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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 04/16/2019

Blue sky. Sunshine. Mid-70s. Low humidity. Spring in Pensacola. It is a wonderful time of year here. Don't blink though – or you'll miss it.

Sunshine followed us inside as we were greeted with beaming smiles by **Martha Saunders**. An opportunity to win the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was then offered with split ticket sales by **Lynn Tobin** and **John Shaffer**. Then past them was...a new room set up! An effort to improve the audiovisual experience is underway. It felt cozier too.

Following President Betty Roberts' welcome to open the meeting, Laura Gilliam led us in prayer and pledge William Stafford provided more sunshine inside as he fulfilled that role. He managed to fit in a nice moonshine joke while recognizing guests and birthdays. Collier Merrill. then introduced our newest member: Charles Sherrill, III. Please welcome and engage with him as he begins his Rotary journey with us.

Following the Sunshine Report, **Henry Roberts** had the honor of presenting Paul Harris Fellow awards to **John Tice, Brit Landrum, Doug Werber, Charles Kahn** and **Roger Vinson**. Congratulations to these Rotarians for their achievements in Rotary. Everyone is eligible and welcome to join their ranks if you're not already there. And, you can achieve successive awards even if you are already a recipient.

The Rotary Rooters provided us with entertainment sprinkled with history lessons of significant springtime events in Pensacola. This is just another of the many benefits outstanding benefits of being a Rotarian in the downtown Club. How long have the Rooters been in action? Ask one. Become one.

Like shipwreck stories? Treasure hunts? Then you would have enjoyed the presentation about both in our own backyard. **Mark Harden** introduced **Dr. John Bratton**, our guest speaker, the head of the Dept. of Anthropology at UWF. Dr. Bratton has personally worked on three ship excavations in Pensacola Bay, and more will follow. Get

your snorkel, mask and flippers to join in the fun.

Imagine. The year is 1559. Summertime. Eleven Spanish ships arrived in Pensacola Bay. Hundreds of years later, in 1992, an underwater survey of the bay discovered several of the seven ships lost during what appears to have been a hurricane. Washed up on sandbars and subsequently buried under many feet of sand and silt, technology came to the rescue along with spirited adventurers (students) seeking historical artifacts to shine more light on our amazing history.

Excavation is in progress on a few of the ships, but it takes time due to water conditions, funding, school schedules, etc. A multi-year project, there is still much to learn from these submerged time capsules. Technology helped find the ships and continues to be invaluable in understanding the artifacts and associated history. Carbon dating, DNA testing, microscopes, wood anatomy experts, etc., all come together to help paint a picture of what life and exploration were like in days gone by.

Imagine tracking down the origin of pollen, wood and even rock ballast to discover just how globalized the world was even back then. Or, how people survived by identifying the types of fruits and animals used for sustenance. How about discovering significant amounts of mercury onboard and then, more importantly, finding that it was used to treat syphilis. Not our dining preference today (for most), how about a recipe for preparing, cooking and serving one of your mousers onboard? That is a cat for the non-feline fans amongst us. Yummy! Well, not to judge. Survival requires creativity. Do you think spanking it with a switch was intended to help tenderize it?

President Betty closed the meeting by thanking the speaker and all of those who volunteered to serve the membership by making this another successful meeting.

Yours in Rotary Service, **Randy Ray**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Effective Immediately our new member drive is taking place. Bring any potential new member to the meeting and their first three lunches are free.

Please RSVP by April 22 if you plan to attend the Ethics in Business Award Luncheon Monday, May 6 at New World Landing.

Even though we have reached the end of the year it is not too 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

April

- 23 - Coach Jeffcoat - UWF Baseball
- 30 - Bert Thornton - Vice Chairman Emeritus, Waffle House

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

April - Maternal and Child Health Month

- 23 Noon Regular Meeting
- 30 Noon Regular Meeting

2018-2019 Club Officers

◆ President	Betty Roberts
◆ Past President	Paul Tobin
◆ President Elect	John Trawick
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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
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Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of April 23rd through April 28th

Eric Nickelsen - April 23

born in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, in Rotary 39 years

Sheila Nichols - April 23

born in Houston, MS, in Rotary 2 years

Jim Stolhanske - April 26

born in Brainerd, MN, in Rotary 30 years

Madison Currin - April 27

born in Charleston, SC, in Rotary 11 years

GREETERS/TICKET SALES

April 23

Greeters - Charlie Sherrill and Richard Sherrill

Ticket Sales - Auby Smith and Zack Smith

April 30

Greeters - Tommy Smith and David Stafford

Ticket Sales - Charles Stewart and Margeret Stopp

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

April 23

Prayer/Pledge - Charles Stewart Sunshine - Pueschel Schneier

April 30

Prayer/Pledge - Henry Roberts Sunshine - Alexis Bolin

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