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Air Force Enlisted Village

James C. Binnicker is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc. He has served in this position since March, 2000. His close association with the AFEV led to his being selected as a member of the Board of Directors in 1992. In his current role, he is responsible for overseeing the operations of Teresa Village and Bob Hope Village and has guided the expansion of the AFEV mission to include a new Assisted Living Residence (ALF), Hawthorn House. He ensures a meaningful quality of life for more than 400 residents of these two independent living facilities and the ALF by encouraging independence, maximizing strengths and capabilities and providing them with a loving, secure environment.

Prior to being selected to his current position, Binnicker was senior vice-president of a major insurance company, serving in Heidelberg, Germany; Atlanta, Ga. and San Antonio, Texas. Before that he served 33 years in the United States Air Force. During his career, he served in many locations that spanned the globe.. His three decades of service culminated in his selection as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force where he served as the advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force/Air Force Chief of Staff.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

His memberships include: Florida Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Public Policy Committee, Air University Board of Visitors, Airman Memorial Museum Board of Advisors, Gentiva Health Care Board of Advisors, Air Force Special Operations Foundation, and First Command Educational Foundation.

He holds a BS in Sociology from Georgia College and is also a graduate of University of North Texas' Center for studies in Aging as a Certified Aging Services Professional (CASP). Jim continues to travel worldwide as a guest speaker for the United States Air Force.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

May 23	Margaret Stewart – Okaloosa County Master Gardener's
May 30	Jessica Jarosz – Boys and Girls Club
June 6	John Watts & Tom Brassell - Wuerffel Trophy
June 13	Dr. David Goetsch

This Day in History

On this day, At Versailles, Louis, the French dauphin, marries Marie Antoinette, the daughter of Austrian Arch-duchess Maria Theresa and Holy Roman Emperor Francis I. France hoped their marriage would strengthen its alliance with Austria, its longtime enemy. In 1774, with the death of King Louis XV, Louis and Marie were crowned king and queen of France.

This night in 1929 marks the first-ever Academy Awards ceremony, Hollywood's annual celebration of the best its creative artists have to offer over the previous year.

On this day, Donald E. Ballard, Corpsman U.S. Navy, is awarded the Medal of Honor for action this date in Quang Tri Province. Ballard, from Kansas City, [Missouri](#), was a corpsman with Company M, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. He had just finished evacuating two Marines with heatstroke when his unit was surprised by a Viet Cong ambush. Immediately racing to the aid of a casualty, Ballard applied a field dressing and was directing four Marines in the removal of the wounded man when an enemy soldier tossed a grenade into the group. With a warning shout of, "Grenade!" Ballard vaulted over the stretcher and pulled the grenade under his body. The grenade did not go off. Nevertheless, he received the Medal of Honor for his selfless act of courage. Ballard was only the second man whose valor was rewarded despite the fact that the deadly missile did not actually explode.

New Member Bio**Brian Page**

Brian is a graduate of the University of Florida and currently a tax associate at the Law Office of Daniel C. Perri. His primary practice areas focus upon Estate Planning, Probate, Elder Law, Corporate & Business Law and Taxation. With his advanced degree in taxation, he also specializes in advocating for taxpayers against Internal Revenue Service.

Please remember to keep Sallie Hardy and her family in your thoughts and Prayers as she deals with the loss of her father, Thomas W. Hardy.

Rotarians leave Bangkok encouraged to fight poverty and finish the job of eradicating polio

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News – 9 May 2012

Rotarians and friends left the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, energized to keep up the fight against polio and to use their ingenuity to help reduce global poverty.

The four-day event, which drew to a close Wednesday, attracted more than 35,000 attendees from 181 countries and geographical areas and included a celebration of two major milestones in the global polio eradication effort.

Attendees were also treated to a preview of the next RI Convention, which will take place 23-26 June 2013, in Lisbon, Portugal.

In his closing remarks, RI President Kalyan Banerjee reminded Rotarians that “what’s important in Rotary isn’t what we say. It’s what we do, and who we are.”

“There dwells within you the power and spirit that can evoke the energy you may not realize,” Banerjee said. “You have to be hungry enough to reach within and release the energy to help you embrace humanity. I believe this is the state we call happiness. I have just given you the prescription for it. Rotary can help you achieve happiness in life that you seek.”

Peace through service

Incoming RI President Sakuji Tanaka outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Tanaka will ask Rotarians to achieve *Peace through Service*.

“Through service we learn that the problems that may seem large to us are really very small,” said Tanaka. “We learn empathy for others. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how much we are all the same.”

“Through our Rotary service, we know that cooperation is more productive than conflict,” he said. “We know that every one of us has something to give, and everyone has something to teach.”

Delegates elected nominee Ron D. Burton, of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, as the 2013-14 RI president during the fourth plenary session earlier in the day.

“I am both honored and humbled to accept the nomination of president of Rotary International,” Burton said in his acceptance remarks. “I take a tremendous amount of pride in being a Rotarian. To me, Rotary isn’t just another service organization. It is something different, something special.”

Burton says the best years are still to come for Rotary. He emphasized RI’s Strategic Plan as the tool to make that happen.

“The plan is a way to look clearly at who we are, where we are going, and how we should get there,” said Burton. “It’s a powerful reminder of our goals and priorities, which at their heart are the same as they’ve been since Rotary was founded.”

Achieving peace

Jose Ramos-Horta, president of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, talked about his country’s struggle to achieve peace. He told Rotarians that peace can be difficult but, with the right people in place, it’s attainable.

“Peace is a process – sometimes a long one, too long. It can be a formal political process,” said Ramos-Horta. “But to be sustained we have to deal with human beings as individuals, as communities, as people with traumas, emotions, and anger, but also with hopes, hearts, and feelings.”

Read the rest of this article on www.Rotary.org



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 (18) 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

Chalker, Gerry (4) PHF SM *

Pension Administration

Clark, Jason (2) SM

Insurance

Corbin, Andy (6) PHF SM X *

Electronics Mfg.

Curry, Jim PHF SM **

Government Management

Davis, James (32) PHF SM *

Public Utilities

Dorris, George PHF SM

Dentistry

JT Edwards SM

Retail Owner

Ekedahl, Brian SM

Social Services

Empson, Dan

Honorary

Fallin, Ralph (30) PHF SM X *

Dairy Products

Foster, William PHF SM * X

Attorney

Fowler, Bob (1) PHF SM

Association Manager

Gavin, Clifton SM

Attorney

Gilligan, Tony (16) 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 (3) SM

Retail Shopping Center

Hipsh, Whitney SM

Attorney

Hooton, Jeff (4) SM

Commercial Lending

Howard, William PHF

Real Estate-General

Johnson, Chris PHF *

CPA Retired

Johnson, Johnny (39) PHF SM X*

Banking

Kedroski, Cristie SM

Foundation Development

Kunkel, Richard SM

Education

LaBlanc, Ross

CPA

Landers, Chuck PHF SM

CPA

Leonard, Tony PHF **

Retail/Musical Instruments

Linn, John PHF SM

Kitchens-Retail

Litschauer, Ted SM

Public Safety

Lowrey, Tom PHF *

Stockbroker

Martin, Ralph PHF

Aircraft Equipment Mfg.

Mattern, Jamey PHF

Architect

Macdonald, David SM

Shopping Center Mgr

McDonald, J.R. SM

Aerospace Marketing

McNabb, Julie (1) SM

Developmental Disabilities

Meyer, Joe SM

Retail/Computers

Miller, David O. (9) 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

Page, Brian

Tax Attorney

Palmer, Charlie SM

Real Estate Development

Peadro, Roger PHF SM

Pastor

Plummer, Mary PHF SM

Real Estate Sales

Poff, Lyndon (2) PHF X SM

Paint & Body Shop

Pooley, Jan (5) 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 (35) PHF SM *

Property Management

Richburg, Bob PHF SM X

College Administration

Ricketts, Dusty SM

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 (20) PHF SM *

Travel Agent

Stevens, Rick (3) 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 (1) PHF*SM

Real Estate

Weaver, John SM

Youth Organization Mgmt.

Webber, Aaron (1) 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 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