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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

### MINUTES

Gene Killinger greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a warm greeting and firm handshake. Rotarian Tony Basel sold raffle tickets.

President Ray called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. He then called on Rotarian Randy Jackson to lead us in prayer. Thereafter, Rotarian Randy led Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

President Ray noted that the mixer at the Fish House was a great success. A good time was had by all who attended this very successful event. Special thanks were given to The Fish House and Rotarian Collier for hosting the event and to Rotarian Maria Goldberg for all of her hard work to organize the event.

President Ray then called Rotarian Charles Beall to the podium for a special presentation as a Paul Harris Fellow. President Ray also called Rotarians Paul Young and Carol Law to the podium. Rotarian Paul received his Paul Harris Fellow +1 award while Carol Law received her Paul Harris +3 award. Thanks to these Rotarians for their generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation. President Ray asked all current board members present to stand. The club thanked these fine Rotarians for their service on the board during the past year with a round of applause.

Next, President Ray called upon Rotarian Sally Fox for Sunshine and to introduce our guests of Rotarians, our visiting Rotarians and our military guests. Our first military guest was LTJG Drew Anderson who is a Naval Flight Officer. He expects to be deployed to VFA 122 in Lemoore, CA where he will fly the FA -18F Super Hornet. LTJG Drew hails from Dallas, Texas and is a graduate of the University of Texas. Our other military guest was LTJG Billy Vey

who is from Charlotte, NC. LTJG Vey is a 2009 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He is currently assigned to VT 86 at NAS Pensacola. LTJG Vey expects to be deployed to VFA-106 in Oceana, VA where he expects to fly F/A 18 Super Hornets. Our military guests were thanked for their service to their country and provided some fine Rotary china. President Ray then drew for the raffle and Sandra Smith was the lucky winner of the \$100 pot - congratulations Sandra! Special thanks to Rotarian Tony for a great job on the ticket sales!

President Ray then called upon Rotarian Shawn Brantley to introduce our program. Rotarian Shawn introduced Michael Vosbrink, prison chaplain at Washington Correctional Institute (WCI) in Chipley, Florida and Dennis Tackett, a local attorney involved in the prison ministry program named Chyros. Chaplain Vosbrink is a Baptist minister who has been the prison chaplain at WCI for the past eight years. Prior to that, he held various positions in law enforcement including corrections officer and Florida Highway Patrol Trooper. The goal of his ministry is to make a difference in the lives of the inmates through introducing them (or re-introducing them) to Christianity with the goal of changing the course of their lives.

Chaplain Vosbrink began his remarks with a short video of an inmate named Joey Quiggins who serving an 84 month prison sentence. The video described how Joey became involved in the prison ministry through Chaplain Vosbrink and by using his own musical ability. It was clear the difference this ministry had made in Joey Quiggins' life. He is now a short time away from his release and the ministry has provided him with a whole new way of approaching life and its challenges. Joey has become a model inmate who has become an

inspiration to many other inmates.

Chaplain Vosbrink told us that the annual cost of housing a prisoner in the Florida State Prison system is approximately \$20,000 per year and that there are currently more than 100,000 people incarcerated in Florida's prisons. He said that studies clearly show inmates who participate in faith based programs while in prison have a lower recidivism rate than the general prison population.

Dennis Tackett then spoke about the faith based prison ministry called "Chyros." This is prison ministry where volunteer lay people take a spiritual message to the inmates. Dennis told the club that there are many inmates who go years and even decades without a card or letter from family or friends. Some of these inmates are serving life sentences and have no hope. The aim of Chyros is to bring hope to these inmates through faith. The highlight of the program is a long weekend retreat where volunteers who have received special training with the Chyros program meet with inmates outside of the prison and lead the inmates several days of workshops and discussions. The highlight of the retreat is on Saturday when a "service of forgiveness" is conducted. Training for the volunteers involves six, two hour, training sessions. Volunteers come in all ages. Chyros is in urgent need of volunteers and mentors to help in their ministry. At the conclusion, Rotarian Shawn thanked both men for their dedication and for bringing information about this program to our club.

President Ray thanked all those who worked to make today's program a success and ended with the reminder that Rotary is about "Building Communities and Bridging Continents." Thereupon, our final regular meeting of the year was adjourned.

### ROTARY WHEELS

- Didjknow that Jack Williams is a member of the Manna food Bank board?
- OR...that Malcolm Thomas will shortly log his 35<sup>th</sup> year as a

- member of the local school system?
- Congratulations to Jerry Kindle, who was scheduled to commit marriage over the June 24<sup>th</sup> weekend.

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## 2010-2011 Club Officers

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◆ Past President	Margaret Stopp
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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.	5:30 pm
Perdido	Triggers Restaurant	Wed.	7:30 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		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

**Sylvia White**

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## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Birthdays for the week of June 28th through July 4th

*Randy Williams* – June 28

born in Mansfield, LA, in Rotary 19 years

## PRAYER AND PLEDGE

*June 28*

Prayer/Pledge - Father Jack Gray

Sunshine - Scott Grissett

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

*June*

28 - Change of Command @ Heritage Hall @ 5:30PM

*July*

5 - Ed Spears - Community Maritime Park

12 - District Governor Jeanne Quave

19 - Tax Watch

26 - Superintendent Malcolm Thomas - Escambia County School District

## ROTARY WHEELS *CONTINUED*

- Also congrats to the law firm of Bob Hart and Bruce Partington on the firm's expansion into the Tallahassee area.
- Andrea Farage has hit the ground running in her new post with United Way. Look for some new ideas on both strategy and tactics as fall approaches.
- Randy Jackson had a unique addition to his church's June 19<sup>th</sup> service. His daughter was present, leading her middle school-age choir from Roswell, Georgia, and the young ladies performed very nicely.
- Correction to Wheels printed on June 21st: Sonya Davis is the new ED for the PMA.

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