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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

MINUTES

The August 2, 2011 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on another beautiful but warm summer day, and Rotarians Norris McMahon and David Stafford greeted the incoming lunch crowd.

President-elect Innes Richards opened the meeting and did a fine job emceeding for the first time! Charlie Sherrill led the group in thoughtful prayer and Pledge. Martin Harwood handled Sunshine duties and welcomed one Military guest, a handful of guests of Rotarians, and Rotarians from other clubs having a Downtown New World lunch. The day's raffle tickets were sold by Leslie Halsall, and a surprised George Biggs was the winner of \$56.

Jim Stolhanski introduced the speaker for the day, John Hosman, Chairman of ECARE Escambia. John graduated from the University of West Florida with a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's in business administration. During his time at UWF he served two terms as the student body president and one term as the president of the Florida Student Association. He was also named Florida's College Student Leader of the Year runner-up. John is a partner and COO of FS Advisors Inc., and focuses on consulting as well as providing wealth and risk management services. Prior to joining FS Advisors Inc., he worked with O'Sullivan Creel Wealth Advisors, LLP where he helped develop their Finance Division.

ECARE: Every Child A Reader in Escambia. ECARE's Project Ready is a

focused program to prepare students for kindergarten, thereby improving the long term educational success for all children living in the school district of the new downtown elementary school, the Global Learning Academy, referred to as the Ready Zone. John opened the discussion with some eye opening statistics. In Escambia County, 25% of the population is functionally illiterate, 27% of high school kids fail to graduate, 68 % of kids at age four are not ready to enter kindergarten, and 96% of the children living in the Ready Zone live in poverty. Looking long term, of the 27% of non-graduates, 44% of those will be unemployed as adults. ECARE's primary goal is to improve those odds while developing a prepared workforce that contributes to the economic welfare in Escambia County.

To accomplish this goal, ECARE focuses on four objectives.

- To identify children birth to age four in the Ready Zone, with an initial focus on children who are enrolled in early care and education programs and who will likely need educational and literacy assistance from ECARE programs.
- To leverage existing community resources by focusing volunteer efforts in the Ready Zone; promoting the elementary school as a resource to parents of both enrolled and future students; and encouraging participation in existing parent and provider

education, support and involvement activities.

- To assess early literacy development three times per year by administering the Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Assessment to four year olds and Get Ready to Read screening tool to three year olds. These assessment results will guide Project Ready efforts.
- To empower all stakeholders- teachers, parents, early learning providers, school leaders and community organizations- with the data they need to make informed decisions regarding educational, developmental and social services for young children and the direction of community resources.

Part of the process of working with the children includes helping them connect with role models who will have a positive impact on their lives and education, so ECARE must have the support of volunteer tutors and professionals to work directly with the children, and also from local businesses that are able to assist financially. John asked that anyone who is able to volunteer and/or become a business partner should contact ECARE Director Ashley Bodmer at Ashley@escambiareads.org or by phone at 850-433-6893.

President-elect Innes thanked everybody who contributed to today's meeting and adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by Jake Renfroe, III

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ See where national polls have listed Judy Bensen's UWF, Mort O'Sullivan's accounting firm, and Dale Knee's Hospice as high quality places to work.
- ❖ Betty Roberts is becoming an Opera Society board member.
- ❖ Nancy Roberts is chair for a gala which will climax the naval aviation centennial.
- ❖ Carl Mertins, Don McMahan, Collier Merrill, Lou Ray and Wright Moulton all are prior presidents of the Fiesta, which now has

provided recognition and entertainment for over 60 years.

- ❖ With more changes afoot at City Hall, Al Coby may get his stated wish and finally retire.
- ❖ Governor Rick Scott announced the reappointment of Rotarian Jeff Lewis as Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel for the First District Court of Appeal Region. Rotarian Jeff was appointed in 2007 by Gov. Crist to establish the office which runs from Pensacola to Jacksonville, including Gainesville and employs more than 100 attorneys and staff.

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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
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Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
August 9th through August 15th**

Tom Birdwell – August 11
born in Louisville, KY, in Rotary 34 years

Charles Gund – August 12
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 8 years

Lee Little – August 12
born in Baltimore, MD, in Rotary 3 years

Scott Paul – August 14
born in Fort Huachuca, AZ, in Rotary 4 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

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

August 30: Greeters: Jean Norman and Susan O'Connor
Ticket Sales: Mort O'Sullivan and Tom Owens

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

August 9
Prayer/Pledge: Earl Hutto
Sunshine: Jack Gray

August 23
Prayer/Pledge: Betty Gail Peters
Sunshine: Scott Grissett

August 16
Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick
Sunshine: John Shaffer

August
Prayer/Pledge: Henry Roberts
Sunshine: TBD

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

August

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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