



The Rotary Reader

Post Office Box 892

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

Presidential Citation Award Winner – 18th Consecutive Year

The Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach

Board of Directors

President:

Scott Smith

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Jan Pooley

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Jason Clark

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Roger Peadro

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Al Stearns

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Membership:

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Roger Peadro

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Aaron Webber

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Mike WrightReynolds

Programs:

Chad Hamilton

Scholarship, Inc.:

Natalie Simpson

Social Committee

Vacant

Bulletin

Aaron Webber

Executive Secretary

Nancy Robinson

Assistant District Governor

Rick Stevens



Don Amunds

Okaloosa County Commissioner

District 4

Don Amunds was re-elected as County Commissioner in 2010. In 2008 the Florida Association of Counties certified Don as a Certified County Commissioner. After spending four years in the US Army being stationed at Camp James Rudder and the 2nd Armored Division in

Northern Germany, Don dedicated his energy toward public service. He served as a deputy sheriff and investigator for 17 years before running for County Commissioner in 2004. Don has a B.S. degree from Troy University.

Don has lived in Okaloosa County since 1970 where he was raised and educated. Don lives with his wife, Joanna, and two sons, Scott and Robbie, in Mary Esther. They worship at Trinity United Methodist Church.

His liaisons on the Board of County Commissioners are as follows:

Community: Florida Association of Counties; Transportation Planning Organization; Military Relations, Hurlburt; Regional Utility Authority; Fire Code Advisory Board; League of Cities, Law Library

County: Fleet; Tax Collector, Public Safety, Veterans Services & Extension Service

Other community involvement includes: Children in Crisis; American Heart Association; Honorary Commander, 33rd, Eglin; All Sports Association; Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge; Enlisted Widows Foundation; Former Little League Coach; Former PASA Soccer Coach

Charities and non-profit organization that Don supports: United Way; Special Olympics; YMCA

Boys and Girls Club; Eleanor Johnson Youth Center; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Boy & Girl Scouts; Children's Home Society; Emerald Coast Advocacy Center; Horizons; Shelter House; Youth Village (Nellie Bogar); Okaloosa-Walton Readers; YMCA Childcare; Every Child a Swimmer; Head Start Child Development; Okaloosa-Walton Child Care Services, Inc.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

April 28-29 District 6940 Conference at Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach
 Please contact Nancy if you are interested in attending the District Conference this weekend. The club will pay your way!

April 25 **SERVICE** - Time to stuff backpacks again at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church **TODAY** at 1:30

May 2 Jim Breitenfeld will speak on DSI

May 4-5 **Billy Bowlegs Amateur Golf Tournament at Fort Walton Beach Golf Club**



**IN MEMORY
 WALT RUCKEL**

Walt was a great Rotarian and member of the Niceville Rotary Club. Walt was instrumental in the formation of the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club as its charter sponsor.

It's the Home Stretch...Make it Happen!

Team 1 - \$2050.00 Mary Plummer	Team 2 - \$2750.00 Lyndon Poff	Team 3 - \$2750.00 Pete Smith	Team 4 - \$3950.00 Matt Turpin	Team 5 - \$1925.00 Al Stearns
Andy Corbin	Jim Curry	James Davis	George Dorris	JT Edwards
Haydon Grubbs	Chad Hamilton	Sallie Hardy	Tom Hayes	Jody Henderson
Johnny Johnson	Cristie Kedroski	Chuck Landers	Tony Leonard	John Linn
Dave Miller	Jason Monroe	John Morgan	Matt Morgan	Dan Nelson
Robert Anderson	Jack Arthur	Jan Pooley	Debbie Bodensine	Kathy Pritchard
Eulice Shelley	Natalie Simpson	Nitsi Bennett	Charlie Potts	Joe Brewster
Forrest Townsend	Brian Trigg	Alex Trum	Scott Smith	John Vaughan
Jean Woo	Mike WrightReynolds	Jack Yeiser	Russ Youngblood	John Foster
Team 6 - \$1000.00 Michele Nicholson	Team 7 - \$1300.00 Kevin Cagle	Team 8 - \$2200.00 Julie Orr	Team 9 - \$2775.00 Gerry Chalker	Team 10 - \$2650.00 Roger Peadro
Brian Ekedahl	Ralph Fallin	Scotty Foster	Bob Fowner	Tony Gilligan
Mitzi Henley	Whitney Hipsh	Jeff Hooton	Bill Howard	Chris Johnson
Ted Litschauer	Jamey Mattern	J. R. McDonald	Julie McNabb	Joe Meyer
Frank Brutt	Ted Rahe	Bob Richburg	Charlie Palmer	Jason Clark
Fred Pryor	Randy Stokes	Alexis Tibbetts	Joe Rollins	Susan Shaw
Rick Stevens	John Weaver	Aaron Webber	Kent Tinsley	Herb Tinsley
Yonge Watson	Ron Grissom	David Macdonald	Charles West	Ken Williamson
Dusty Ricketts	Ross LeBlanc		James Bass	Richard Kunkel

Ten Rotarians honored as Champions of Change at White House

Rotary International News - April 23, 2012

Ten U.S. Rotarians were honored by the White House on 20 April as Champions of Change for their exemplary humanitarian work locally and internationally.

At the daylong event, more than 160 Rotarians attended a morning round of briefings by U.S. government officials on topics including maternal and child health, disease prevention, economic development, youth and education, water and sanitation, and peace building.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee, addressing the session, said the 10 honorees clearly demonstrate a problem-solving spirit.

“Each of them identified a problem—whether it was water-borne disease or poverty or hunger or polio -- and they did something about it. But they did it in a way that works,” said Banerjee. “They worked closely with the community to ensure that the solutions they proposed were better than what was there before in all ways – solutions that were workable, preferable, and -- and this is a key point -- sustainable.”

“Every one of our champions of change can offer the kind of fundamental knowledge and understanding of their communities that informs innovative solutions designed to work on every level,” said Banerjee. “They will serve as inspiration to all of us.”

Following Rotary's model

During the event Rajive Shah, administrator of USAID, the government’s primary foreign assistance agency, said a new campaign to improve maternal and child health will follow the Rotary model of eradicating polio.

“What I am proud to announce to you is that we are going to model ourselves on your example,” said Shah.

Shah said USAID plans to “reach every kid on the planet” and their mothers with a five-pronged preventive health package of bed nets to prevent malaria, routine vaccinations, nutrient-enhanced food, anti-retroviral drugs for HIV-positive mothers, and a simple breathing device to prevent birth asphyxia (death due to decreased oxygen). The initiative will launch June 14.

[Read the rest of this article and information about each Champion of Change at www.rotary .org](http://www.rotary.org)

This Day in History

On this day in 1859 At Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas. Ferdinand de Lesseps, the French diplomat who organized the colossal undertaking, delivered the pickax blow that inaugurated construction.

On this day in 1995, the actress Ginger Rogers, best known for the 10 films she made with her dance partner Fred Astaire, dies at the age of 83.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL—FIRST NOTICE

Brian Page (Tax Attorney)



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 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 PHF SM *

Pension Administration

Clark, Jason SM

Insurance

Corbin, Andy PHF SM X *

Electronics Mfg.

Curry, Jim PHF SM **

Government Management

Davis, James PHF SM *

Public Utilities

Dorris, George PHF SM

Dentistry

JT Edwards SM

Retail Owner

Ekedahl, Brian SM

Social Services

Empson, Dan

Honorary

Fallin, Ralph PHF SM X *

Dairy Products

Foster, William PHF SM * X

Attorney

Fowner, Bob PHF SM

Association Manager

Gavin, Clifton SM

Attorney

Gilligan, Tony 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 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

Kunkel, Richard SM

Education

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 SM

Developmental Disabilities

Meyer, Joe SM

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 SM

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

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 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 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