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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

### WEEK IN REVIEW

#### **MINUTES**

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place at New World Landing on Tuesday, July 26, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Alan Bookman who led us in the Four Way Test. Members and guests were greeted at the door by Brian McCall and Glenn McDonald. Rex McKinney did an outstanding job at ticket sales and the winning ticket was worth \$75. Father Jack Gray inspired us with Prayer and Pledge. Bob Mills brought Sunshine and good humor to the day and welcomed visitors and guests of Rotarians. Happy Birthday went out to Brian Bell and John Phelps. A special announcement was made regarding the CROP endorsed service opportunity to provide job shadowing and mentoring to UWF students. Jenn Masiulis, Experimental Learning Coordinator University of West Florida provided handouts to describe the program and questionnaires to complete to register your interest. Contact information is listed below. Martin Harwood introduced the Speaker, Malcolm Thomas, Escambia County Superintendent of Schools and downtown Rotarian with 100% attendance. Malcolm provided an excellent report on the progress being made in Escambia County Schools during the last few years while working through the tough budget issues brought on by the lagging state and local economy. Some of the interesting

statistics about the Escambia County School District are that the School system educates in excess of 39,000 students each year, employs 5,500 full time workers, 3,600 of which are teachers. The revenue for Escambia County School District from all sources, property and sales taxes, grants, local option sales taxes is approximately \$500M/year. The operating budget for 2011 that does not include capital outlays is \$240M and this is a decrease from the 2007 budget of \$280M. The passion and energy level started to rise as Malcolm proceeded on with the "important stuff" and the statistics that indicate rises in student achievement in the classroom, improvements in school readiness for those entering school and the improvements in graduation rates for area high schools. In 2011, there were no F schools in Escambia County, 1 D school and over 50% of the schools were A rated. Escambia County competed at the state level in Division I in academics and were the state champs for 2010 and 2011. The reading readiness for students in Kindergarten was increased from 39% several years ago to the current achievement of nearly 80% after one year in 2011. The graduation rate as measured by the state has increased from 65% in 2002 to 79% in 2011 for Escambia County Schools. The expulsion rate has been cut in half through improved programs and

emphasis. Malcolm explained his theme for 2011 of "Living the Vision" which looks forward to the future and does not look back at the past. The future includes the Flight Academy at Warrington Middle School in use right now and the new state of the art Flight Academy at Escambia High School and the Global Learning Academy opening in the fall of 2011. Escambia County has 13 career academies within the system and many other specialized programs to offer. Escambia County has the only string orchestra in the state and approximately 1100 students participate in this program every year. Excellence in student achievement and creating positive impacts for students and the community are the key goals for the Escambia County School district that were presented today by Superintendent Thomas.

President Alan thanked all who needed thanking and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted, Claudia Simmons

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#### **ROTARY WHEELS**

- Hats off to Alan Moore and Fisher-Brown for the firm's centennial scholarship plan. A dozen deserving high scholars will benefit from a program that ties to FBI all the way back to 1911.
- Next time you park at New World check out the fancy KIA motor car with its blood bank paint job. Betty Roberts & Company knew how to market.
- There's much talk about "the green look" and one place that shows off so well on this is Ed Meadows' PSC main campus. A little rain has helped, but the look is excellent, from all sides.
- Recently a citizen toured the Naval Aviation Museum, thanked his guide, then commented: "You know, I saved Whiting Field for us, back in '88." The guide didn't recognize Earl Hutto!
- Jim Stolhanske and his Literacy Team will be seeking over 100 mentors for the upcoming fall program.
- Didjaknow that Jack Williams and George Biggs are directors of the Manna Food Bank?
- Collier Merrill, whose Fish House hosted the governor recently, also served up fine fare when John & Eleanor Appleyard celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary there.



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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**

Jeanne Quave www.rotary6940.org

#### Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the week of

## August 2nd through August 8th

Jack Williams – August 2, born in Norfolk, VA, in Rotary 19 years
Tim Kane – August 2, born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 15 years
Pete Doyle – August 7, born in Erie, PA, in Rotary 12 years
Mark Harden – August 7, born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 5 years
Bob Rogers – August 8, born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years
Janet Pilcher – August 8, born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 9 years
Blaise Adams – July 26, born in Macon, GA, in Rotary 19 years (Belated)

#### **GREETERS AND TICKET SALES**

- August 2: Greeters: Donnie McMahon and Norris McMahon Ticket Sales: Ed Meadows and Collier Merrill
- August 9: Greeters: Clark Merritt and Chuck Michaels Ticket Sales: Robert Mills and Jock Mobley
- August 16: Greeters: John Monroe and Alan Moore Ticket Sales: Cal Moore and Tony Neuner
- August 23: Greeters: Ric Nickelsen and Eric Nickelsen Ticket Sales: Ted Nickinson

#### PRAYER AND PLEDGE

August 2 Prayer/Pledge: Nancy Maloy Sunshine: Al Stubblefield *August 16* Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick Sunshine: John Shaffer

August 9 Prayer/Pledge: Earl Hutto Sunshine: Jack Gray *August 23* Prayer/Pledge: Betty Gail Peters Sunshine: Scott Grissett

#### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

#### August

- 2 John Hosman ECARE Project Ready
- 9 Florida Supreme Court Justice Ricky Polston
- 16 Dr. Rick Harper
- 23 Wendy Spencer, CEO Commission on Volunteerism, Volunteer Florida, Inc.
- 30 Dan Shugart WEAR, Sinclair Broadcasting

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