



The Rotary Reader

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Larry Sassano

President

EDC of Okaloosa County

Larry Sassano is President of the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County. He is responsible for creating and implementing a comprehensive strategic plan for business development and economic diversity for Okaloosa County and overseeing the EDC budget. Larry serves as the chief executive officer of the organization and is responsible to the board of directors for the full range of activities- coordination of the program of action; organizational structure and procedures; motivation of volunteers; income and expenditures; maintenance of membership; employment; training; long range planning.

Larry interfaces with member governments and private sector businesses often leading to the creation of numerous successful partnerships. Larry represents Okaloosa County in regional and state economic development organization programs and serves as an advocate for the community to local, state and national prospects and fosters recruitment of new business to the area in addition to local business retention and expansion efforts. Larry stays abreast of key economic development and business development issues; oversees public relations for the EDC; facilitates the county's Enterprise Zone; oversees EDC grants; sustains the EDC's business incubator; serves on numerous ad hoc initiatives pertaining to economic and business development.

He is a Board member for Florida's Great Northwest and Economic Development Practitioner Advisory Committee member for Enterprise Florida. Larry has been a member of several national, regional and state economic development organizations including the Florida Economic Development Council; Industrial Asset Management Council; CoreNet; International Economic Development Council and Southern Economic Development Council.

Experience

He has supervised and developed State and National marketing and targeted industry programs for the Florida Department of Commerce for 13 years. He has also conducted several research studies for state and regional economies, including: *Florida's Primary Targeted Industrial Profile*; *Rural Development Concepts for Marketing your community*; and *A Financial Strategy for The Creation of Technology Workforce*.

Professional Associations include: Past Executive Director for the EDC for Bay County, Florida; Past President of the 16 county Northwest Florida International Affairs Commission; Past President of the 10 county Northwest Florida Economic Development Coalition.

Shutterbugs Find a Picture-Perfect Way to Develop Skills and Friendships

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News - 11 June 2012

You don't have to be skilled with a camera to enjoy Rotary's newest fellowship, the International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers.

The fellowship, which was recognized by the RI Board of Directors in January, counts amateur and professional photographers among its members, as well as those who have an appreciation for photography.

"Our group is open to anyone at any skill level, from point-and-shoot beginners to longtime professionals," says Layne Marshal, a member of the Rotary Club of Campbell River Daybreak, British Columbia, Canada, who chairs the fellowship. "We have 65 members on our membership list in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia, and India, but that list is probably incomplete."

Marshal, an amateur photographer, was interested in joining a fellowship where he could meet other Rotarians and sharpen his skills, but found that there wasn't such a group. After learning that others had attempted to form photography fellowship, he worked with them to file the appropriate paperwork with RI.

"I certainly did not develop this all on my own," he stresses.

As a newer group, the fellowship is still developing activities, but it has an online forum for members to share advice, ask and answer questions, or otherwise discuss photography. It is also building a website for members to display their work, receive or offer critiques, and take part in competitions.

"I enjoy the challenges and rewards of capturing a good photograph, which I feel is too often more luck than skill in my case," Marshal says. "I know there are lots of people out there who are interested in photography and would join an effort to share and learn."

The photography fellowship, and the Rotarian Jazz Fellowship which became official in September, are among 62 recognized by RI. Fellowships bring Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors together to share common interests, explore new opportunities to serve, have fun, and promote vocational development through friendship. Each June, they are celebrated during Rotary Fellowships Month.

A sampling of other Rotarian fellowships and their upcoming events:

- ◆ The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is participating in a jamboree in Denmark, 21-29 July. It will be the largest scout and guide event ever held in Denmark, with about 35,000 participants expected.
- ◆ The International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians is holding its eighth annual world championship in Guarapari, Brazil, on 29 August. Last year's event in Bol, Croatia, drew more than 100 players.
- ◆ The Fellowship Cycling to Serve will hold its annual championship cycling event 7-8 September in La Rochelle, France. The group of cycling enthusiasts also organize and participate in a four-day touring event and several other cycling events every year.
- ◆ Members of the International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians will be running in a marathon in Graz, Austria, on 14 October. The group organizes a marathon event in a different city each year.





Rotarians with Birthdays this Week

John Morgan

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

November 21	No Rotary Meeting
November 28	Ted Corcoran
December 5	Mayor Mike Anderson

Service Opportunities

- ◆ 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.

Thank you to all of those who were able to help stuff backpacks last Wednesday. You helped feed 39 children at Edwins Elementary for the remaining weekends of 2012, including special bags for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday weeks. Great Job Rotarians!!!

This Day in History

On this day in 1776, the *St. James Chronicle* of London carries an item announcing "The very identical Dr. Franklyn [Benjamin Franklin], whom Lord Chatham [former leading parliamentarian and colonial supporter William Pitt] so much caressed, and used to say he was proud in calling his friend, is now at the head of the rebellion in North America."

On this day in 1851, Harper & Brothers in New York publishes *Moby-Dick*, by Herman Melville. The book flopped, and it was many years before the book was recognized as an American classic.

On this day in 1970, a chartered jet carrying most of the Marshall University football team clips a stand of trees and crashes into a hillside just two miles from the Tri-State Airport in Kenova, West Virginia.

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