

ROTARY ROSTER

Bill Alexson
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CPA

Jack Arthur, PHF SM
Insurance

James Bass, SM
Funeral Director

Michael Beedie, SM
Government Administration

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

Debbie Bodenstine, PHF SM RotY
Economic Development

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Banking

Joseph Brewster, PHF SM
Cable Television

Frank Brutt, PHF SM
County Planning

Mack Busbee
County Government

Tom Butcher
Honorary Member

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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

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Association Manager

Tony Gilligan, PHF SM
Government Contractor

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Utilities

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Education

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Certified Public Accountant

Ross Hamilton
Education-College

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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

William Howard, PHF
Real Estate

Chris Johnson, PHF ●
CPA Retired

Johnny Johnson, (41) PHF SM RotY ● ●
Banking

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

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Kitchens-Retail

Ted Litschauer, PHF SM
Public Safety

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Developmental Disabilities

Joe Meyer, SM
Retail/Computers

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

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Matthew Morgan, SM
Electrical Engineer

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Communications

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Tax Attorney

Susan Page, SM
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Utility Service-Gas

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Property Management

Dusty Ricketts, SM
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Legislative

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Chiropractor

Whitney Smith, SM
Attorney

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Travel Agent

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Surge Suppression Systems

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Veterinarian

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Past Service

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Investment Broker

Ken Williamson, PHF SM ●
Retired

Jean Woo, PHF SM
Dentist

Jack Yeiser, PHF SM
Mortgage Broker

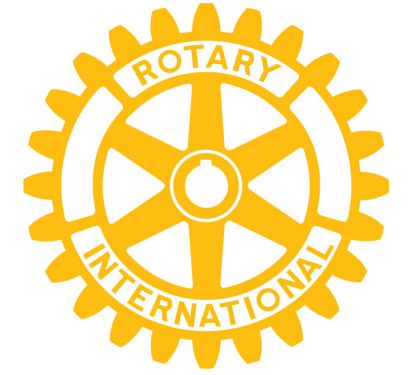
Russ Youngblood, PHF SM ● ●
Psychologist

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 Rutherford's at Regatta Bay
DeFuniak Springs: 12 p.m. Wednesday at McLain's Family Steakhouse
Mid-Bay: 7 a.m. Wednesday at Bluewater Bay Golf Club
Navarre: 12 p.m. Thursday at Tuscan Grill at Hidden Creek
Niceville: 12 p.m. Thursday at Northwest Florida State College Building K
South Walton: 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Embassy Suites

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Debbie Bodenstine

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Ernie Padgett

Okaloosa County Administrator



Ernie Padgett was selected to be the new county administrator and approved by the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners on April 2, 2013. He brings more than 30 years experience in local government to Okaloosa County. During his career, he has managed three other Florida counties with populations ranging from 50,000 to 300,000.

Ernie holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Florida State University. His education and experience will be instrumental as county administrator, overseeing 16 departments and 758 employees. His responsibilities include implementation of government policies of the Board of County Commissioners, preparing the annual budget and oversight of the executive branch of government.

Okaloosa County government consists of departments and constitutional officers within three categories:

Public Safety: Corrections, Inspections, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Sheriff

Essential Services: Airports, Constitutional offices, Extension Services, Facilities Maintenance, Growth Management, Information Systems, Judicial Costs, Health Dept., Transit (WAVE bus), Public Works, Water & Sewer

Quality of Life: Museums, Libraries, Parks, Tourist Development Dept., Veterans Services

Ernie and his wife Lydia, look forward to living and working in Okaloosa County.

Finding A Safe Haven

**By Megan Ferringer
The Rotarian**

For years, Angalia Bianca had slept in abandoned buildings throughout Chicago. She stole. She did drugs. She spent time in and out of jail for forgery, theft, trespassing, and possession of narcotics. But after she landed in prison for the seventh time, something changed -- Bianca knew she wanted a better life. She just didn't know how to make it happen.

After serving her time, Bianca sought help from a local homeless organization, A Safe Haven, and moved to its shelter in the Rogers Park neighborhood. Bianca followed the program closely -- she attended all the required meetings, passed drug tests, and volunteered at every opportunity.

"They taught me basic life skills. I didn't know how to get up in the morning, or how to clean the kitchen. They showed me how to do little things that most people take for granted," she says.

A Safe Haven is a network of shelters that address the causes of chronic homelessness and teach residents how to relearn a life without drugs and alcohol. Neli Vazquez-Rowland, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, and her husband, Brian Rowland, founded the organization 20 years ago. Under Vazquez-Rowland's guidance, more than 50,000 clients have followed a program that includes treatment, education, health care, job training, and job placement.

A PERSONAL STORY

Neither Vazquez-Rowland nor her husband had a traditional social service background, but they did have personal motivation to start A Safe Haven. In the early 1990s, both were flourishing in the financial field. Their lives took an abrupt turn when Rowland developed an addiction to alcohol. They could afford the pricey rehab but quickly realized that only their personal wealth separated them from the addicts who ended up on the streets or in jail.

"We realized how grateful we were that we had resources to get the help we needed and could pay for the best treatment that money could buy," Vazquez-Rowland says. "That helped me understand the disparities between people with resources and people without resources and where their paths lead them. If you have money, you have access to treatment, you have access to legal representation, and you have the ability to get back on your feet and not lose your job. But if it happens in the poor communities, you get arrested and you end up in jail."

As Rowland got sober, the couple discovered the paucity of services for people in recovery, especially for those with little money or family support. Government agencies weren't meeting the needs of people they encountered who were struggling to get their lives back on track. So in 1994, Vazquez-Rowland and her husband bought and refurbished an abandoned apartment building in the Logan Square neighborhood. Their plan was to rent out the building for a year to people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction, and when the real-estate market recovered, sell it for a profit. But as more people showed up seeking their services, Vazquez-Rowland realized she and her husband could help transform people's lives.

For more of this story, see the February issue of The Rotarian



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March 12: Valerie Wenzel, Downtown Fort Walton Beach

March 19: Rod Durand, South Walton Rotary Club

March 26: Ray Sansom, Charter Schools Network

April 2: Gold's Gym, to speak about health and fitness

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1963, the Hula-Hoop, a hip-swiveling toy that became a huge fad across America when it was first marketed by Wham-O in 1958, is patented by the company's co-founder, Arthur "Spud" Melin. An estimated 25 million Hula-Hoops were sold in its first four months of production alone.

On this date in 1969, the Dade County Sheriff's Office issues an arrest warrant for Doors' lead singer Jim Morrison on charges of lewd and lascivious behavior, indecent exposure, profanity and drunkenness following his concert in Miami days earlier. He was convicted and sentenced to six months in prison and a \$500 fine, but died in Paris before he could serve his sentence. Outgoing Gov. Charlie Crist pardoned Morrison posthumously in December 2010.

On this day in 1770, the Boston Massacre, took place when British Army soldiers killed five male civilians and injured six others during a protest. British troops had been stationed in Boston, capital of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, since 1768 in order to protect and support crown-appointed colonial officials attempting to enforce unpopular Parliamentary legislation.

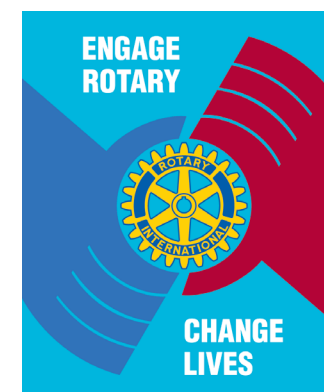
TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 1959, a Fort Walton Beach City Council meeting was highlighted by the acquisition of the Fort Walton Beach Indian Mound property.

ROTARIANS WITH RECENT BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Herb Tinsley, birthday, March 5

Gerry Chalker, anniversary, March 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?

