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Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club

NEWS RELEASE

Rotary Club Announces Awards

Rotary Club Annual Awards -

2007 Rotarian of the Year and New Rotarian of the Year

Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club President Philippe Miceli announced **Joyce Shanahan**, City Manager of the City of Fort Walton Beach as the **2007 Rotarian of the Year** and **Dr. Scott Smith** of Suncoast Healthcare Professionals as the **2007 New Rotarian of the Year** at the Club's Annual Dinner held at Eglin Officers Club on Thursday, June 14, 2007. President Miceli said these individuals embody the ideals held by Rotarians the world over; those of service, understanding, respect, tolerance, individual freedom, ethics, dignity, goodwill, selflessness, fellowship, democracy, fairness, integrity, and personal responsibility.

- **Rotarian of the Year 2007** - The Rotarian of the Year is an honor designated by the Club President to a Rotarian who demonstrates the ideals of Rotary. Miceli said, "Joyce Shanahan is recognized for her efforts as Public Relations Chair, preparing press releases, writing the weekly club bulletin, receiving the outstanding bulletin award for district 6940 for two-years running and securing speakers for the Club's weekly meetings from July thru December 2006." Miceli said, "She is always willing to help and has a positive attitude. She embodies the spirit contained in the quote of Ronald Regan; *'You can accomplish much, if you don't care who gets the credit'* Joyce is one of those key people who make Rotary effective in service to mankind."

Shanahan, a member of the Club since 2004, has been City Manager since November 2003; prior to that served as the City's Finance Director from November 1997. In 2006, she was recognized as one of five finalists for City Manager of Year by the Florida League of Cities. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, PA, and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is active in many professional and civic organizations including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, President-Elect of the United Way of Okaloosa Walton Counties and member of the Board of Directors for the Florida City County Managers Association.

- **New Rotarian of the Year 2007**- The New Rotarian of the Year is an honor designated by the Club President for a new Rotarian who exemplifies the Club's mission, "Service above self." President Miceli said, "Scott instantly became an active contributing member of the Club by working on the Choctawhatchee Bay Oyster Reef Project, making and assisting with Club Presentations, mentoring students, giving ice-packs to school nurses on behalf of the FWB Rotary Club, assisting with gift bags for the golf tournament and joining our team of Rotarians to Peru where they assembled wheelchairs and tended to those with medical needs." Miceli adds, "He has been a wonderful asset to our Club."

Smith joined the Army in 1990 and trained as a combat medic and surgical assistant assigned to an infantry unit at Fort Benning, GA. While continuing his military career in the Army National Guard, he earned his commission as an officer. He has achieved the rank of Captain and serves in a Company Command position for "A Company, 1-135th Aviation Battalion, where he is a helicopter pilot. During his National Guard service, he also completed his Chiropractic training and graduated in December of 2002 from Chiropractic School at Cleveland Chiropractic College.

In 2006, Smith, with his friends and partners Drs. Shawn and Sara Leatherman, formed "Suncoast Healthcare Professionals," locating in Fort Walton Beach. He has been a Rotarian since August 2005. He is active in many civic and professional organizations including the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, American Chiropractic Association, International Chiropractic Association, and Florida Chiropractic Association.

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Other awards and honors designated at the meeting include:

Perfect Attendance:

Johnny Johnson <i>35 years</i>	Ted Rahe <i>31 years</i>
Jim Davis <i>28 years</i>	Ralph Fallin <i>26 years</i>
Al Stearns <i>16 years</i>	Nitsi Bennett <i>14 years</i>
Tony Gilligan <i>12 years</i>	Dave Miller <i>5 years</i>
Debbie Kernan <i>3 years</i>	Andy Corbin <i>2 years</i>
Scott Smith <i>1 year</i>	Joyce Shanahan <i>1 year</i>
Jan Pooley <i>1 year</i>	Philippe Miceli <i>1 year</i>

Paul Harris Fellows:

Tom Conner	Tom Hayes
Pat Hollarn	Desley Parker

Eulice Shelley (*3 time recipient*)

Appreciation Awards:

Nitsi Bennett— *Assistance with Golf Tournament*
Debbie Bodenshtine—*Assistance with GSE*
Gail Miceli—*Assistance with Scholarship Inc.*
Roger Peadro—*Assistance with Scholarship Inc.*
Bob Richburg—*Rotary Programs*

Board Recognitions:

Scotty Foster—*Past President*
Gerry Chalker—*Vice President*
Rick Stevens—*Secretary*
Kathy Pritchard—*Treasurer*
Andy Corbin—*Membership*
Debbie Kernan—*Service Projects*
Jan Pooley—*The Rotary Foundation*
Joyce Shanahan—*Public Relations*
Wayne Campbell—*Club Administration*
Tom Conner—*Sgt. at Arms*

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