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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 a beautiful Tuesday. December 18, 2012. Members and special guests were welcomed by Hank Bell. Judy Bense and Gary Bembry handled ticket sales and the lucky lottery winner picked up \$63. President Innes Richards called the holiday inspired meeting to order and led us in the four way test and thanked Susan O'Connor for planning the special meeting. Susan had asked for everyone to wear their Christmas red and the room was resplendent with red clad Rotarians and guests. John Appleyard presented a proclamation and resolution honoring the life of Rotarian Pat Neff Groner who passed away on December 14, 2012. Pat Groner, was a past President of the Rotary Club of Pensacola (1977) and served the community in many capacities over more than 50 years. Mort O'Sullivan was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow +2 for his generous support of the work of Rotary. Roger Vinson led us in the prayer and pledge. Scott Grissett brought his own brand of Sunshine from Alabama and welcomed visiting

Rotarians, quests of Rotarians and the spouses and family of members who attended. Happy Birthday went out to Brad Butcher, Jerry Maygarden, Betty Roberts and Sherry Hartnett who were present. President Innes had asked for donations of items to be boxed into care packages for military men and women who are away from home at this time of vear and the back table was filled with boxes of needed items. Many Club Members stayed after the meeting to fill the boxes. The Rotary Rooters kicked off the festivities with performances of classic Christmas carols and seasonal songs, sprinkled with some historic facts about Christmas times gone by in Pensacola and the good works and fun times of the Rotary Club of Pensacola.

Susan O'Connor introduced Councilman Brian Spencer who brought special entertainment for the meeting. Brian introduced Vivian Lamont, the coowner of the Belmont Youth Band, which was established in 2003. The youth band gives children free lessons and instruments. She also is president of the Pensacola Music Study, which gives scholarships to five children every

year. Ms. Lamont created the non-profit organization to continue to inspire the vouth of Pensacola with music and music education as the Public School system was reducing or removing music education from the curriculum. Through the efforts of the organization, in this year alone, two of her band members have received full scholarships to Pensacola State College for music education. She introduced one of her students. Isabel Peterson. who at age 14 placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pensacola Jazz Society Competition this year. Isabel played the guitar and with Ms. Lamont sang Silent Night in a memorable performance. Isabel, who also writes and arranges her own music, treated us to her own versions of White Christmas and Winter Wonderland receiving a standing ovation for each. President Innes thanked all who served, the meeting was adjourned and a happy crowd was sent on to enjoy the Holidays. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013.

Submitted by Claudia Simmons

## ROTARY WHEELS

- Didjaknow that Nancy Fetterman is a member of the Children's Chorus Board? Or that Eric Nickelsen has a similar role with Sacred Heart Health Care System? And Mort O'Sullivan now sits on the Gulf Power board.
- Also, was Hank Bell's firm responsible for the mountain of steel going up for Sacred Heart's big enlargement?
- Congratulations to Gerry Hoewing and all others involved
- in the huge space heroes gathering at the Naval Aviation Museum. Lots of big names remembering historic events.
- Once upon a time folks enjoyed peering into lavish window displays as Christmas items were shown. NOW... well...it appears that Jim Coe's store on Gregory Street is our only continuation of that wonderful tradition.

## 2012-2013 Club Officers

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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 Cokesbury Methodist	Friday	12:00 pm

#### District Governor

Edward Philman www.rotary6940.org

#### **Assistant District Governor**

Robert W. Schuster

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### Birthdays for the week of January 8th through January 14th

John Shaffer - January 8

born in Harrisonburg, VA, in Rotary 10 years

Dick Sherrill - January 10

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 52 years

Ed Meadows – January 10

born n New Albany, MS, in Rotary 23 years

Hugh Hamilton - January 11

born in Spartanburg, SC, in Rotary 15 years

Julie Parker - January 11

born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 15 years

### GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

January 8:

Greeters: Alexis Bolin and Alan Bookman

Ticket Sales: Shawn Brantley

## **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

January

8 - Bill of Rights, John Appleyard

15 - Rotarian Surendra Bommireddy

22 – Boy Scouts, Bryant Perkins

29 - UWF College of Business, Dr. Ed Ranelli

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