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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 under threatening skies at New World Landing on September 3, 2012. Rotarians and their guests were greeted at the door by Sandy Ray. Ticket sales were handled by the dynamic duo of Jake Renfro and Edwin Roberts. President Innes called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. Roger Vinson was called to the podium to lead the group in Prayer and Pledge. President Innes then announced that Bill Maloy had experienced a setback with a health issue and asked that all members keep Bill and Nancy in their thoughts and prayers. Our guest speaker then drew the winning ticket and Roger Enzor walked off with a cool \$81 in cash. Richard Sherrill was then called to the podium for Sunshine - what a brave soul. He let fly with a hunting joke that dropped with a resounding thud. Richard then introduced 4 guests of Rotarians and 8 visiting Rotarians - my guess is that they came for the program, not the food. Richard then redeemed himself with a poem about Sadie Hawkins that drew cheers from the crowd. The group then launched into Happy Birthday You All including harmonic accompaniment by Mr. Appleyard.

President Innes then proceeded to deck out the podium - and herself - with Alabama gear and garb. She then called Ellis Bullock

to introduce our program which was the annual college football forecast by none other than WEAR sports anchor Dan Shugart. The club regaled Dan with a big Happy Birthday rendition to honor his special day. This program is a longstanding Downtown Rotary tradition and hats off to Ellis for bringing this program to the club. Dan's program was backed up by a week due to Hurricane Isaac so week one of the season was a foregone conclusion. Did I mention that Alabama was ranked number 1 when the polls were released later in the day? Dan stated that Bama continued its momentum from last season with a dominating performance in their season opener in Dallas. They have an experienced quarterback and a very talented offensive line and even with losses to graduation it is hard to find a weakness in their game. On the other hand, Dan did not think that LSU looked impressive in their opener due possibly to off the field distractions during the offseason similar to issues that Georgia has experienced. Regarding FSU Dan stated that they are probably at least a year away from making the big step that their fans are waiting so eagerly for. The Gators appear to have found their quarterback yet the offensive line is underachieving thereby putting significant pressure on the defense. Did I mention that Alabama is now ranked number 1 in the

country? Auburn lost to a good Clemson team in their opener in Atlanta but the good news is that their defense is better than last season. It appears that Kyle Frazier does not have much talent around him. For the Troy faithful, it is imperative that their quarterback improve in light of the fact that the competition continues to improve in the Sunbelt Conference. Dan wished a big welcome to the SEC to Missouri and the grind of a very competitive conference schedule. It was noted that Arkansas had now rid itself of "serial scoundrel" Bobby Petrino and the school had no choice but to dismiss him for his scandalous behavior. Dan pointed out the importance of November 3 in that Oregon plays USC and Alabama plays LSU - these should be huge games. Did I mention that Alabama is ranked number one in the country? Dan then fielded questions from the floor and opined that the Darius Page matter was not a good reflection on #1 ranked Alabama and that South Carolina has an uphill battle with road games at LSU and Florida.

President Innes thanked all in attendance and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Didjknow that Sandy Ray is a board member with Autism Pensacola, Inc.?
- ❖ The Hurricane Isaac warnings kept everyone on the alert for hours, and they created extra effort for several members. Jerry Kindle and Red Cross were getting shelters ready, while Malcolm Thomas, Judy Bense and Ed Meadows were juggling school class schedules.
- ❖ And speaking of hurricanes, such a storm in 1752 destroyed the Pensacola Village on Santa Rosa Island and set the wheels in motion for the waterfront location we have today. Happily the 2012 storm generated modest damage...but compare that with what happened at NAS in 1926. At that time there were thirty aircraft destroyed...for a total loss of \$45,000. Times and prices do change.
- ❖ Didjknow that Bill Elebash has become a grandfather...again?
- ❖ Sherry Hartnett's breezing through her work for a doctorate...but she admits that studying has become considerably different from her earlier student days.
- ❖ Paul Young and the Jerry Maygardens say that their British Isles cruise was a great success. There was a lot of history and geography learned!

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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
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Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of September 4th through September 17th

Mac Miller – September 4 – born in Baltimore, MD, in Rotary 52 years
Mike Ferguson – September 4 – born in Waycross, GA, in Rotary 22 years
Jake Renfro – September 5 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 5 years
Charles Beall – September 5 – born in Dublin, GA, in Rotary 16 years
Jim Flournoy – September 6 – born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary 20 years
John Tice – September 6 – born in Tazewell, VA, in Rotary 38 years
Ellis Bullock – September 11 – born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 36 years
Earle Bowden – September 12 – born in Altha, FL, in Rotary 46 years
Charles Kahn, Jr. – September 14 – born in San Antonio, TX, in Rotary 1 year
Chris Pate – September 14 – born in Macon, GA, in Rotary 32 years
Tommy Smith – September 16 – born in Fayetteville, NC, in Rotary 1 year
Betty Gail Peters – September 17 – born in Knoxville, TN, in Rotary 15 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

September 11

Greeters: Henry Roberts and Grover Robinson
Ticket Sales: Alison Rogers and Bob Rogers

September 18

Greeters: Scott Sallis and Erin Sammis
Ticket Sales: Gary Sammons and Donn Scott

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September

11 – Dan Brown – Superintendent of National Seashore
18 – Jonathan Griffin – EVP Pensacola Blue Wahoos
26 – Edward Philman - Rotary District Governor

ROTAY WHEELS CONT.

- ❖ Ray Jones is doing some exciting new things working with the UWF Foundation.
- ❖ Our four Sherrill members are watching with interest as Quint Studer (in still another personal project) is restoring the 1933 Sherrill mansion which overlooks the mouth of Bayou Texar.

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