



The Rotary Reader

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Presidential Citation Award Winner – 18th Consecutive Year

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Born and raised in the North Texas area, Michael has been blessed to see various parts of the US and Europe since graduating high school. After some involvement in the Rotary Club his senior year of High School with RYLA, he was given the opportunity to spend a year in France upon his graduation. Michael left pursuing culinary and language skills and returned 'home' with so much more. Upon his return, Michael enrolled at Johnson & Wales University in Denver, CO to learn more about culinary arts and hospitality. After about a year, he transferred to the North Miami Johnson & Wales University and completed his degree there. His last year in college, he met and fell in love with a girl, Courtney who convinced him to move to her hometown of Destin to get married, where we tied the knot last year. Michael has had several successful ventures in the restaurant and culinary business and is currently pursuing hospitality with Jos A Bank.

2012 Billy Bowlegs Sponsorship Teams

Update

Team 1 - \$0.00	Team 4 - \$2,500.00	Team 7 - \$0.00
Team 2 - \$0.00	Team 5 - \$0.00	Team 8 - \$0.00
Team 3 - \$0.00	Team 6 - \$0.00	Team 9 - \$0.00
		Team 10 - \$0.00

"If teams don't start bringing in sponsors soon the golf committee may have to resort to flogging." - Roger Peadro

HAITI TRIP

Rotary District 6940 is planning a humanitarian trip to Haiti to continue the earthquake recovery work that has been underway for almost two years. Details have not been finalized but tentative schedule is 1st or 2nd week in March. Let Scott know if you are interested in being a part of this vital mission.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

2/23 Bag Food for Weekend Backpack - 1:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2/25 Rotary Day of Service - 9am at Rotary Park. Social gathering after (TBD).

Wear your Rotary shirt if you have one. Bring a garbage bag, gloves, etc...

4/28-29 District 6940 Conference at Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach

One-liner's of the Day

- ◆ Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- ◆ Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ◆ The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.



President Scott with last week's guest, Brian Haugen of the Taylor Haugen Foundation

India prepares for Polio Summit 2012

In the wake of India achieving one year without a case of polio, the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in partnership with Rotary International, is organizing Polio Summit 2012. It will be held 25-26 February in New Delhi.

The summit is aimed at sustaining the country's momentum toward eradicating polio by increasing awareness of the disease, securing strong support from governments and other partners, and promoting routine immunization. The meeting also will create a platform for government and health officials to develop a strategy for ending the disease in the three other countries where it is endemic – Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan – and throughout the world.

More than 1,000 government leaders, health officials, and Rotarians from India and neighboring countries, along with representatives from Rotary International, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, are expected to attend the event. “The Polio Summit will help greatly in continuing advocacy with political, bureaucratic, and religious, as well as corporate and social, leaders and other organizations,” says RI President Kalyan Banerjee.

Before the summit, on 19 February, more than 200 Rotarians from several countries will participate with their Indian counterparts in the country's National Immunization Day. About half of the visiting Rotarians also plan to attend the Polio Summit.

Afterward, on 27 February, the annual National PolioPlus Orientation and Planning Meeting for RI governors-elect and district PolioPlus chairs will be held in New Delhi, hosted by the India PolioPlus Committee. “India is tantalizingly close to eradicating polio,” says Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo, chair of the summit. “Rotary International has committed to be the torchbearer until India and the world become polio-free.”

Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of health and family welfare, credited Rotary with helping his country near the goal of polio eradication when he spoke at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, in September. He cited “not only the mobilization of funds, but the active participation of Rotarians in the field,” and said, “My country has benefited greatly from your support, and I thank all of you.”

Entire Article at www.rotary.org

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Joe Brewster (22nd)



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?



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Rotary Roster

Anderson, Robert SM

CPA

Arthur, Jack PHF SM

Insurance

Bennett, Nitsi 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

Calleri, Chris

Communications

Chalker, Gerry PHF SM *

Pension Administration

Clark, Jason SM

Insurance

Conner, Tom PHF SM

News Media

Corbin, Andy PHF SM X *

Electronics Mfg.

Curry, Jim PHF SM **

Government Management

Davis, James PHF SM *

Public Utilities

Dorris, George PHF SM

Dentistry

Duncan, Buddy SM

Chaplain

Ekedahl, Brian SM

Social Services

Empson, Dan

Honorary

Fallin, Ralph PHF SM X *

Dairy Products

Foster, William PHF SM * X

Attorney

Fowler, Bob PHF SM

Association Manager

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Attorney

Gilligan, Tony PHF SM

Government Contractor

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 SM

Retail Shopping Center

Hipsh, Whitney SM

Attorney

Hooton, Jeff SM

Commercial Lending

Howard, William PHF

Real Estate-General

Johnson, Chris PHF *

CPA Retired

Johnson, Johnny PHF SM X *

Banking

Kedroski, Cristie SM

Foundation Development

Landers, Chuck PHF SM

CPA

Leonard, Tony PHF **

Retail/Musical Instruments

Linn, John PHF SM

Kitchens-Retail

Litschauer, Ted SM

Public Safety

Lowrey, Thomas PHF *

Stockbroker

Martin, Ralph PHF

Aircraft Equipment Mfg.

Mattern, Jamey PHF

Architect

McDonald, J.R. SM

Aerospace Marketing

McNabb, Julie SM

Developmental Disabilities

Meyer, Joe

Retail/Computers

Miller, David O. 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

Palmer, Charlie

Real Estate Development

Peadro, Roger PHF SM

Pastor

Plummer, Mary PHF SM

Real Estate Sales

Poff, Lyndon PHF X SM

Paint & Body Shop

Pooley, Jan 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 PHF SM *

Property Management

Richburg, Bob PHF SM X

College Administration

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 PHF SM *

Travel Agent

Stevens, Rick 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 PHF*SM

Real Estate

Weaver, John SM

Youth Organization Mgmt.

Webber, Aaron 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 have perfect attendance.

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