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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Rotarians received a friendly greeting today from Mike Layton and Gary Lee while Jeff Lewis was busy selling numerous raffle tickets. President-Elect Innes called the meeting to order. Prayer and pledge was led by Shawn Brantley. Announcements today began with congratulations to Erin Sammis on the recent birth of her baby girl. President Innes then made a very nice presentation to Trip Maygarden who has been selected as a Paul Harris fellow. Mr. Sunshine, Grover Robinson, wore a cheerful yellow shirt to emulate sunshine on this overcast day. He welcomed all military guests, thanking them for their service; guests of Rotarians; and visiting Rotarians. Grover announced those with birthdays and led the club in singing Happy Birthday to You All accompanied by John Appleyard on harmonica. The lucky \$72 raffle winner today was Ray Jones. Many pairs of Wahoos baseball tickets were given away during the raffle to Peit Hudson, Jeff Lewis, as well as today's military guests and the key note speaker. Betty Roberts graciously introduced today's speaker, Dr. Sharon

Heise, Associate Director of The Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC). Dr. Heise provided a fascinating overview of IHMC which is a not-for-profit research institute of the State University System of Florida and has more than 100 researchers and staff. IHMC focuses on human centered computing, developing technology that helps people perform better on a day-to-day basis. Researchers work primarily on three forms of assistive technologies: sensory, mobility, and cognitive.

Much of the work being done for sensory substitution relates to vision problems. Dr. Heise told the group about how IHMC is working to help people learn to see via a technological interface through the tongue. Their work is experiential and in development. Much of it has been designed and tested primarily for injured service members. Assistive technology for mobility includes exoskeletons, both passive and powered, that are used in rehab situations. IHMC is not a clinical facility, so patients don't stay there. IHMC collaborates with clinical partners such as neurologists in

Tucson, AZ and Sheltering Arms in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Heise also showed how their Lunar Electric Rover (LER) helps study surfaces. IHMC partners with NASA on planetary surface exploration. IHMC is also actively involved in humanoid robotics, particularly legged locomotion which is their area of specialization. Some of these robots are sponsored by the Department of Defense. She mentioned there are lots of videos on YouTube for anyone that wants to see more examples. Dr. Heise concluded her presentation by reinforcing that IHMC's mission is innovative research that makes a difference.

There being no further business, President Innes adjourned the meeting thanking everyone for their service.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Hartnett

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ When President Alan steps out of office at the end of June he will also be completing 25 years of membership. Congratulations!
- ❖ Sorry to see that good members David Bear and Wright Moulton have had to face an unfortunate state of affairs at Pensacola Museum of Art. Club members have been leaders with that organization since its beginnings almost 60 years ago. Hope for better news.
- ❖ Have you seen the TV commercials featuring Britt Landrum and Ted Kirchhar? They look very professional.
- ❖ Hoping for good things in this year's campaign. Y'all take note that it was 75 years ago this fall that Community Chest went back into business here after a Depression lapse. Rotary members were immediately involved.
- ❖ The June 1st issue of the CATO Report, a nationwide review in conservative political events, quoted our own Roger Vinson's recent judicial opinion on Obamacare, noting Roger's excellent historical scholarship.
- ❖ Didjasee where Matt Currin III and David Bear were Fiesta knights?

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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
June 19th through June 25th**

Jeff Lewis – June 20 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 4 years

Jack Fleming – June 21 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 15 years

Terry Terrell – June 21 – born in Seattle, WA, in Rotary 12 years

Jock Mobley – June 22 – born in Thomasville, GA, in Rotary 16 years

Tony Basel – June 22 – born in Baltimore, MD, in Rotary 2 years

Al Stubblefield – June 24 – born in Jackson, MS, in Rotary 28 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

June 19

Greeters: Nancy Maloy and Bill Maloy

Ticket Sales: Trey Manderson and Kyle Marrerro

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

June

19 - Matthew Vilmer - BP Oil Claims Process

26 - Change of Command (Evening Meeting) at Heritage Hall (no regular meeting)

July

3 - General Ferguson

10 - Jim Dosh - Escambia County Management

17 - Shannon Nickinson - Pensacola News Journal

24 - Rick Outzen - Independent News

31 - Admiral Hoewing - Naval Aviation Museum & Flight Academy

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