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## The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW JUNE 19, 2012

The June 19, 2012 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place at New World Landing on a warm but breezy last day of spring. Rotarians Bill and Nancy Maloy greeted arriving Rotarians, and Trey Manderson and Kyle Marrerro handled raffle ticket sales. Nancy Maloy was the lucky winner of the \$64 prize.

Betty Gail Peters led the group in thoughtful and thankful prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance. Sally Fox did a great job with Sunshine duties for the day, and she welcomed a handful of guests and visiting Rotarians from other clubs. On his final meeting day as Downtown Rotary President, Alan Bookman thanked members and the outgoing Board and staff for their support throughout his year.

Program Chairman John Shaffer introduced today's guest speakers, Matthew Vilmer from the law firm of Emmanuel, Sheppard, and Condon, and Jason Peterson with Clark, Partington, and Hart. The two firms are the lead litigators in the local Class Action lawsuit assisting individuals and businesses recover from what may be the worst man-made ecological disaster to affect the Gulf Coast in U.S. history. The economic impact of the April, 2010 oil spill continues to affect thousands who own property

or earn their living along the Coast. Matt explained the switch from a BP controlled claims process to the current process called the Court Supervised Settlement Program that will hear the claims and oversee payouts and reimbursements likely through 2014.

The wide range of industries and individuals with possible losses due to the oil spill include rental management groups, hotels, real estate brokerage firms, restaurants and bars, tourism businesses, commercial fishing businesses, dock and marina owners and operators, and waterfront property owners. The CSSP system requires a detailed accounting of damages, including lost profits and property damage for claims and settlement resulting from the oil spill. The system utilizes a map of economic loss zones that includes all of the northern gulf coastal and near-coastal geographic areas, as well as the Florida gulf coast to the Everglades. Businesses and industries who file claims for losses are required to provide varying proof depending on the zone their business occurred in, and are also required to show proof of loss during a three month period between May and December, 2010.

Jason Peterson then explained the claims

process from a coastal real property and wetland damage perspective. Homeowners may file claims based on physical damage due to oil, loss of value of affected property, or loss or reduction in price of sale of property. Zone maps are also used to facilitate claims in this area, and the location of property is a factor in determining settlement for that type of claim. To be eligible to make a claim for coastal real property damage, real property sales damage, and wetlands real property damage, the affected property must be located in the claim zone applicable to one of those damage categories.

The attorneys reiterated that the requirements and restrictions they discussed for businesses and individuals are not set in stone if someone feels they may have a claim but aren't sure they fall into one of the categories or geographic zones. Matt Vilmer and Jason Peterson welcome people to contact them for answers to specific questions regarding the claim process.

President Alan thanked everyone who made today's meeting and his year as President a success and adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by Jake Renfroe

## WEEK IN REVIEW JUNE 26, 2012

On the evening of June 26, 2012, the Change of Command Banquet took place at Heritage Hall. 2011-2012 President Alan Bookman reflected on the past year's accomplishments and recognized the board (Innes Richards, Betty Roberts, Ron Jackson, Tim Kane, C.Ray Jones, Mort O'Sullivan, Alison Perdue Rogers, Gerry Hoewing, Scott Grissett, Susan O'Connor, Maria Goldberg, Jock Mobley and Clark Merritt) for their guidance and leadership. He then "pinned" Innes Richards as the new president for the 2012-2013 year. She welcomed David Stafford as the new president-elect and Leslie

Halsall as the new secretary. Incoming Board members include Courtney Dell, John Shaffer, Tony Basel Gary Sammons. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Grover and Sandra Robinson awards. The Sandra Robinson award is presented to a non-Rotarian that exhibits "service above self" in their activities, involvement, actions, and everyday life in our community. The Grover Robinson award is presented to a member of this Club that truly exhibits the "service above self" Rotary motto in professional, civic, voluntary, and other areas of his/her life. This year's Sandra

Robinson award went to Debbie Ritchie. The award was accepted by Felicia Wynne on her behalf due to being delayed in Dallas. The Grover Robinson award was presented to Grover Robinson, IV. Grover was overwhelmed and humbled to receive the award named after his father. As he spoke to the group, there was barely a dry eye in the house! Jack Williams crew at Heritage Hall did a fabulous job, as always, and the evening was a smashing success!

# ROTARY WHEELS

- Good to see Don McMahon's firm appearing on TV to answer insurance questions following the June 8<sup>th</sup> deluge. Haven't heard of any members with serious problems.
- Sorry to learn that Martin Small has moved to Atlanta and so left our membership.
- Terry Scruggs continues in his new life, now dealing in millions of dollars and great hopes for tomorrow. Terry just might be the basis for a good club program.
- See where Denise Windham, Jack Gray and Rodger Doyle are all members of John Clark's board at Council on Aging. The council's quarterly publication had some fine photos of recent additions to the daycare center the council offers.
- Congrats to Billy Elebash. He's a proud grandfather as of last week.
- And also to Betty Roberts. There's now a recently dedicated blood center in Crestview, broadening the fine work done by Betty's organization. (Our blood bank was opened here in 1948.)
- Congrats once more to Rotarian Grover on his selection for the Grover Robinson Award. AND...within that week he also was named second vice-president of a statewide organization related to governing agencies.
- Jack Williams, whose staff did so well for our banquet, at the same time was preparing for the Ronald McDonald 5-K affair on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which would have major spillover into the Seville Quarter facilities.

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## 2012-2013 Club Officers

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 ◆ Past President
 ◆ President Elect
 ◆ Secretary
 ◆ Treasurer
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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 June 26th through July 3rd

Randy Williams - June 28

born in Mansfield, LA, in Rotary 20 years

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 3

Greeters: Trip Maygarden and Bryan McCall Ticket Sales: Glenn McDonald and Rex McKinney

July 10

Greeters: Donnie McMahon and Ed Meadows Ticket Sales: Jock Mobley and John Monroe

#### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

July

3 - General Ferguson - Army in NW Florida

10 - John Dosh - Escambia County Management

17 - Shannon Nickinson - Pensacola News Journal

24 - Rick Outzen - Independent News - Upcoming Elections

31 - Admiral Hoewing - Naval Aviation Museum & Flight Academy

#### ROTARY WHEELS CONT.

- Hear that Nigel Allen has altered his career path.
- See where a contractor has made Collier Merrill and the Rebuild Northwest Florida organization a target of suit. (In case you haven't followed the script REBUILD continues to provide unique assistance to area homeowners, continuing on the great work done following IVAN.)
- David Stafford is reving up for the August primary. He and his staff now offer even more conveniences in casting a ballot.
- aknow that once upon a time our good members Henry Bell Hodgkins and Van Davis made their Fourth of July sermons the reading of the full text of the Declaration of Independence? Wonderful idea.

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