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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing on Tuesday, July 24, 2012. Alan Moore greeted members and guests at the door with a great Rotary welcome. Bill Neuner and Ric Nickelson did a great job with ticket sales; \$61 went to the first ticket winner and several winners and the honored Military guests received tickets to a Blue Wahoos game. The meeting was called to order by President Innes Richards who led us in the four way test. President Innes called for a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of honorary member Dr. Clifton Payne and father of active member Clif Payne.

The Rotary Club of Live Oak needs our help. The recent flooding from TS Debby caused an infestation of insects in their area and a donation of any form of bug repellent is appreciated. Two important reminders went out about the Business Expo at UWF scheduled to begin October 3-4, 2012 and the Rotary Foundation Seminar on The Grant Process scheduled for August 4, 2012 at the Pensacola Airport. Great news regarding Jean Norman's recovery and we hope to see her at the meeting next week. Father Jack Gray led us in the Prayer and Pledge. Bob Mills brought on the Sunshine and greeted the Military Guests, Guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians. Birthday greetings went out to Will Hart, Blaise Adams and Bromley Dyson.

Scott Grissett introduced the Speaker, Rick Outzen, the founder and publisher of

the weekly *Independent News* and former Gulf Breeze City Council member from 1992-2006. On July 1, 1999, Rick Outzen founded a weekly tabloid, the *Independent*, under the slogan "A good newspaper for at town that needs one". The *Independent* merged with the *Florida Sun*, in 2001. The name of the paper changed briefly to the *Independent Florida Sun* before settling on its current name. Rick writes a weekly column for the *Independent News* called "Outtakes" and is the author of "Rick's Blog". Rick began his talk by reminding everyone that he is not necessarily politically correct and never has been. Rick proceeded with a thoughtful and interesting review from his vantage point of Pensacola politics of the recent past, the present and a look into the future. Rick described the recent past decade of the "double zeros" as "not so good" as the major characteristics of that time were shocks to the Pensacola area such as attack of 9-11, two major hurricanes, two near misses, the burst of the real estate bubble and the dismal statistics regarding poverty and its effects on health and literacy rates for the Pensacola area. Meanwhile, the areas surrounding Pensacola were experiencing significant gains in all these areas, leaving Pensacola as the "donut hole" in the local landscape of economic development and job creation.

According to Rick, the tide began to turn in 2007 with the 2nd vote to approve the Maritime Park sparked by the initiative and activism of the Pensacola Young Professionals, local leaders representing the

voices of minority interests and those strong politicians who opposed the status quo. From 2006 – 2010, with the election of Mayor Hayward, changes in city council, City management, the election of Grover Robinson to the County Commission and the public-private partnership of business and government with Vision 2015, Pensacola underwent a complete makeover. The Maritime Park opened in 2012 and the Pensacola Blue Wahoos came to town and are a great success by any measure. 1334 new jobs have come to the area bringing \$62M/year of payroll, \$22M of capital and an economic impact of \$422M/year. UWF and PSC are growing and expanding their reach into the economy and driving expansion and change. Rick says, where we go from here depends greatly on the outcome of the next elections for County Commission, Other Elected Officials and the Pensacola City Council. The balance of power could shift away from the current leadership and its forward momentum and at least, be slowed, and at worst we could have a real downturn as a result of several incumbents not running for re-election.

President Innes thanked all who served and the meeting was adjourned,

Submitted by Claudia Simmons

Reference: http://www.pensapedia.com/wiki/Rick_Outzen

ROTARY WHEELS

Here are a few historical tidbits about organizations and places present members may relate to:

IF Don McMahon had been chamber president as that organization began his headquarters would have been in the OPERA HOUSE! AND...Bill Mitchem and Ron Martin almost lost the original Beggs-Lane Law Library when fire consumed the Blount Building in 1905. Only volunteers from Local saloons, working as a recovery team, saved the Blount volumes from the flames. ALSO...Alan Moore's

Fisher-Brown firm had as its original Brown a man named Lucius, who left insurance to establish Brownsville. OH...and Henry Roberts former career site. First United Methodist Church, once had its location where the new federal courthouse stands today.

FINALLY... our four Sherrills, Charlie, Senior and Junior, Richard H. and Richard N., have ties to the LaRua Street home built by our club's sixth president, John H. Sherrill. That handsome structure has been purchased by Quint Studer and is being completely restored.

2012-2013 Club Officers

◆ President	Innes C. Richards
◆ Past President	Alan B. Bookman
◆ President Elect	David Stafford
◆ Secretary	Leslie Halsall
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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

Edward Philman
www.rotary6940.org

Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
July 31st through August 6th**

Brian Bell – July 31
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 5 years

John Phelps – August 1
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 48 years

Jack Williams – August 2
born in Norfolk, VA, in Rotary 21 years

Tim Kane – August 2
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 17 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 31

Greeters: Susan O'Connor

Ticket Sales: Mort O'Sullivan and Charles Oliver

August 7

Greeters: Tom Owens and Robert Palmer

Ticket Sales: Julie Tippens-Parker and Bruce Partington

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July

24 - Rick Outzen - Independent News - Upcoming Elections

31 - Admiral Hoewing - Naval Aviation Museum & Flight Academy

August

7 - Don Pittman - History of Rotary's Founder – Paul Harris

14 - Connie Bookman - Pathways for Change

21 - Heidi Blair - USO

28 - Dan Shugart - Football Preview

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