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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

## MINUTES

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held under crystal blue skies on October 25, 2011 at New World Landing.

Members and their guests were greeted at the door by Roger Sherman and Charlie Sherrill. Ticket sales were managed by Claudia Simmons under the careful eye of Tim Kane. President Alan called the meeting to order and led the Club in the Four Way Test. R.P. Doyle was called to the podium to lead the club in a prayer and the pledge to our flag. Visiting Rotarian Dr. Ed Segal then led the Club in a rousing rendition of our National Anthem.

President Alan called Maria Goldberg to the podium to remind the membership of the upcoming Family of Rotary events to be held this evening at the home of Susan O'Connor, tomorrow evening at the home of Alan and Connie Bookman and Thursday evening at the home of Carol Law and co-hosted by Nancy Fetterman. The fun and fellowship begins at 5:30 PM. The club was reminded that there will be no regular meeting on Tuesday, November 8 as the annual Military Appreciation Luncheon will be held that week.

Grover Robinson was then called to the podium for Sunshine. Due to recent over-exposure in the local newspaper and blogs, Grover put forth a very low key presentation that included no equestrian or tourism

jokes. He dutifully introduced 2 military guests, 3 guests of the Club, 2 guests of Rotarians and 2 visiting Rotarians. The group then serenaded the birthday boys and girls with a hearty Happy Birthday You All.

The program for today's meeting was a presentation by Judge Casey Rogers on the Northern District of Florida Re-Entry Court. Judge Rogers is a resident of Gulf Breeze who currently sits as the Chief Judge for the Northern District of Florida. She described that the purpose of the re-entry program is to assist individuals in the transition to society after the completion of jail or prison sentences. Judge Rogers then introduced 2 US Probation Officers and 3 participants in the local re-entry program and outlined the process of reintegrating offenders back to communities upon their release. This effort is very important on 2 fronts, one being improved public safety and the other being prison budget savings. Judge Rogers applauded the work of Connie Bookman and her leadership of the Pathways for Change program which operates at the state level.

Judge Rogers highlighted that the major stakeholders and policy makers of the Federal criminal justice system have a common goal to reduce recidivism and that all 3 branches of government play a role in the effort which is led by the Department of Justice. This effort is especially important in our country which exhibits the highest rate of

incarceration in the world at 1 in 100 with 1/3 of that population in some form of supervision. Of that universe, 95% will leave prison with over 700,000 individuals released each year. Unfortunately, the re-arrest rate of that group is approximately 67%. Other startling statistics include an increase of 784% in the federal inmate population since 1980 and an 1800% increase in the budget of the Bureau of Prisons over that same timeframe. Judge Rogers stated that the budget of the Bureau last year was over \$6.4 billion yet several of their facilities are vacant due to lack of funding. These statistics underscore the enormity of the problem and point out the tremendous opportunity for a successful re-entry program. The key to the program is to assist individuals in facing the challenges of re-entry, to assist in establishing goals and provide a framework to take responsibility for past and future actions. Another key aspect of re-entry is to obtain employment in order to assist in avoiding criminal behavior to fill basic needs. Judge Rogers then introduced a participant in the program who vividly illustrated the positive results than can be achieved by active participation and the eventual successful assimilation into society.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Blaise Adams

## CROP MEETING

Please note that the **Military Appreciation CROP Meeting** will be held on **Monday, November 7th**. Our regularly scheduled weekly meeting on November 8th is cancelled.

## 2010-2011 Club Officers

◆ President	Alan B. Bookman
◆ Past President	C. Ray Jones
◆ President Elect	Innes C. Richards
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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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## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of  
November 1st through November 7th**

**Sandy Cesaretti Ray** – November 1  
born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 13 years

**Wanda Cross** – November 2  
born in Washington, DC, in Rotary 5 years

**Wes Reeder** – November 3  
born in Asheboro, NC, in Rotary 11 years

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### November 1

Greeters: Fred Sitten and Martin Small

Ticket Sales: Auby Smith and Sandra Kaye Smith

### November 15

Greeters: Bob Switzer and Tommy Tait

Ticket Sales: Terry Terrell and Malcolm Thomas

### November 22

Greeters: John Tice and Paul Tobin

Ticket Sales: Leanne Todd and John Trawick

### November 29

Greeters: Hill Turner and Lamar Tuzo

Ticket Sales: Milton Usry and Doug Werber

## PRAYER AND PLEDGE

### November 1

Prayer/Pledge: Leonard Swartz

Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

### November 15

Prayer/Pledge: Nancy Maloy

Sunshine: Scott Grissett

### November 22

Prayer/Pledge: Earl Hutto

Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

### November 29

Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick

Sunshine: Bob Hart

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### November

1 - Penny Nixon-West - Director of Etta Projects

7 - CROP Meeting - Military Appreciation (Notice meeting date change)

15 - Earl Hutto - Bell Ringing Salvation Army

22 - TBD

29 - TBD

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