

# ROTARY ROSTER

**Bill Alexson**  
Military Operations Commander

**Robert Anderson, SM**  
CPA

**Jack Arthur, PHF SM**  
Insurance

**James Bass, SM**  
Funeral Director

**Nitsi Bennett, (20) PHF RotY ●**  
Non-Profit Administration

**Debbie Bodenshtine, PHF SM RotY**  
Economic Development

**Jeffrey Bost**  
Banking

**Joseph Brewster, PHF SM**  
Cable Television

**Frank Brutt, PHF SM**  
County Planning

**Mack Busbee**  
County Government

**Tom Butcher**  
Honorary Member

**Kevin Cagle, SM**  
Office Machines

**Gerry Chalker, (6) PHF SM ●**  
Pension Administration

**Jason Clark, SM**  
Insurance

**Andy Corbin, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Electronics manufacturing

**George Dorris, PHF SM**  
Dentistry

**J.T. Edwards, SM**  
Landscaping Owner

**Brian Ekedahl, SM**  
Social Services

**Dan Empson**  
Honorary Member

**Cliff Ennis**  
Business IT Management

**Ralph Fallin, (32) PHF SM RotY ●**  
Dairy Products

**Bob Fowner, PHF SM**  
Association Manager

**Tony Gilligan, PHF SM**  
Government Contractor

**Ron Grissom, SM**  
Utilities

**Haydon Grubbs, PHF SM**  
Education

**Chad Hamilton, PHF SM**  
Certified Public Accountant

**Ross Hamilton**  
Education-College

**Sallie Hardy, PHF SM**  
Commercial Properties

**Tom Hayes, PHF SM**  
Financial Services

**Jody Henderson, PHF SM ●**  
Accounting/Auditing

**Mitzi Henley, (5) SM**  
Retail Shopping Center

**Jeff Hooton, PHF SM**  
Commercial Lending

**Chris Johnson, PHF ●**  
CPA Retired

**Laura Kirby**  
Business Development

**Richard Kunkel, PHF SM**  
Education

**Chuck Landers, PHF SM**  
Certified Public Accountant

**Ross LaBlanc, SM**  
Certified Public Accountant

**Tony Leonard, PHF SM ●●**  
Retail/Musical Instruments

**John Linn, PHF SM**  
Kitchens-Retail

**Ted Litschauer, PHF SM**  
Public Safety

**Jamey Mattern, PHF SM**  
Architect

**David Macdonald, SM PHF ●●**  
Shopping Center Manager

**Julie McNabb, SM**  
Developmental Disabilities

**Joe Meyer, SM**  
Retail/Computers

**David O. Miller, (11) PHF SM**  
Developmental Disabilities

**John Morgan, PHF SM ●**  
Computer Engineer

**Matthew Morgan, SM**  
Electrical Engineer

**Dan Nelson, PHF SM**  
Restaurant/Fast Food

**Michele Nicholson, SM**  
Communications

**Brian Page, (1) SM**  
Tax Attorney

**Susan Page, SM**  
Professional Counseling

**Roger Peadro, PHF SM RotY**  
Pastor

**Mary Plummer, PHF SM**  
Real Estate Sales

**Lyndon Poff, PHF SM RotY**  
Paint & Body Shop

**Jan Pooley, (7) PHF SM RotY ●**  
Department Store

**Charlie Potts, PHF SM ●**  
Jeweler

**Kathy Pritchard, PHF SM**  
Commercial Banking

**Fred Pryor, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Utility Service-Gas

**Ted Rahe, (37) PHF SM ●**  
Property Management

**Dusty Ricketts, SM**  
News Media

**Katie Sharon, SM**  
Commercial Banking

**Susan Shaw, PHF SM**  
Fund Raising

**Eulice Shelley, PHF SM ●**  
Moving & Storage

**Natalie Simpson, SM**  
Legislative

**Scott Smith, PHF SM ●**  
Chiropractor

**Whitney Smith, SM**  
Attorney

**Allan Stearns, PHF SM ●**  
Travel Agent

**Rick Stevens, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Surge Suppression Systems

**Randy Stokes, PHF SM ●**  
Architecture

**Kent Tinsley, SM**  
Commercial Banking

**Herb Tinsley, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Savings & Loan Management

**Forrest Townsend, PHF SM RotY ●**  
Veterinarian

**Alex Trum, PHF SM**  
Orthodontist Retired

**Matt Turpin, SM**  
Certified Public Accountant

**John Vaughan, PHF SM**  
Past Service

**Aaron Webber, SM**  
Condo Management

**Charles West, PHF SM**  
Investment Broker

**Ken Williamson, PHF SM ●**  
Retired

**Jean Woo, PHF SM**  
Dentist

**Jack Yeiser, PHF SM**  
Mortgage Broker

**Russ Youngblood, PHF SM ●●**  
Psychologist

**PHF:** Paul Harris Fellows  
**SM:** PH Sustaining Members  
**RotY:** FWB Rotarian of the Year  
● FWB Club Past President  
●● Other Club Past President

Members in **blue** are recognized as having perfect attendance as of the end of the previous year

Members in **yellow** are on a leave of absence

**Don't forget that you can make up missed meetings at neighboring clubs. They include:**  
**Crestview:** 12 p.m. Wednesday at Ryan's  
**Destin:** 7:15 a.m. Tuesday at Ruth-erford's at Regatta Bay  
**DeFuniak Springs:** 12 p.m. Wednesday at McLain's Family Steak-house  
**Mid-Bay:** 7 a.m. Wednesday at Bluewater Bay Golf Club  
**Navarre:** 12 p.m. Thursday at Tus-can Grill at Hidden Creek  
**Niceville:** 12 p.m. Thursday at Northwest Florida State College Building K  
**South Walton:** 7:30 a.m. Thurs-day at Embassy Suites

# the Rotary READER



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## Board of Directors

**President:**  
Roger Peadro

**Vice President:**  
Debbie Bodenshtine

**Secretary:**  
Kathy Prichard

**Treasurer:**  
Charles West

**Past President:**  
Jan Pooley

## Committee Chairs

**Membership:**  
Dave Macdonald

**Service Projects:**  
Aaron Webber

**Rotary Foundation:**  
Jody Henderson

**Public Relations:**  
Michele Nicholson

**Club Administration:**  
Katie Sharon

**Youth Service:**  
Debbie Bodenshtine

**Sergeant at Arms:**  
Ross LeBlanc/Joe Meyer

**Scholarship, Inc.:**  
Matt Turpin

**Rotary Reader:**  
Dusty Ricketts

**Executive Secretary:**  
Lorrageia Jackson  
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## Ted Corcoran

Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce

Ted Corcoran was hired as president and CEO of the Fort Walton chamber in December 2005. He was born in New Jersey and graduated from the University of New Hampshire. Corcoran moved to the Emerald Coast in 1990 and joined the chamber that year.

In 2004, he was elected to the Destin City Council and he served on the board for four years.

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce brings together the business, non-profit, and cultural leaders of our area, strengthening local businesses and enhancing the quality of life in our community by providing services which help businesses help them-selves. As the largest chamber from Pensacola to Tallahassee, we host the largest (and friendliest!) regular business networking events in Northwest Florida. Additionally, we organize a variety of community festivals throughout the year, including the world-famous Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival later this month. The chamber offers business promotion, advocacy, and exposure to its members, along with various opportunities to serve the community. There's always something going on at the chamber.





## Rotary's historic climb in Sydney

By Adam Ross  
Rotary News

During Friday's world record-breaking Sydney Harbour bridge climb, Rotary members raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio.

Despite the physically grueling four-hour trek up and down the bridge's storied steel arches, the 340 participants kept their good spirits and stood side-by-side waving 278 flags.

"When the helicopters were going around, you just felt like one great big nation," says Graeme Davies, district governor of the Rotary Club of Kincumber in Australia.

The massive turnout eclipsed Oprah Winfrey's world-record climb in 2011 when she summited the bridge alongside 315 of her most ardent fans. But for Rotary members, the record paled in comparison to the experience and the opportunity to take a step closer to ending polio forever. The event raised 110,000 Australian dollars (US\$102,300).

"It made me even prouder to be a Rotarian," said John Avakian from Healdsburg, California, USA. "It was an incredible experience of tremendous camaraderie."

Rotary members cheered for each of the 26 groups as they made way through the lobby to the entrance of the bridge climb. Cloud cover hid the sun for most of the morning, but light broke through briefly as the climbers unfurled their flags, which had been tucked into their sleeves during the ascent. Helicopters circled overhead from a variety of local Sydney news stations. Climbers cheered, danced, and even broke into the "Wave" from 400 feet above ground.

"I think that's exactly what Rotary needs," said Nate Harimoto of Thousand Oaks, California, "a show of force from all around the world."

Climbers from Taiwan, Australia, China, Japan, United States, and dozens of other countries and regions supported each other during the event. They watched each other's backs, literally and figuratively, helping to steer climbers' heads away from hanging steel beams. For a day, their commitment to help others also became a commitment to help each other. And in the process, they raised enough money to show the world how committed they are to polio eradication.

For Leilani Ross of Queensland, however, the climb was also about closing an important family chapter. She had long wanted to climb the bridge with her father, but didn't get the chance before he died a few years ago.

"The friendliness is just wonderful," Ross said. "Everyone is very welcoming."

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

June 11: Jean Woo, mission project  
June 18: Sandra Smith, Pensacola Museum of Art  
June 25: no meeting due to banquet  
July 2: Buddy Bowman, Light Energy Therapy

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**On this day in 1919**, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land. Eight days later, the 19th Amendment took effect.

**On this day in 1942**, the Battle of Midway – one of the most decisive U.S. victories against Japan during World War II – begins. During the four-day sea-and-air battle, the outnumbered U.S. Pacific Fleet succeeded in destroying four Japanese aircraft carriers while losing only one of its own, the Yorktown, to the previously invincible Japanese navy.

**On this day in 1989**, Chinese troops storm through Tiananmen Square in the center of Beijing, killing and arresting thousands of pro-democracy protesters. The brutal Chinese government assault on the protesters shocked the West and brought denunciations and sanctions from the United States.

### TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

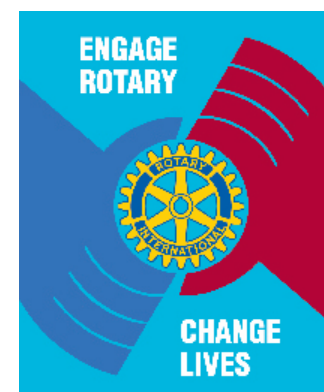
**On this day in 1980**, Eduardo Cajuso Alvarez, a Cuban refugee housed at the Fort Walton Beach Fairgrounds, signed a major league baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers. The 22-year-old infielder was the first Cuban refugee signed by a major league team after Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn approved the drafting of Cubans.

### ROTARIANS WITH RECENT BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Alex Trum, birthday, June 1

David Macdonald, birthday, June 3

Kathy Pritchard, birthday, June 5



### ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

