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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

Rotarians received a warm greeting on this rainy day from Bret Barrow and Nora Bailey. President Alan called the meeting to order with a big “Roll Tide” with congratulations to both Alabama and LSU for great seasons. Prayer and pledge was led by Neal Goldsborough.

President Alan announced that Rotary International is sponsoring a trip to India and our own Julie Tippins Parker is attending. She is one of only 40 Rotarians in the U.S. participating. President Alan also reminded us all to mark our calendars for Saturday February 25 for the Rotarians Against Hunger project where we will package 82,000 meals for the hungry. The event will be held at Manna Food Bank with two shifts; 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. – noon. Bobby Behr was the lucky raffle winner today, taking home \$46, thanks to the ticket sales efforts of Tony Basel.

Mr. Sunshine Richard Sherrill told

a few jokes, most of which were quite funny once the crowd thought about them for a few minutes. He then welcomed all Rotary guests. Those with birthdays this week were announced and Richard led the club in singing Happy Birthday to You All accompanied by John Appleyard on harmonica.

John Shaffer introduced today’s speaker, Jeff Helms, vice president of Peter R. Brown Construction, Inc., an Atkins company, to speak with us about the Whiting Aviation Park airport master plan. He said that Whiting Field in Milton is the busiest naval air station in the world. More than 1,200 service personnel complete their essential flight training there yearly. And, they have 1,500 military jobs and 1,370 civilian jobs.

Jeff introduced Santa Rosa County Commissioner Don Salter who spoke about why they are building a business park adjacent to this jewel of a military base. Industrial development around a military base is the most compatible use, as

compared to housing for example. Santa Rosa County negotiated a unique limited access use agreement with the U.S. Navy. The Navy will provide 6,000-foot runway access and will monitor airspace. The Park will enable a lot of the aircraft maintenance work to be kept nearby rather than it going out of state as it currently is. And, the Park will make Whiting Field more efficient than it is today.

The 269 acre development will be built in phases. The initial start-up groundwork will cost about \$2.5 million, with Phase 1 costing approximately \$12 million. Jeff estimates this Park will generate 2,300 jobs over the next 10 to 20 years. They are looking at two good prospects for the Park now, and all indicators are that this initiative will be successful.

President Alan led everyone in the Four-Way Test then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Hartnett

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ The club’s had a January disabilities list, as usual. Bill Baxter was hospitalized briefly, and Randy Jackson now is rehabbing following kness replacement surgery.
- ❖ Morris Eaddy continues to be a mentor to budding artists and this month is teaching again.
- ❖ Word is that Frank Beall may be gone for a month visiting family out of state. And, Sally Fox may be one of our more distant travelers. Hear she may be doing some client work in Argentina!
- ❖ The Rooters are grateful to Collier Merrill for his hard work in getting the performance pavilion ready in the waterfront park.

## 2011-2012 Club Officers

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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](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of  
January 17th through January 23rd**

*Sally Fox* - January 17 - born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 17 years

*Mort O'Sullivan* - January 19 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 27 years

*Chuck Michaels* - January 21 - born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 11 years

*George Biggs* - January 23 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years

*Tom Gilliam* - January 23 - born in Columbus, GA, in Rotary 2 years

*Al Coby* - January 23 - born in Muskogee, OK, in Rotary 23 years

*Ron Jackson* - January 23 - born in Marianna, FL, in Rotary 12 years

## PRAYER AND PLEDGE

### January 17

Prayer/Pledge: RP Doyle  
Sunshine: Sally Fox

### January 31

Prayer/Pledge:  
Sunshine:

### January 24

Prayer/Pledge: Roger Vinson  
Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### January

17 - Rick Fountain, Author - History of PHS Football

24 - TBD

31 - Melinda Crawford - Pensacola International Airport

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### January 17

Greeters: Charles Beall and David Bear  
Ticket Sales: Robert Behr and Brian Bell

### January 24

Greeters: Howard Bell and Gary Bemby  
Ticket Sales: Judy Bense and George Biggs

### January 31

Greeters: Alexis Bolin and Shawn Brantley  
Ticket Sales: Richard Brosnahan and Roger Brown

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