



The Rotary Reader

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Margaret Stewart

Okaloosa County Master Gardeners

Margaret Stewart is the President of the Okaloosa County Master Gardeners. She also maintains the Master Gardener Newsletter and Websites.

Mrs. Stewart is originally from New Jersey where she studied greenhouse operations management, as well as landscaping and floral design. She turned this knowledge into a prosperous business for several years. A woman with eclectic interests, Margaret was also actively involved with the Future Farmers of America and a regional aviation museum.

After arriving in Crestview in 2006, Mrs. Stewart discovered that gardening in the south was a bit different from what she was used to up north. Up for a challenge, she decided to learn as much southern gardening as she could and joined the Master Gardeners in 2008 as part of that educational process. Today, Margaret has developed a deep appreciation for how things propagate in Okaloosa County. Her insights, however, have a slight Yankee twist.

In addition to her horticulture activities, Mrs. Stewart is the owner of PMS Press which publishes her husband's books. In addition, she tends her garden, cans and bakes, and is pursuing a degree in Project Management. When she has the time she also loves to quilt. Margaret loves the Emerald Coast and lives her relatively hectic life with her husband and two cats.

The kindness of strangers

The Rotarian – July 2012

By Paul Engleman

Bob Rewoldt credits his mother with nurturing his dedication to peace from the time he was a child.

“She volunteered for local causes, many of them church related, and supported peace movements,” recalls Rewoldt, who grew up on a farm near Waverly, Iowa, USA. “She also encouraged me in my studies.” After serving in the navy, he earned a degree in political science from Drake University in Des Moines, then moved to Marin County, Calif., where he began a successful career in real estate, specializing in residential property transactions.

His early interest in peace led him to support the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, an annual conference started in 1989 that rotates among five colleges in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota: Augsburg, Augustana, Concordia, Luther, and St. Olaf, all founded by Norwegian immigrants. For that program, he produced an eight-page pamphlet and study guide titled *The Peace Race International*.

A few years ago, Rewoldt contacted John Osterlund, general manager of The Rotary Foundation, to learn about Rotary’s commitment to world peace. During their conversation, Osterlund discovered that he owed the call to Rewoldt’s other passion: playing bridge. Although Rewoldt was not a member of a Rotary club, he had heard good things about the organization from a longtime Rotarian friend and fellow bridge player. When Osterlund realized that Rewoldt was calling from nearby Minnesota, where he and his wife, Susan, live for part of the year, he invited them to learn about the organization firsthand at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

Their visit, Osterlund says, marked the start of a personal friendship with the Rewoldts, and a relationship with the Foundation that led to a large donation. Last year, the couple were inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society, which recognizes those who give \$250,000 or more to the Foundation. Their gift supports the Rotary Peace Centers, a program that has trained nearly 600 future leaders in peace studies and conflict resolution at seven universities over the past decade. Rewoldt’s pamphlet is now distributed to all Rotary Peace Fellows.

Rewoldt is particularly concerned about the obstacles to peace associated with “the consolidation of power in the hands of a few.” For years, he has warned of a world transitioning to a society with “1 percent of the population in control of everything and 30 percent in poverty,” in which going to war may provide a step up in the quality of life for the impoverished. He is a staunch advocate of the direct democracy model of government as practiced in Switzerland, a country he has visited many times. “I believe the best hope we have for peace in the world is through direct democracy,” he says.

Susan Rewoldt says she and her husband “are happy to make a donation to Rotary because it does so many good things. The Rotary Peace Centers aim to achieve world peace through leadership, and the programs promoting areas such as literacy and health help to elevate people.”

Osterlund credits Jerry Besses, a member of the Rotary Club of Petaluma Valley, Calif., with doing “an incredible amount of the prep work” in bringing Rotary to the Rewoldts’ attention. Besses has known the couple for decades. “I met Bob 30 years ago over a bridge table, and we discussed the concepts of world peace back then,” he recalls. “He and I are very close in terms of what we believe. He’s very liberal socially, and he is not materialistic. He believes passionately in world peace.”

Read the rest of this article in the July issue of The Rotarian

This Day in History

On this day in 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the world's first baby to be conceived via in vitro fertilization (IVF) is born at Oldham and District General Hospital in Manchester, England, to parents Lesley and Peter Brown. The healthy baby was delivered shortly before midnight by caesarean section and weighed in at five pounds, 12 ounces.

On this day in 1945, President Harry S. Truman nonchalantly hints to Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin that the United States has successfully developed a new weapon. In his diary, Truman privately referred to the new weapon, the atomic bomb, as the most terrible bomb in the history of the world.

On this day in 1992, the opening ceremonies of the Games of the XXV Olympiad are held in Barcelona, Spain. The Barcelona Olympics were the first ever in which professional athletes were allowed to participate.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

- August 1 Alice Anne Yarbrough, RN - Emerald Coast Hospice
 August 8 Scholarship Inc. - Rotary Nursing Scholarship Presentations
 August 15 Jan Pooley - 2013 Club Initiatives

District 6940 Group Study Exchange

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

For each team member, the Foundation provides the most economical round-trip airline ticket between the home and host countries. Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

Rotarians with Birthdays Last Two Weeks and this Week

Jim Davis

Nitsi Bennett

Bill Howard



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

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.

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

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

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