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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Rotarians received a warm greeting today from Brian Bell and Hill Turner. Evon Emerson and Frank Beall sold many raffle tickets while they chatted with new arrivals. President Innes called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Four-way Test. Prayer and pledge was led by Judge Roger Vinson.

Announcements began today with Mark Harden who let everyone know that the Pensacola Chamber is accepting nominations for the next Leadership Pensacola class. Many Rotarians in the audience are LEAP alumni. Andrea Krieger shared that the next RYLA retreat will be held April 11-14, 2013 at Adventures Unlimited. Those wanting to be facilitators are encouraged to contact Andrea. Also, our club sponsors five 10th graders to attend the retreat and there are two spots still open. Ed Ranelli announced that the CROP Business in Ethics Award applications are now being accepted and are due April 1st. The awards luncheon will be held in May.

Congratulations go out to Scott Sallis on the birth of his new baby boy. President Innes reminded everyone that the Rotary District Conference will be held April 19-21 in Panama City. She also presented past-president Alan Bookman with a Rotary

award that was won under his leadership last year for 100% participation.

The lucky winner of today's \$75 raffle was Fred Sitten. Mr. Sunshine, Rodger Doyle kept the audience laughing with his jokes today. He welcomed guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians and then led us all in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to You All accompanied by John Appleyard on harmonica.

Jim Hizer introduced today's speaker, Stan Connally. Mr. Connally took over as president and CEO of Gulf Power Company seven months ago. He is responsible for the utility that provides energy services from Northwest Florida communities stretching across eight counties and has 1,400 employees. The Georgia Tech graduate has had a long career with Southern Company, holding positions in various functional areas, and has managed plants for both Mississippi Power and Alabama Power.

Mr. Connally praised his great, but admittedly not perfect, employees and introduced us to two he is proud of: Robert, a lineman and Allison, a customer service representative. One of Mr. Connally's top priorities has been to get to know his employees out in the field. Customers are also important to him. He said that Gulf

Power can't be complacent, but always needs to be meeting the needs of customers. He spoke of investing in emerging technology for customers, such as the new smart technology meters on homes. This summer Gulf Power will come out with a way to alert customers, via their phones, of an estimated time when the customer's power will be back on (if power happens to go out).

Community development is key to Mr. Connally and to Gulf Power. Gulf Power employees are out in the community in many areas and ways, helping the region grow and diversify. The military is Gulf Power's largest customer. The company is invested in workforce development, helping create a pipeline of skilled technicians. Skilled technicians are well-paid positions, with salaries ranging from \$60,000 - \$85,000 per year. Mr. Connally closed by thanking everyone in the room for being a customer.

Past President Innes adjourned the meeting thanking everyone for their service.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Hartnett

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Mark Harden, who heads the area Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, has entered the toughest part of his annual schedule. Right now the Society is entering its annual financial campaign. Like all agencies of compassion, even Navy-Marine works need money.
- ❖ Didjaknow that Paul Tobin, in retirement, is taking weekly piano lessons from Bill Dollarhide's organization?
- ❖ Handsel Butts is far from our club's most senior member by the

calendar, but he IS our member with the longest service who is regularly in attendance. Handsel joined this club in 1963.

- ❖ The announced retirement from the Naval Aviation Museum of Gerry Hoewing gives cause for reflection. Members of this club have held key roles in that wonderful organization from day one. In addition to Gerry there have been Adm. Jack Reeves, Adm. Jack Fetterman, and, of course, Skip Furlong, whose fund raising talents have produced obvious results. AND...many other members have served in board roles and in special missions.

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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		

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Edward Philman
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
February 12th through February 18th**

Nancy Fetterman – February 12
born in Poteet, Texas, in Rotary 4 years

Kyle Marrero – February 13
in Rotary 3 years

Robert Palmer – February 16
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 23 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

February

12 – Franklin Scholar
19 – Greater Pensacola Chamber, Jim Hizer
26 – University of West Florida, President Judy Bense

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

February 12:

Greeters: Judy Bense and Robert Benz
Ticket Sales: George Biggs and Thomas Birdwell

February 19:

Greeters: Alexis Bolin and Alan Bookman
Ticket Sales: J. Bowden and Shawn Brantley

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