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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 03/19/2019

The regular meeting of the Downtown Rotary was held at New World Landing on March 19th. Members were greeted at the door by Jeff Powell. Raffle tickets were sold by Lisa York and Janet Pilcher. The meeting was called to order by President Betty who led us in the 4 Way Test. She reminded us about the conference that is coming up in April and is being held in San Destin. The raffle of \$44.00 was won by Buck Lee. John Tice led us in Prayer and Pledge. Buck Lee took to the podium to deliver on Sunshine. He introduced our two military guests, 2 visiting Rotarian's and read off the birthdays. Rick Fountain introduced our guest speaker Malcolm Thomas, the Escambia County School Superintendent.

Malcolm Thomas has been as Superintendent of the Escambia County School District since 2008. He served in the 101st Airborne Division of the Army after graduating from Tate High School. He graduated from the University of West Florida with a bachelors' degree and went on to receive his masters' degree. He taught special education at Tate High School for 8 years and where he was named Escambia County Teacher of the year. He was a finalist for the Florida Teacher of the Year.

He has spent over 30 years as a teacher and administrator in Escambia County. He oversees 5500 employees with a payroll of 1.3 million dollars per day during the school year. The school system has 1100 vehicles and logs more than 30,000 miles per day. They have

7.3 million square feet of buildings and 1700 acres of land. They serve 23,000 meals per day. In 2009, they gave out 15 million dollars in scholarships. That amount has increased to over 31 million dollars in 2018. In 2008, the on time graduation percentage was 55%. In 2018, that number rose to 80.7% with a lowered drop out rate of 2.3%. School safety is one of the top concerns in today's world. Safety measures have been put into place to help keep all of the Escambia County schools safe. Some of the measures that have been implemented include surveillance cameras, single entrance access, ID Badges for all staff and visitors, changing door locks, and even armed security. They have installed motion detectors that are activated after 10:00 PM. And by May of 2019, all schools will have full surveillance cameras in place.

Superintendent Thomas arranged a Skype room for kids to use to help them stay in touch with their parents who are currently away from home. The "Quarter Deck" has become very important to children whose parents are stationed overseas. The schools have also started live streaming all of the graduations for the parents that are unable to attend.

Malcolm was recognized this year as the Florida Superintendent of Schools and has announced that he will be retiring in 2020.

President Betty thanked the speaker and the volunteers and adjourned the meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

2019 Ethics in Business Awards Nomination Forms and Schedule are now available. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org>. Nominations must be received by March 29, 2019. Please send the completed application to Ed Ranelli, Dean Emeritus, College of Business, University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514 (or fax to 850-474-2716). If you have any questions concerning this, please feel free to call Dr. Ed Ranelli at 850-474-2348 or Ted Kirchharr at 850-341-4674.

Community Grant application process is now open. The Rotary Club of Pensacola supports community projects with a number of grants to charitable 501(c)3 organizations. The Club supports targeted projects that address areas such as peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, or economic and community development. The application deadline is April 15, 2019. Applications are available at <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org>.

Even though we have reached the end of the year it is not to late to make your Annual Pledge and Donation to support our Local and International Foundation. Pledge sheets are available at the weekly meeting or by request online.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- March**
- 26 - Coach Pete Shinnick, UWF Football
- April**
- 2 - Brian Cooper - Pensacola Parks and Recreation
- 9 - Open
- 16 - Open
- 23 - Coach Jeffcoat - UWF Baseball
- 30 - Open

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

- March - Water and Sanitation Month**
- 26 Noon Regular Meeting
- April - Maternal and Child Health Month**
- 2 Noon Regular Meeting
- 9 Noon Regular Meeting
- 16 Noon Regular Meeting
- 1:00 Board Meeting, New World Landing
- 23 Noon Regular Meeting
- 30 Noon Regular Meeting

2018-2019 Club Officers

◆ President	Betty Roberts
◆ Past President	Paul Tobin
◆ President Elect	John Trawick
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
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Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	New World Landing	Mon.	12:15 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends Restaurant	Tues.	7:00 am
	Andrews Institute		
Milton	Red Barn on Hwy. 90	Tues.	12:00 pm
Seville	Seville Quarter	Tues.	4:15 pm
Perdido	13660 Innerarity Point Road	Wed.	7:45 am
Cantonment	Scenic Hills Country Club	Wed.	12:15 pm
Cordova	Gulf Coast Kid's House	Thur.	7:00 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	The Tuscan Grill	Thur.	12:00 pm
	Hidden Creek Golf Course - Check navarrerotary.org		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

District Governor

John Medina
www.rotary6940.org

Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of March 26th through April 1st

Donnie McMahon - March 28

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years

Judy Bense - March 29

born in Morristown, New Jersey, in Rotary 10 years

Tommy Tait - March 31

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 22 years

Dante Kahn - April 1

born in Mobile, AL, in Rotary 42 years

GREETERS/TICKET SALES

March 26

Greeters - Rob Overton and Carol Powell

Ticket Sales - Jorge Pelaez and Adam Principe

April 2

Greeters - Tony Neuner and Randy Ray

Ticket Sales - Innes Richards and Howard Reddy

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

March 26

Prayer/Pledge - Cal Moore

Sunshine - Collier Merrill

April 2

Prayer/Pledge - Scott Sallis

Sunshine - Grover Robinson

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