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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

April showers bring downtown Rotarians together in order to enjoy a day of fellowship and the talk was all about the Maritime Park opening this week for Blue Wahoo baseball. Sally Fox and Ray Fox (no relation just alphabetical) greeted all at the door.

President Alan kicked the day off with letting all know that there is an opportunity to assist with the Rotary wheelchair program in Central America the first few weeks of May. Contact Cliff Payne for additional details.

Alexis Bolin introduced our newest member, Barry Barlow who has recently moved here from South Florida to work with Gannet in their marketing department. Barry has been a Rotarian since 2008 and held the sergeant at arms position in the Ft. Meyers Club. Welcome aboard Barry!

LeAnne Todd thanked the Club for its \$3000 support for Junior Achievement and introduced Caleb who is a JA ambassador at West Florida high school. Caleb thanked the Club as well for the support and described what the JA program meant

to his life and described how it will guide his future career as a hopeful CEO.

Norris McMahon took home \$79 dollars from the raffle and four sets of Blue Wahoo tickets were pulled so that various members can attend a Wahoo game over the next week.

Nigel Allen led us in some much needed Sunshine skillfully recognizing guests, visiting Rotarians, military, and of course our birthday boys and girls.

Club member Maria Goldberg introduced another club member Collier Merrill who discussed the Community Maritime Park project. This obscure little project, which has sailed under the RADAR garnishing little interest from the public, is set to open for baseball this week. Rotarians were stunned, not only that a double-A baseball game was going to be played this week but that there was a park less than a mile away and it was on the bay. Once everyone shook off their doubt about what Collier was talking about, he discussed some of the "colorful" history of the project, the challenges of the governing board,

various design aspects and concessions because of budgets, and expressed his thanks to all involved that now, we as a community, are only days away from a project we can all be extremely proud today and for years to come. The six year \$60M project has transformed a former industrial petroleum site, often used by high school party goers in the 1980's and more recently lived in by those less fortunate, into a multiuse facility buffered by expansive green space and an accommodating amphitheatre for all to use. The grand opening of the park is set for June the 9th which will be a grand event with a rockin concert and all events will be open to the public. Collier thanked Quint and Rishy Studer for their vision and the Blue Wahoos, the City for moving forward on the project, and encouraged all to come out to the park and enjoy the new crown jewel of downtown Pensacola.

Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ March 28-29 John Appleyard helped host a reunion of Hospital Research & Development executives from across the country. One of their visit sites was the Aviation Museum, where they were awed by what they saw! A second stop was the Blue Wahoos' Park. Visitors couldn't believe what they found in the stadium which Collier Merrill, his committee, and, of course, Quint Studer, have assembled.
- ❖ Randy Butler, our West Florida Hospital member, will see some changes soon. The CEO there will be leaving

in June. This is surely hospital executive turnover time.

- ❖ Dale Knee spent part of March as a guest lecturer at George Washington University's School of Health Services. He and other locals were addressing the future of health care in our aging population.
- ❖ Didjknow that David Stafford and his staff are this month recognizing the 191st anniversary of the first election ever held here? That date was when our first elected city council was chosen.

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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		

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Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
April 10th through April 16th**

Mark Tuzo – April 11

born in San Diego, CA, in Rotary 26 years

Dick Dickerson – April 11

born in Oxford, NC, in Rotary 44 years

Clif Payne – April 12

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years

Ed Wonders – April 13

born in Newton, KS, in Rotary 10 years

Henry Roberts – April 14

born in Selma, AL, in Rotary 6 years

David Stafford – April 16

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 7 years

Ted Brown – April 16

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 34 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

April 10

Greeter: Maria Goldberg

Ticket Sales: John Gray

April 17

Greeters: Scott Grissett and Charles Gund

Ticket Sales: Donald Haferkamp

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

April 10

Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick

Sunshine: Jimmy Jones

April 17

Prayer/Pledge: Randy Butler

Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April

10 - Bruce Baldwin/Quint Studer Stadium, Baseball

17 - Kim Kimbrough - Executive Director, Downtown Improvement Board

24 - Ashton Hayward - Mayor, City Progress

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