

The Rotary Reader

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Alaqua Animal Refuge Laurie Hood

Laurie Hood is visionary behind Alaqua Animal Refuge, a unique full-service, no-kill shelter in Freeport, Florida.

As president of the 501(c)(3) organization, Hood, 43, oversees all day-to-day responsibilities of running the refuge, including managing the intake, health services and adoption of the animals; recruiting volunteers; overseeing development and special event activities; fundraising; and supervising all administrative and financial functions.

Upon discovering that thousands of animals were being euthanized every year, as Walton County, Fla. lacked a shelter of any kind, Hood opened Alaqua Animal Refuge in January 2007 on 10 acres of her and her husband Taylor's personal property. In the first three years of operation, Hood was responsible for finding homes for more than 4,000 animals. The refuge is currently home to more than 250 animals at any given time and places up to 100 animals per month.

Hood and her husband designed the refuge to be distinctly different from the standard concrete-and-chain-link kennel concept, and thanks to a generous capital improvements grant last year, were able to create a facility that resembles more of an amusement park than a shelter. The refuge accepts nearly any animal in need of care, including dogs and cats, kittens, puppies, horses, pigs and even emus.

Hood has drawn on her business background to create a non-profit that functions for success. Her prior professional experience includes operating an international magazine in south Florida for eight years and serving as the marketing director for a medical development company that has launched several publicly traded medical and drug companies.

A graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Hood holds a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. She is a resident of Freeport and she and her husband are parents to two boys, Crockett, 5 and Garner, 4.

MARCH 31,2010
Welcome Rotarians and
Guests!

We're glad to have you join
 us.

Scooter Policy: Members,
 If you leave prior to the
 completion of the program,
 you will be fined \$5.00
 under the scooter policy.
 Please leave your badge
on Carole's table if you
 leave early!

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?
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Stats 3-17-10

- Alexis Tibbetts' house

36 members and their spouses enjoyed the St
 Paddy's Day Party = 43%

March 10, 2010

72 members
 5 visiting Rotarians
 2 Wheelettes
 74.2%

WORD OF THE DAY




Reprobate\Noun

1. a person foreordained to damnation
2. A depraved person: scoundrel

End Polio Now!

New tools, new tactics, and increased support from political leaders have put Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in the best position ever to finish the job of ridding the world of polio. Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the initiative at the World Health Organization, said 2009 was a watershed year in the fight against polio. For the first time, eradication workers discovered a chink in the armor of the disease "that has been tormenting mankind for thousands of years," he said. "Our tactics are better, the tools are better, and our support is stronger than ever," Aylward told regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs) 18 March during a training event in Chicago. "You will be the Rotarians at the front in pushing forward this new strategy. I need you to make sure every Rotary club knows about this, because we will not get the job done without Rotary leading the charge." The new strategic plan for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative involves mobilizing massive resources to reach more children in the areas where the virus remains endemic. For instance, a survey in the two endemic states of India, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, identified thousands of homes and children who had not been reached by health workers. The two states have been a challenge because of high population densities in areas of extreme poverty, where poor sanitation can contribute to the spread of the virus. Another key element of the new strategy focuses on eliciting the support of political and traditional leaders, a move that is seen as critical to eradicating the disease in the remaining four endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Aylward said Rotary has led the charge to gain the leaders' backing. International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott visited the president of Pakistan in October to present him with a Polio Eradication Champion Award, recognizing his contributions toward a polio-free world. Bill Gates visited India in November and met with Rotary leaders there to line up the support of the state governors. Rotarians have had a hand in securing letters from Taliban and NATO forces encouraging full cooperation with immunization efforts in Afghanistan. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told attendees at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, that he'd work for Days of Tranquility in conflict areas to remove impediments to immunizations. To address the immediate financial needs of mass vaccination campaigns, The Rotary Foundation expedited US\$30 million in funding for a synchronized immunization drive 6-8 March, supported by leaders in 19 countries across Central and West Africa. Nine of the countries have had cases of polio within the last six months; the disease spread from Nigeria, where the virus has dug in its heels. A second drive is planned for 24 April, and the countries with active outbreaks of polio will receive a third sweep. The new tool Aylward praised is the bivalent oral polio vaccine, first used in Afghanistan in December and since employed during immunization days in Nigeria and Pakistan. The bivalent vaccine has an advantage over monovalent vaccines because it is effective against both remaining types of wild poliovirus, types 1 and 3 -- type 2 has already been eradicated -- and was proved in clinical trials last year to be almost as effective as the monovalent vaccine. The combination of new tactics and tools has been amazingly effective, Aylward said. In 2009, Nigeria had 388 cases of polio in 24 states. So far this year, there has been only one case in one state. In India, type 1 has been reduced to just one genetic lineage. US\$200 Million Challenge John F. Germ, vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees and chair of the Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee, told the RRFCs that Rotarians have raised \$115.6 million toward the challenge, and stressed that the fundraising effort is as important as ever. "The polio eradication campaign is the largest public health campaign the world has ever seen. We can do it, we must do it, because we have promised the children of the world that we would do it." Germ said Foundation alumni and 11 Rotary fellowships have responded to the invitation to participate in the challenge, with alumni contributing \$260,000. Interact clubs have raised \$70,000, and Rotaract clubs \$41,000. Penny LeGate, an independent producer and freelance journalist who spoke at the 2010 International Assembly in January, shared personal stories from her participation in immunization drives in Ethiopia and India. "I just can't explain the feeling I have when I hold that baby in my arms and I know that child will not get polio," LeGate said. She also shared the heartbreak of finding a girl, Minakshi, in India who had contracted polio. Volunteers had to explain to the girl's mother that they did not have any medicine that could cure her. LeGate encouraged the RRFCs to consider taking part in an immunization drive, adding that she hoped the drives would not be needed much longer as progress toward polio eradication continued. "You will see firsthand why eradication is the very heart and soul of Rotary."

Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach Rotary Roster

Arthur, Jack PHF SM	Duncan, Buddy SM	Kleist, Carl SM	Perkins, Bryant SM	Stokes, Randy PHF *SM	Youngblood, Russ PHF**
Insurance	Chaplain	Communications	Youth Org. Mgmt.	Architecture	Psychology SM
Anderson, Robert	Edwards, JT SM	Landers, Chuck, PHF SM	Plummer, Mary PHF SM	Tibbetts, Alexis SM	
CPA	Landscape Mgmt.	CPA	Real Estate Sales	Schools	
Bennett, Nitsi PHF X *	Fallin, Ralph PHF *X SM	Leonard, Tony PHF**	Poff, Lyndon	Tinsley, Kent SM	
Non-profit Administration	Dairy Products	Retail/Musical Instrmnt.	Auto Collision Services	Commercial Banking	
Binnicker, Jim	Foster, William PHF SM X	Linn, John PHF SM	Pooley, Jan PHF SM X	Tinsley, William PHF * X SM	Savings & Loan Mgt.
Retirement Home Serv.	Attorney	Kitchens-retail	Department Store	Townsend, Forrest PHF* X SM	Veterinarian SM
Bodenstine, Debbie SM	Fowner, Bob PHF SM	Litschauer, Ted, SM	Potts, Charlie, PHF*SM	Trum, Alex PHF SM	
Economic Development	Assoc. Manager	Public Safety	Jeweler	Orthodontist <i>Retired</i>	
Bohnsack, Rob, SM	Gilligan, Tony PHF SM	Lowrey, Thomas PHF*	Pritchard, Kathy PHF SM	Vaughan, John PHF SM	
Reverend	Government Contractor	Stockbroker	Commercial Banking	Past Service	
Brewster, Joseph PHF SM	Education	Martin, Ralph PHF	Pryor, Fred PHF *SM	Frank Walker SM	
Cable Television	Hamilton, Chad PHF SM	Aircraft Equip. Mfg.	Utility Service - Gas	Insurance Services	
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County Planning	Hardy, Sallie PHF SM	Architect	Property Management	Real Estate	
Butcher, Thomas	Commercial Properties	McDonald, Tim PHF SM	Reynolds, Pam SM	Webber, Aaron	
Honary Mem	Hayes, Tom PHF SM	Manufacturing	Funeral Services	Association Manager	
Cagle, Kevin SM	Financial Services	McGilvray, Stacey SM	Richburg, James PHF X SM		
Office Equipment	Henderson, Joseph PHF*SM	Commercial Banking	College Administration	West, Charles PHF SM	
Campbell, Wayne PHF SM	Accounting/Auditing	McNabb, Julia	Robinson, William PHF SM	Investment Broker	
Hospital Administration	Henley, Mitzi SM	Disability Advocacy	Fund Raising	Williamson, Kenneth PHF * SM	
Chalker, Gerry PHF SM*	Retail Shopping	Meyer, Joseph	Rollins, Joe SM	<i>Retired</i>	
Ret. Planning Admin.	Hipsh, Larry SM	Computers-retail	Ret. Plan Administration	Woo, Jean PHF SM	
Clark, Jason SM	Attorney	Miceli, Gail PHF	Shaw, Susan SM	Dentist	
Insurance	Hipsh, Whitney SM	Banking	Fund Raising	Yeiser, Jack PHF SM	
Conner, Tom SM PHF	Real Estate Attorney	Miceli, Philippe PHF *SM	Shelley, Eulice PHF *	Mortgage Broker	
News Media	Hooton, Jeff SM	Private Banking Exec	Moving & Storage	 Members in green font have missed three or more meetings. Please give them a call and encourage	
Corbin, Andy PHF**X SM	Commercial Lending	Miller, David O. PHF	Simpson, Natalie SM	York, Jerry SM	
Electronics Mfg	Howard, William PHF	Developmental Dsablty.	Legislative	Auto	
Curry, Jim SM**	Real Estate - General	Morgan, John PHF *SM	Smith, Pete PHF * SM	 Members in purple font have perfect attendance.	
Government Management	Hutson, Karen T. PHF SM	Computer Engineer	Appraiser	Sales	
Davis, Charles PHF SM	Retail Cars	Morgan, Mathew	Smith, Scott SM		
Restaurant Owner	Johnson, Chris PHF* SM	Test Engineer	Chiropractor	 Members in blue font are on a leave of absence.	
Davis, James PHF *SM	<i>Retired</i>	Nelson, Dan PHF	Spurling, Dyan SM		
Public Utilities	Johnson, Johnny PHF X**	Restaurant - Fast Food	Banking Services		
Dorris, George PHF SM	Banking	Nicholson, Michele SM	Stearns, Allan PHF SM		
Dentistry	Kernen, Deborah PHF	Communications	Travel Agent		
	Communications	Peadro, Roger PHF SM	Stevens, Rick PHF X SM		
		Pastor	Surge Suppression System		

Don't forget that you can makeup a missed meeting at a neighboring club. They include:

Crestview: Wednesday noon, Sonny's B-B-Q

DeFuniak Springs: Wednesday 7:30 a.m., McLain's Family Steak House

Mid-Bay: Wednesday 7 a.m., Bluewater Bay Golf Club

Navarre: Thursday noon, Cocardries

Niceville: Thursday noon, OWC Bld. K

South Walton: Thursday 7:30 a.m., Embassy Suites

Destin: Tuesday 7:15 a.m. Rutherford's at Regatta Bay

PHF: Paul Harris Fellows

SM: PH Sustaining Members

* FWB Club Past Presidents

** Past President Other Clubs

X FWB Rotarian of the Year