial Services

Henderson, Jody PHF SM *

Accounting/Auditing

Henley, Mitzi (4) SM

Retail Shopping Center

Hooton, Jeff (5) SM

Commercial Lending

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Real Estate-General

Johnson, Chris PHF *

CPA Retired

Johnson, Johnny (40) PHF SM X *

Banking

Kedroski, Cristie SM

Foundation Development

Kunkel, Richard PHF SM

Education

LaBlanc, Ross SM

CPA

Landers, Chuck PHF SM

CPA

Leonard, Tony PHF SM **

Retail/Musical Instruments

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Kitchens-Retail

Litschauer, Ted SM

Public Safety

Lowrey, Tom PHF *

Stockbroker

Mattern, Jamey PHF SM

Architect

Macdonald, David SM PHF **

Shopping Center Mgr

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Aerospace Marketing

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Developmental Disabilities

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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 PHF SM

Fund Raising

Shelley, Eulice PHF SM *

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Legislative

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Appraiser

Smith, Scott PHF SM *

Chiropractor

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Attorney

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Travel Agent

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Surge Suppression Systems

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Architecture

Tinsley, Kent SM

Commercial Banking

Tinsley, Herb PHF SM X *

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

Townsend, Forrest PHF SM X *

Veterinarian

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Past Service

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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