



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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Bulletin

Aaron Webber

Scholarship, Inc.:

Natalie Simpson



The Wuerffel Trophy

John Watts & Tom Brassell

Why was the Wuerffel Trophy created? The All Sports Association felt that there was a void in major college football awards. Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel put it best when he wrote, “The Wuerffel. The Humanitarian Heisman. It’s about time. There’s an award for the best quarterback, best running back, wide receiver, best

linebacker, best center and even best kicker and punter. Why not one for the best human being?” For us, Danny Wuerffel is the perfect person to have this award named after. He represents that which is good in the world, and truly dedicates his life to community service in the highest form. Danny embodies the three categories of the award: Academics, Athletics and Community Service.

Danny said of his feelings of the Wuerffel Trophy, “It will inspire other people to be community minded, to live for others, to sacrifice their own interests for the benefit of the community and other people.” The All Sports Association is proud to present the Wuerffel Trophy, which we feel will one day become the premier college football award in America.

Japan Recovery Fund helps communities rebuild

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By Diana Schoberg

In ghost towns lying in the shadow of Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant, cows and dogs roam the streets.

Buses and cars sit atop buildings, washed there by the tsunami that hit the country's northeastern coast on 11 March 2011. Debris mars the landscape.

When Kazuhiko Ozawa, Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the Rotary East Japan Earthquake Recovery Fund Committee, talks about the Rotary-led recovery efforts in the region, his smile masks the heaviness he feels. To deal with the new reality, he says, he must persuade himself to be upbeat.

Providing comfort

Many people affected by the disaster are also coping with difficult emotions, and Rotarian projects have begun to help them. Initially, Ozawa says, funding proposals focused on urgent necessities – food, shelter, clothing. With time, the work has shifted from meeting physical needs to offering emotional support; projects have provided help lines, counselors, and libraries where orphaned children can find comfort.

“We found out that people were depressed. Some wanted to commit suicide,” he says. “They had lost hope.”

The Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund collected nearly \$8 million by the time the fund closed on 30 June. A little over \$1 million went to Matching Grants in the months immediately after the earthquake and tsunami. Since 1 July 2011, the fund has been managed by Ozawa's committee and has supported more than 160 projects.

The disaster recovery fund covers 25 percent of a project's cost; clubs and districts are responsible for raising the rest. Ozawa expects that the efforts supported by the fund will have a total impact of \$32 million. (Sister clubs and districts in other countries have funded other projects on their own.) The six committee members, all of whom are Rotarians in Japan, cover their own meeting and travel costs.

Projects have supplied schools with items including radiation counters and, in a city where the tsunami destroyed warehouses full of (now rotting) fish, screens to keep flies out. Rotarians have purchased medical equipment for hospitals and vehicles to deliver supplies, remove debris, and provide transportation.

Getting back to work

They are helping residents get back to work by giving new tractors, greenhouses, and dairy cattle to farmers; building a temporary chamber of commerce in one city to help businesspeople map out their recovery efforts; and purchasing fishing nets to replace those that had washed away. The fishermen were so grateful, Ozawa says, they gave Rotarian volunteers the first fish they caught.

“There are countless examples like this,” he says.

In Japan, Ozawa says, the tradition of Rotary has been a philosophical one.

“You talk about the ideal of Rotary, the object of Rotary, or the vocational ethics, those kinds of things,” he says. “This disaster, although it was unfortunate, has awakened people to what they can do.”

In one city, he knows of four clubs that thought they would disband after the disaster.

“But when they saw people from all over the world contributing money and trying to support them, they changed their minds.”

This Day in History

On this day in 1792, the Revolutionary War naval hero John Paul Jones dies in his Paris apartment, where he was still awaiting a commission as the United States consul to Algiers.

On this day in 64, a fire erupts in Rome, spreading rapidly throughout the market area in the center of the city. When the flames finally died out more than a week later, nearly two-thirds of Rome had been destroyed.

On this day in 1960, fifteen year old Brenda Lee earned the first of her many #1 hits with “I'm Sorry”.

On this day in 1999, New York Yankee David Cone pitches the 16th perfect game in major league history and 14th in the modern era with a no-hit, no-walk victory over the Montreal Expos.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

- July 25 Margaret Stewart - Okaloosa County Master Gardner's
- August 1 Alice Anne Yarbrough, RN - Emerald Coast Hospice
- August 8 Scholarship Inc. - Rotary Nursing Scholarship Presentations
- August 15 Jan Pooley - 2013 Club Initiatives

Rotary Youth Programs

Five Rotary Programs — Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Youth Camp and Youth Exchange — help provide young people with education and valuable life skills to ensure a better future.

Youth Camp

The North Florida Rotary Youth Camp is supported by the Rotary Clubs in the eastern part of District 6940 around Tallahassee, and is dedicated to giving your child an unequaled camping experience. The camp enables campers to grow in self-confidence and to experience success in physical activities and human relationships.

Rotary Youth Camp is intended for any child, age 9-16, with a physical limitation, which would make it difficult or impossible to participate at other camps.

Youth Exchange

Every year approximately 7,000 students ages 15 to 19 go abroad under the auspices of the Rotary Youth Exchange program, either for the academic year or an extended period of time. The increased self awareness and global perspective that they derive from the experience would not be possible without the commitment of the many volunteer host families and the dedication of those Rotarians who serve as Youth Exchange officers. In fact, this commitment and enthusiasm is transferred to many exchange students who continue their involvement after their exchange as members of ROTEX.

Rotarians with Birthdays Last Two Weeks and this Week

- Cliff Gavin Brian Trigg Matthew Morgan Forest Townsend**

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?



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



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 (6) PHF SM X *

Electronics Mfg.

Curry, Jim PHF SM **

Government Management

Davis, James (33) PHF SM *

Public Utilities

Dorris, George PHF SM

Dentistry

JT Edwards 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

Gavin, Clifton

Attorney

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

Martin, Ralph PHF

Aircraft Equipment Mfg.

Mattern, Jamey PHF SM

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. (10) PHF SM

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

Orr, Julie (1) SM

Personnel Staffing

Page, Brian SM

Tax Attorney

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

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 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

Weaver, John SM

Youth Organization Mgmt.

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