



# 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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## The Canaan Recovery Foundation

Charlie Earles



The Canaan Recovery Foundation is a charitable 501C3 non-profit organization that relies on individual and community support as well as the proceeds from our thrift store for its existence. Our purpose is to serve alcoholics and addicts in recovery and to involve and empower their families in the process.

The primary purpose of the Foundation is to retain and support recovering individuals in a semi-formal, structured environment and provide education and support for their family group. This approach extends recovery beyond the protective environment of a primary treatment program and forms a more secure path to the reintegration of the individual and the broader community.

What began in 2008 in a small home accommodating only six women in a house located in Freeport, Florida has flourished and grown into a beautiful home located in Santa Rosa Beach. The Path of Grace Home is now capable of housing twelve women, with plans to expand on faith in the near future. It is due to the generous donations from our community and the love and burdened hearts of the men and women who tirelessly serve on The Canaan Recovery Foundation's Board of Directors that this program has been able to thrive and grow into the wonderful, success it is today. It has given children back their mothers, mothers back their daughters and women a new purpose to live.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" ~ Anne Frank

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

May 16	Chief Jim Binnicker — Air Force Enlisted Village
May 23	Margaret Stewart — Okaloosa County Master Gardner's
May 30	Jessica Jarosz — Boys and Girls Club
June 6	John Watts & Tom Brassell - Wuerffel Trophy

### This Day in History

**On this day in 1971**, the last original episode of the sitcom *The Honeymooners*, starring Jackie Gleason as Brooklyn bus driver Ralph Kramden, airs.

**On this day in 1960**, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves the world's first commercially produced birth-control pill—Enovid-10, made by the G.D. Searle Company of Chicago, Illinois.

**On this day in 1926**, According to their claims, polar explorer Richard E. Byrd and co-pilot Floyd Bennett fly over the North Pole on this day in the *Josephine Ford*, a triple-engine Fokker monoplane.

**On this day in 1914**, President Woodrow Wilson issues a presidential proclamation that officially establishes the first national Mother's Day holiday to celebrate America's mothers.

## Rotarians celebrate milestones in the fight to rid the world of polio

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News – 8 May 2012

Rotarians Tuesday celebrated two major milestones in the organization's decades-long fight to rid the world of polio with a laser light show at the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

During the third plenary session, which was also made available through a live webcast, Rotarians were congratulated for meeting and exceeding Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, Rotary's response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication efforts. Attendees also celebrated India's removal from the polio-endemic list in February, which leaves only three countries where transmission of the virus has never been stopped.

But speakers reminded the festive assembly that the work is far from complete, because the ultimate goal has not been reached.

"We know that we haven't reached our goal. We haven't ended polio," said John F. Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee. "Our clubs are still planning polio fundraisers for the coming years and encouraging donations from people in their communities."

Germ announced that, as of 4 May, Rotarians and supporters have raised \$215.7 million for the challenge, which runs through June. But with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative facing a significant funding shortfall for 2012 and beyond, it is vital for clubs and districts to keep pushing forward with their many creative fundraisers.

### Public health emergency

Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general for polio, emergencies and country collaboration for the World Health Organization, said India's removal from the polio-endemic list is "perhaps the most important milestone ever on the long road to eradication."

"It's a magnificent achievement. And it is a Rotary achievement," he said. "Today, Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is much closer to reality."

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### Polio Milestones Continued...

But an upsurge in cases of paralysis from polio in Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and recent polio outbreaks in China, the Congo, and Tajikistan have also prompted what he called an “unprecedented push” to finally end the disease. He said 192 ministers of health will meet next week and declare polio a public health emergency.

“The world understands the full consequences of failure,” he said. “We must be faster, we must be more focused and each one of us must be fully accountable.”

Indian philanthropist Rajashree Birla, who has given more than \$4.2 million to the Foundation for polio eradication, said she has been “overwhelmed with Rotary’s polio efforts.”

Birla’s late husband, Aditya, built the family business into one of India’s largest. Today, Birla and her son, Kumar Mangalam, head the Aditya Birla Group, a Fortune 500 company.

Birla stressed the need for business accountability and community service. Her Giving to Living campaign encourages corporations to “embed giving into their DNA.”

“When a corporation pushes its energies and helps resolve social sector issues through engagement, it indirectly stimulates its own business development,” said Birla. “There is much to be gained when business leaders take giving to heart, and set the mandate of making a difference by caring for people in their community.”

### Service to Humanity award

Former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar John Skeritt was presented with the 2011-12 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award by Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd.

“Just as Rotary Fellowships help build international understanding, I had the privilege of leading a program of postgraduate training for over 300 agricultural scientists from 18 developing countries to assist in building the next generation of thinkers and leaders,” said Skeritt.

In his keynote address, Boyd noted the difference The Rotary Foundation makes in lives daily.

“When a group calling themselves Rotarians comes to a village and asks what are the most pressing needs that can be worked through together and the answer is water, you can understand the opportunity that this gives the woman who spends three hours each day walking with her teenage daughter to collect dirty water as that is the only supply available,” he said.

“A water supply to her village will give her time to grow food, will enable her daughter to be educated, her other children will not be constantly sick, and maybe she can get a microcredit loan and start a small business. What a difference that day will bring.”

Amanda Martin, an alumna of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, thanked Rotary for the opportunity to broaden her skills. She said her work as a public health coordinator and teacher in a refugee camp on the border of Thailand and Myanmar is “inspiring and fulfilling.”

“Rotary has already made a dramatic difference in my life and is having a profound ripple effect, radiating from me to my students and onto the impoverished populations that they will serve as public health workers,” said Martin.



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

**Bennett, Nitsi (18) PHF X \***

Non-Profit Administration

**Bodenstine, Debbie PHF X SM**

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 (4) PHF SM \***

Pension Administration

**Clark, Jason (2) SM**

Insurance

**Corbin, Andy (6) PHF SM X \***

Electronics Mfg.

**Curry, Jim PHF SM \*\***

Government Management

**Davis, James (32) PHF SM \***

Public Utilities

**Dorris, George PHF SM**

Dentistry

**JT Edwards SM**

Retail Owner

**Ekedahl, Brian SM**

Social Services

**Empson, Dan**

Honorary

**Fallin, Ralph (30) PHF SM X \***

Dairy Products

**Foster, William PHF SM \* X**

Attorney

**Fowner, Bob (1) PHF SM**

Association Manager

**Gavin, Clifton SM**

Attorney

**Gilligan, Tony (16) 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 (3) SM**

Retail Shopping Center

**Hipsh, Whitney SM**

Attorney

**Hooton, Jeff (4) SM**

Commercial Lending

**Howard, William PHF**

Real Estate-General

**Johnson, Chris PHF \***

CPA Retired

**Johnson, Johnny (39) PHF SM X \***

Banking

**Kedroski, Cristie SM**

Foundation Development

**Kunkel, Richard SM**

Education

**LaBlanc, Ross**

CPA

**Landers, Chuck PHF SM**

CPA

**Leonard, Tony PHF \*\***

Retail/Musical Instruments

**Linn, John PHF SM**

Kitchens-Retail

**Litschauer, Ted SM**

Public Safety

**Lowrey, Tom PHF \***

Stockbroker

**Martin, Ralph PHF**

Aircraft Equipment Mfg.

**Mattern, Jamey PHF**

Architect

**Macdonald, David SM**

Shopping Center Mgr

**McDonald, J.R. SM**

Aerospace Marketing

**McNabb, Julie (1) SM**

Developmental Disabilities

**Meyer, Joe SM**

Retail/Computers

**Miller, David O. (9) PHF**

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

**O'Brien, Kevin SM**

Financial Services

**Orr, Julie SM**

Personnel Staffing

**Palmer, Charlie SM**

Real Estate Development

**Peadro, Roger PHF SM**

Pastor

**Plummer, Mary PHF SM**

Real Estate Sales

**Poff, Lyndon (2) PHF X SM**

Paint & Body Shop

**Pooley, Jan (5) 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 (35) 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 \***

Moving & Storage

**Simpson, Natalie SM**

Legislative

**Smith, Pete PHF \* SM**

Appraiser

**Smith, Scott PHF SM**

Chiropractor

**Stearns, Allan (20) PHF SM \***

Travel Agent

**Stevens, Rick (3) PHF \* X SM**

Surge Suppression Systems

**Stokes, Randy PHF SM \***

Architecture

**Tibbetts, Alexis SM**

Schools

**Tinsley, Kent SM**

Commercial Banking

**Tinsley, Herb PHF \* X SM**

Savings & Loan Mgmt.

**Townsend, Forrest PHF\* X SM**

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 (1) SM**

Condo Management

**West, Charles PHF**

Investment Broker

**Williamson, Ken PHF SM \***

Retired

**Woo, Jean PHF SM**

Dentist

**WrightReynolds, Mike PHF SM**

Photography

**Yeiser, Jack PHF**

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