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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

Rotarians Earl Hutto and Randy Jackson greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a smile and a warm, Rotary welcome on another beautiful day in Pensacola. Rotarians Ray Jones and Chris Jenson sold raffle tickets. President Alan called the meeting to order and asked the club to join him in reciting the Four Way Test. Rotarian Bob Hart (Esquire) then provided a prayer and led Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our great nation.

President Alan then gave a special thank you to our club's Ed Ranelli for his work on this year's Ethics in Business Awards. President Alan also asked UWF President and fellow Rotarian Dr. Judy Bense to stand for round of applause as being named number one power person in the Pensacola area by a weekly publication - nice going! Jean Norman was asked to give our club on her recent trip to India and to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting of Rotary International Convention in Bangkok Thailand. Rotarian Jean spoke with great passion about the difference Rotary is making in India, particularly through Rotary's effort to end polio and through its program to provide desks to impoverished schools. President Alan then asked Rotarians John Clark, Julie Tippins-Parker and Jeff Lewis to the podium to be recognized at the club's newest Paul Harris Fellows.

After presenting the Paul Harris awards, President Alan called upon Rotarian Charlie Sherrill to introduce Rotary guests, visiting Rotarians, our military guest and to provide a little (very little) sunshine. Our visiting military guest was Lt. John Byrnham who was duly thanked for his service to his country and given some fine

Downtown Pensacola Rotary Club China and two tickets to a Pensacola Blue Wahoos game. Rotarian Gene Killinger was the winner of this week's raffle. Rotarian Charlie recognized two weeks of Rotarian birthdays and led the club in a rousing rendition of "happy birthday you all."

Rotarian Dr. Jimmy Jones then was asked to introduce our guest speakers. First, Dr. John Lanza, Executive Director of the Escambia County Health Department (ECHD) and Karen Capps, Director of School Health, Escambia County Health Department. Dr. Lanza explained the importance of the Escambia School Health program with its mission to enhance learning by promoting health and wellness for the children of Escambia County. Dr. Lanza noted that 25% of Escambia County's population are school aged children and introducing them to good health leads not only to better learning opportunities, but to a healthier, more productive adult population, as well. Dr. Lanza shared some statistics about the School Health program and its importance to providing health services to our students. Last year in the school district, there were an average of 1,836 daily clinic visits, there were nearly 3,000 students in the district with asthma, there were 424 students with some type of seizure disorder and 133 students with diabetes. With these numbers, the importance of the school health program becomes obvious.

We learned that total funding for the school health program had been reduced from last year's amount by 25% or slightly more than \$1,000,000. School health staffing has improved significantly during the last 15 years. In 1996, the ratio of RN's to students was 1:7,985. Although much better for

the current year at a RN to student ratio of 1:778, budget cuts will push that ratio back up to 1:1,958 for the 2012 - 2013 school year. The importance of the school health program is further highlighted by the 23% poverty level in Escambia County and the documented air quality issues in our community (e.g., ozone caused among others by the proximity to I-10). Obesity is another issue that must be confronted in the schools as currently 67% of adults and 30% of the children in the US are considered to be obese. This has obvious long-term health implications.

Given the importance of healthy diet to overall health, Dr. Lanza also touched on parts of the program that teach healthy diet to the students. The ECHD also is fortunate to have a dental outreach program. The ECHD dental van visits all 24 elementary schools where it has provided 2,186 oral exams (not the PhD type), provided 1,963 OHI, fluoride treatments and made 1,024 dental referrals. The future for the school health programs is to continue to do the best with the resources available, to continue children's nutrition and dental programs and continuing work to prevent this generation from living shorter life spans than their parents. For more information, Dr. Lanza may be contacted at the Escambia County Health Department (595-6557) and Ms. Capps may be contacted at 484-5100.

After thanking our speakers for an informative program, President Alan awarded more fine Pensacola Rotary china to them and called this meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Lewis

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Hear that Bill Elebash has had serious surgery, but that he's on the road to recovery.
- ❖ Jim Stolhanske says that the club's team of mentors, dealing with reading needs for over 40 pre-K children, is doing FINE. Results are very good, and hopefully more such work will be possible.
- ❖ Sherry Hartnett, who shortly will begin her doctorate studies, has resigned her role with Baptist Health Services.
- ❖ David Bear's firm, along with Randy Jackson's church and Sandy Cesaretti-Ray's TV station, were among the sponsors of the excellent Children's Chorus performances May 11-13<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Nancy Fetterman was in her glory at the Navy Museum's evening reception which preceded formal opening of the Space Academy. She and our late member Jack surely had been deeply involved. That evening a number of

- club members, including Cal Moore and Eric Nickelsen were present, noting the presence of a number of former astronauts.
- ❖ Terry Scruggs has been going through an exercise new to him...the selection of the new marketing director for the chamber. Many things to consider.
- ❖ Ellis Bullock, Jr.'s set for a BIG Memorial Day weekend! His son is to marry the talented daughter of actress Sissy Spacek (in Charlottesville)! John Appleyard's granddaughter is a member of the wedding party.
- ❖ Hear that with the many changes taking place at Baptist Health Care Jerry Maygarden will be returning to that scene to lend counsel.
- ❖ Didjknow that when the club heard Dr. Lanza and his report of Health Department services that he fills a role that's been present since the very day when Florida became part of the USA? There has been a county health officer in place ever since July, 1821.

## 2011-2012 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**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of  
 May 22 through May 28**

**Martin Coe** – May 22  
 born in Pensacola, FL, previously in Rotary 12 years rejoined Sept 2011

**Don Scott** – May 23  
 born in Brewton, AL, in Rotary 15 years

**Art Hufford** – May 23  
 born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 11 years

**Jules Kariher** – May 24  
 born in Winston-Salem, NC, in Rotary 4 years

**Chris Jensen** – May 25  
 born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary less than 1 year joined Sept 2011

**Rodger Doyle** – May 28  
 born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

**May 22**  
 Greeters: Jimmy Jones and Charles Kahn  
 Ticket Sales: Tim Kane and Jules Kariher

**May 22**  
 Prayer/Pledge: Charlie Sherrill  
 Sunshine: Henry Roberts

**May 29**  
 Greeters: Gene Killinger and Jerry Kindler  
 Ticket Sales: John Klocke and Chris Klotz

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**May**  
 22 - Dana Bledsoe - Children's Hospital Enterprise  
 29 - Buck Mitchell - Military Appreciation and the Navy League

**June**  
 5 - David Tuyo - Pen Air Federal Credit Union  
 12 - Dr. Sharon A. Heise, Associate Director - Institute for Human and Machine Cognition  
 19 - Matthew Vilmer - BP Oil Claims Process  
 26 - Change of Command (Evening Meeting) at Heritage Hall (no regular meeting)

## ROTARY WHEELS *CONT.*

❖ Mark Harden has been selected to Chair the 'NW Florida Congressional Awards Council' for the 1st Congressional District. The program allows all youth ages 14 to 23 to work toward and earn a Congressional Award for Achieved Personal Goals in Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness and Exploration/Expedition. Also joining the Council from our club is Fr. Jack Gray. If you know or have children in the age range, see Mark or Jack for details.

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