



The Rotary Reader

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Kris Thoma Development Specialist

Children's Home Society of Florida



Kris Thoma, a development specialist for Children's Home Society of Florida, is a member of the Cordova Rotary Club and a resident of Pensacola. Today she will share information about Children's Home Society of Florida, an agency that has worked in Florida since 1902 to help children who have been abused or neglected. CHS's local programs are targeted at strengthening families and preventing child abuse in Okaloosa, Walton, Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties.





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6940 CONFERENCE

April 19 – 21, 2011

“Celebrating Peace Through Service”

Wyndham Bay Point Resort, Panama City, Florida



Taxes

by Patty Lamberti
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Taxes date as far back as ancient Egypt. One hieroglyphic tablet shows tax collectors beating peasants who didn't pay on time.

- On 16 December 1773, about 100 colonists destroyed tea on three British ships docked in Boston Harbor. The British government had implemented a tax on tea imported into the colonies. The “tea party” instigators were primarily protesting a lack of representation in British parliament, in addition to the price of tea.
- States needed to pay their debts after the American Revolution. The newly formed federal government imposed excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol. Pennsylvania farmers revolted in 1794, in what became known as the Whiskey Rebellion. Today, the federal tax on a 750-milliliter bottle of 80-proof liquor is \$2.14. The federal tax on a pack of cigarettes is \$1.01.
- In 1861, Congress passed the first income tax law in an effort to help cover the cost of the Civil War. The law was later repealed. In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, creating the first permanent federal income tax. In 2011, 24.9 percent of federal income tax payments went toward the national defense budget.
- The first U.S. 1040 tax form was created in 1913. Today, the Internal Revenue Service offers a total of 1,177 forms and instructions. Of the 93,337 employees who worked for the IRS at the end of fiscal year 2009, only 14,264 were revenue agents.
- Tax Freedom Day – the day when “the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year,” calculated by the Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan tax research group – hasn't occurred earlier than 31 March since 1950.
- To pay their taxes for 2012, 35 percent of Americans used tax software, 31 percent relied on websites that calculate taxes, 28 percent hired an accountant, 1 percent used a cell phone app, and 5 percent did it the old way: with a pen and paper.
- The maximum federal tax rate for a U.S. citizen in 2012 was 35 percent. Aruba has the world's highest rate, at 59 percent, followed by Sweden, at 56.6 percent. People who live in the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bermuda, Brunei, the Cayman Islands, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates pay no income taxes.

In 2011, 84 percent of Americans did not think cheating on taxes was acceptable. About 1 in 90 of all individual U.S. tax returns were audited that year. The IRS charges a 20 percent “negligence” penalty for careless mistakes on tax returns, but if the agency believes a taxpayer committed fraud, it can charge 75 percent of the tax owed and send the person to jail for five years.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

April 3 **Stuff Backpacks today after meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

April 10 Rev Mark Fitzhugh, Doolittle Raiders

April 17 Ben Anderrson, Okaloosa County Tax Collector

April 24 Group Study Exchange

Rotary Family Night with the Wahoos May 16th. Let Andy or Lorrageia know if you would like to attend.



This Day in History

On this day in 1860, the first Pony Express mail, traveling by horse and rider relay teams, simultaneously leaves St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California.

On this day in 1882, One of America's most famous criminals, Jesse James, is shot to death by fellow gang member Bob Ford, who betrayed James for reward money.

On this day in 1996, At his small wilderness cabin near Lincoln, Montana, Theodore John Kaczynski is arrested by FBI agents and accused of being the Unabomber, the elusive terrorist blamed for 16 mail bombs that killed three people and injured 23 during an 18-year period.

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

Beedie, Michael SM

Government Administration

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 PHF SM

Education

Landers, Chuck PHF SM

CPA

LeBlanc, Ross 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

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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 PHF 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

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

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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