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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Al Stubblefield was flying solo as greeter on the beautiful VFR day with ticket sales being accounted for by Mort O'Sullivan and audited by Tim Kane. The meeting was called to order by President Innes leading us in The Four Way Test. Robert Mills led the Club in prayer and pledge to our flag. An announcement was made for the Family of Rotary event to be held November 15 and Maritime Park. Also, contribution forms for Rotary Foundation and "Every Rotarian Every Year" are being email to members for our timely reply. Cliff Payne's committee will be looking for all volunteers for the November 30th Habitat for Humanity home building project and Andrea Farage request input for the Club's list of community projects. Additionally, she ask for student applicants for the April 11th, 2012 Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

After a resolving scheduling issues due to performance demand the Club welcomed our very own "Rotary Rooters" who wowed us with their musical celebration of Christopher Columbus' landing in the new world. Following, Frank Beall presented some political humor and introduced our visitors, visiting Rotarians and led the group in birthday greetings to this week's celebrant. Our program was introduced by Tony Basel.

Members David Stafford and Alan bookman presented us with a timely overview of the upcoming election and the twelve constitutional amendments on the ballot this year. As Supervisor of Elections for Escambia County, David visited changes we have seen in voting methods from the first voting taking place after

General Andrew Jackson took over this new territory to our current state of the art voting equipment. More voters are voting early and by absentee ballot. Republicans outnumber Democrats but "no party" registration is up primarily by younger voters. With the latest census, Florida has gained two electoral votes and is now tied with New York for 3rd with California first and Texas in second in number. This year's ballot is loaded with many offices besides the President to be voted on.

Alan Bookman went over the constitutional amendments. He suggests we become informed prior to going to the polls otherwise you will never understand what is being presented.

1. Opts Florida out of Obama Care, basically symbolic as Federal law trumps Florida law.
2. Extends homestead property discount to vets if disability was acquired when no a FL resident but they now live in the State.
3. Replaces the existing state revenue limit based on FL personal income growth with a new limitation based on population and inflation change. Some excess funds could support education or be returned to taxpayers. May hurt local government funding. Helps reduce big government.
4. Reduces from 10% to 5% the maximum annual increase in assessed value on certain non-homesteaded properties. First time home buyers (have not owned a home in FL in prior 3-years) get a 50% of the value of the home up to \$150,000 exemption, phased out over 5-years. Also helps non-homesteaded

property where the market value reduces.

5. May cut into separation of powers between the legislature and the judicial branch but having the Senate confirm Supreme Court Appointees.
6. Prohibits public funding of abortion except for special conditions as rape, physical threat to the mother's life and other hardship cases.
7. This has been removed and is now under amendment 8.
8. Repeals taxpayer funding for religious organizations.
9. Homestead tax exemption for surviving spouse of vets who died from service related cause and also included first responder's spouses.
10. Provides additional tangible tax exemption on values between \$25,000 and \$50,000.
11. Allows seniors and low income homeowners additional homestead tax relief for values under \$250,000 with ownership for at least 25 years and are over 65 with a low income as defined by law.
12. Replaces the process for appointment of University student body president to the Board of Governors of the State University System.

Please read up on these amendments and the positions of all of our public officials running for office this November 6th. Get out and vote!

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Chris Pate

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Ed Meadows and PSC will unveil the Anna Society Membership Faculty Art Wall at the college November 8th. "Anna" was a member of Bobby Switzer's family, and when the major art element for the college was established, Bobby and his family were large backers.
- ❖ Didjknow that Peit Hudson was a behind the scenes worker in the IM-PACT 100 organization, which last week made over \$700,000 in grants for local projects?
- ❖ Henry Roberts and many other health care professionals are working hard to protect patients in the ongoing meningitis problem.
- ❖ Bill Stafford has a post-season baseball story. Last week, as he sat on an

appeals court panel in Cincinnati, he was staying at the hotel where the visiting San Francisco Giants were present. The Giants had lost two straight at home, and their staff seemed so "down" that the players' suitcases remained in the lobby, anticipating a probable quick departure after game three. But, as Bill said, "that surely didn't happen." Oh...and congrats to Hill Turner on his Cardinals.

- ❖ Sorry to hear that Jimmy Coe's niece has passed away following a lengthy battle with cancer.
- ❖ Ted Brown is serving as the Vice President for the Pensacola Propeller Club.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity - November 30th is the next joint Five Flags/Rotary Club of Pensacola Habitat For Humanity construction date. As in the past both breakfast and lunch are provided along beverages. Construction experience is not required and the only thing you'll need to bring is a desire to have fun and embody the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Many thanks to all the previous volunteers and please contact Clif Payne (850-433-8732) to volunteer for this upcoming event.

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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
October 23rd through October 29th**

Tom Owens – October 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 15 years
Paul Tobin – October 24 – born in Detroit, Michigan, in Rotary 4 years
Gene Killinger – October 24 – born in Perry, FL, in Rotary 36 years
Malcolm Williams – October 26 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years
Alexis Bolin – October 27 – born in Long Branch, NJ, in Rotary 18 years
Collier Merrill – October 28 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 23 years
Jeff Powell – October 28 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years
Bill Davis – October 29 – born in DeFuniak Springs, FL, in Rotary 34 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

October 23

Greeters: Terry Terrell and Malcolm Thomas
Ticket Sales: John Tice and Paul Tobin

October 30

Greeters: Leanne Todd and John Trawick
Ticket Sales: Paula Turner and Hill Turner

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

October 23

Prayer/Pledge: Rodger Doyle
Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October:

23 – Captain Cerovsky – Center for Information Dominance
30 – Alex Sanchez – CEO of FBA

November:

5 – Crop Meeting (No regular meeting on 11/6)
13 – Steve Sorrell - ECUA

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