



# The Rotary Reader

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**Presidential Citation Award Winner – 18<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

## *The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach*

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**Carita Smith**

**Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)**

Carita L. Smith was born and raised in Nashville, TN (also known as the County Music Hall of Fame) but was living in La Vergne, TN before moving to Crestview. While living in TN she was a Motor Vehicle Operator which is a fancy way of saying Bus Driver for the city of Nashville. Carita also drove chartered buses in her spare time so talking to the public was a natural way of life for her. While living in Tennessee Carita was a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer before coming to FL, and she wanted to continue her advocacy for children so becoming a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) was very important to her. She was appointed to the Lead Volunteer Recruiter position in July of 2011. At that time there were only at 290 volunteers circuit wide and now there are close to 400. Carita doesn't believe in wasting one moment of life so she stays busy and tries to bring a bit of joy and smiles to faces everywhere she goes, especially the children.

On November 6, Floridians will have the opportunity to vote on a number of amendments to our state constitution. The Collins Center for Public Policy at Florida State University ([www.FIAmendments.org](http://www.FIAmendments.org)) is a respected and reliable source of objective information about constitutional questions. The Collins Center has prepared a short explanation of each of the ballot questions and the referendum measure. This week we focus on Amendments 1 through 4.

**Amendment 1 : Health Care Services**

Title on ballot: Health Care Services

Sponsor/Originator: The Florida Legislature (Senator Gaetz is a sponsor of this proposal)

What it would do: This would add an amendment to the state constitution that attempts to prohibit the government from requiring individuals to purchase health insurance.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you want the Florida Constitution to include a provision that prohibits the government from requiring you to purchase health insurance.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you do not want the Florida Constitution to include a provision that prohibits the government from requiring you to purchase health insurance.

**Amendment 2: Veteran’s Property Tax Discount**

Title on Ballot: Veterans Disabled Due To Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount

Sponsor/Originator: The Florida Legislature (Senator Gaetz is a sponsor of this proposal)

What it would do: This amendment would allow certain disabled veterans, who were not Florida residents prior to entering military service, to qualify for a discount on their property taxes.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you want the state to give a property tax discount to disabled veterans who moved to Florida after entering the military.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you do not want to extend the tax discount to disabled veterans who moved to Florida after entering the military.

**Amendment 3: State Revenue Limitation**

Title on Ballot: State Government Revenue Limitation

Sponsor/Originator: The Florida Legislature (Senator Gaetz is a sponsor of this proposal)

What it would do: This amendment would set a state revenue limit each year based on a formula that considers population growth and inflation instead of using the current method of calculating the revenue limit based on personal income.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you want the state to change the way it calculates its revenue limit.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you do not want the state to change the way it calculates its revenue limit.

**Amendment 4: Property tax limitations; property value decline; reduction for non-homesteaded assessment increases; delay of scheduled repeal**

Title on Ballot: Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction For Nonhomestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal

Sponsor: The Florida Legislature (Senator Gaetz is a sponsor of this proposal)

What it would do: Reduce the maximum annual increase in taxable value of non-homestead properties from 10 percent to 5 percent; provide an extra homestead exemption for first-time home buyers; allow lawmakers to prohibit assessment increases for properties with decreasing market values.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you favor the enhanced tax breaks being proposed.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you are against the enhanced tax breaks being proposed.



The Rotary Foundation was created by Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph. The Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society of for Crippled Children in 1930. The organization founded by Rotarian Edgar Allen later grew into Easter Seals.

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS**

- October 24                      Coach Owens & Coach Thomas - FWB and Choctaw Football
- October 31                     General Fiel - United States Air Force
- November 7                    Lars Sullivan

**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.
- ◆ Back Packs - We stuff back packs **TODAY October 17th at 1:30 PM** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed at Longwood Elementary on October 26th to read to the kids.

**Please be sure to verify that your directory information is accurate if you have not done so already .**

**This Day in History**

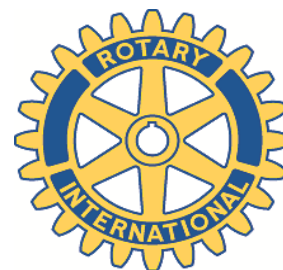
**On this day** in 1931, gangster Al Capone is sentenced to 11 years in prison for tax evasion and fined \$80,000, signaling the downfall of one of the most notorious criminals of the 1920s and 1930s.

**On this day** in 1973, the Arab-dominated Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) announces a decision to cut oil exports to the United States and other nations that provided military aid to Israel in the Yom Kippur War of October 1973.

**On this day** in 1989, the deadliest earthquake to hit the San Francisco area since 1906 strikes at 5:04 p.m. and lasts for 15 seconds. The quake measured 7.1 on the Richter scale, and its aftermath was witnessed on live television by millions of people watching the third game of the World Series of baseball between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics, held at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

**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

**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

**Fowler, 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

**Pedro, 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