



# 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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### Lieutenant General Eric E. Fiel

Lt. Gen. Eric E. Fiel is the Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla. The command is the Air Force component of U.S. Special Operations Command. AFSOC provides Air Force special operations forces for worldwide deployment and assignment to unified combatant commanders. The command has approximately 16,000 active-duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and civilian professionals.

General Fiel entered the Air Force in 1981 as a graduate of Officer Training School. He has held a variety of assignments and has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. Additionally, he has held a variety of staff positions at major command, unified command, Air Staff and Secretary of the Air Force levels. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Vice Commander, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, Washington, D.C..

General Fiel has significant experience in combat and leadership positions in major joint contingency operations. He commanded a special operations squadron during Bosnia and Kosovo operations. From September 2001 to March 2003, he was forward-deployed as the Joint Special Operations Air Component Commander in Operation Enduring Freedom. From May 2006 to April 2008, he was forward-deployed as a Task Force Commander multiple times for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

#### EDUCATION

1980 Bachelor of Science degree in Management, University of Buffalo, N.Y.  
 1984 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
 1989 Master's degree in Management, Troy State University  
 1992 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  
 1992 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.  
 2001 Master's degree in strategic studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
 2005 National Security Management Course, Syracuse University, N.Y.  
 2008 Navy Senior Leader Business Course, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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 9 through 12.

**Amendment 9: Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder**

Title on Ballot: Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder

Sponsor/Originator: The Florida Legislature

What it would do: This would grant a full property tax exemption to the surviving spouses of military veterans who die while on active duty and to the surviving spouses of first responders who die in the line of duty.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you want the state to grant the full homestead exemption to the surviving spouses.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you do not want the state to grant the full homestead exemption.

**Amendment 10: Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption**

Title on Ballot: Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption

Sponsor/Originator: The Florida Legislature

What it would do: This amendment would double the tangible personal property tax exemption and allow local governments to increase the exemption.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you want to double the tangible personal property tax exemption and allow cities and counties to expand the exemptions beyond that.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you do not want to double the tangible personal property tax exemption and you do not want to allow cities and counties to expand the exemptions.

**Amendment 11: Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value**

Title on Ballot: Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value

Sponsor/Originator: The Florida Legislature

What it would do: This amendment would give an additional property tax exemption to low-income seniors who have lived in their home for more than 25 years.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you think cities and counties should have the authority to grant a full property tax discount to eligible seniors.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you do not think that cities and counties should have the authority to grant a full property tax discount to eligible seniors.

**Amendment 12: Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System**

Title on Ballot: Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System

Sponsor/Originator: The Florida Legislature

What it would do: This amendment would change the way the state selects the student representative on the state university system’s Board of Governors, which oversees the university system.

If you vote yes: A “yes” vote means you want the state create a new council of university student presidents from which the student representative to the Board of Governors will be chosen.

If you vote no: A “no” vote means you want to keep the current system of selecting the student representative to the Board of Governors.



Did you know: The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

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| November 7  | Jody Henderson - Rotary Foundation   |
|             | Wear your Paul Harris Ribbons and Pins on November 7th                             |
| November 7  | Back Packs - We stuff back packs again at 1:30 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. |
| November 14 | Scholarship Inc. Annual Meeting at 1:00 right after Rotary meeting                 |

### 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.
- ◆ 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.

### This Day in History

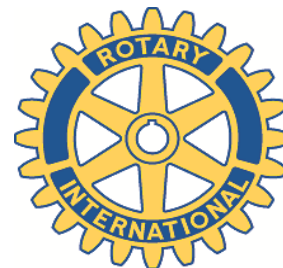
**On this day** in 1926, Harry Houdini, the most celebrated magician and escape artist of the 20th century, dies of peritonitis in a Detroit hospital. Twelve days before, Houdini had been talking to a group of students after a lecture in Montreal when he commented on the strength of his stomach muscles and their ability to withstand hard blows. Suddenly, one of the students punched Houdini twice in the stomach. The magician hadn't had time to prepare, and the blows ruptured his appendix. He fell ill on the train to Detroit, and, after performing one last time, was hospitalized. Doctors operated on him, but to no avail. The burst appendix poisoned his system.

**On this day** in 1950, 21-year-old Earl Lloyd becomes the first African-American to play in an NBA game when he takes the court in the season opener for the Washington Capitols.

**On this day** in 1892, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, by Arthur Conan Doyle, is published. The book was the first collection of Holmes stories, which Conan Doyle had been publishing in magazines since 1887.

### 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

**Fowner, 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

**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

**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