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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 under overcast skies and balmy conditions.

Rotarians and their guests were greeted at the door by Jerry Kindle who ably handled solo greeting duty.

Ticket sales were carried forth by Tim Kane who was assisted by Chris Klotz.

The meeting was called to order, albeit somewhat tardily, by neophyte President David who led the group in the Four Way Test and announced that the faux roast beef basted in mystery sauce on the buffet would be a staple during the entire term of his Presidency. Leonard Schwartz was called to the podium to lead the group in prayer and the pledge to our flag. President David then provided reflections on the installation banquet and congratulated community leaders Belle and Lewis Bear on receipt of the Sandra Robinson award and Collier Merrill for the Grover Robinson award. The list of community advancements fostered by these fine people is at least a mile long and growing – the recognition is well deserved indeed. President Stafford read a very kind note to the club from the very gracious Belle Bear thanking Pensacola Rotary for a wonderful evening. President Stafford then acknowledged the outgoing Board members and thanked them for their service to the club. A standing ovation for outgoing President Innes then followed. The club was reminded of the Family of Rotary event to be held at the Fish House Deck on Thursday, July 18. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and all

Rotarians are encouraged to come and enjoy the waterfront scenery and fine fellowship. A call for Helicopter volunteers was sent out to add additional scribes to the corps of hardened veterans who dutifully fulfill this task each week. Rotarians were encouraged to participate in the upcoming naturalization ceremony scheduled for July 26 – this activity is a hallmark of our club and we need good participation to keep it going.

Chris Klotz was then called to the podium for Sunshine duty. Chris clearly is a believer in quantity over quality as he proceeded forth in rapid fire version with 5 groaners – each of which failed to meet the mark. Richard Sherrill never looked so good. Chris then introduced 2 military guests, 5 visiting Rotarians and 3 guests of Rotarians. Chris then led the group in singing Happy Birthday You All to the birthday boys and girls in attendance.

Alan Bookman walked away with the raffle pot of \$70.

President David then announced a new procedure for questions from the floor after our weekly program presentation. New rules call for the questioner to state his or her name, ask the question which will then be repeated by the speaker prior to answering. Pat Quinn was then introduced to present the program for the meeting. Pat is well known the club based on his many years serving as the curator of the Gulf Breeze Zoo and leading numerous trips to exotic locations in Africa. Today's speaker was Francis Lenyakopiro who is a tribesman and warrior from the Samburu tribe that resides in Kenya. The Samburu tribe emigrated from

Egypt to their current home in East Africa. Francis then provided an interesting look into the customs and traditions of his tribe. The Samburu people live in huts made from plant materials. The ladies of the tribe own the homes and they are responsible for keeping them with the assistance of unmarried girls. Francis described the stages of the tribal warrior – boyhood from the ages of 10-14 followed by a month long preparation for a graduation to manhood that includes circumcision without benefit of pain relief or medication. Animals are sacrificed during graduation day and kudu horns are blown to invite all boys to make oaths to their mums, become official warriors and enter the tribe's army. Regular duties thereafter include looking after cows and goats and searching for food. The marriage process is marked by negotiations between the families of the bride and groom whereby a dowry is agreed to. Marriage and raising a family is followed by elderhood and advice to the tribe by a council. Francis spoke to the importance of education in his culture which is challenged by difficult natural conditions such as droughts. He mentioned his work with high achieving students in his district in Kenya and the fund he has established to provide financial support for the education of these young people. He suggested that Rotarians visit his website www.theschoolfund.org/samburusoso. Contributions can be sent to: The School Fund 1034 Stanley Way Palo Alto, CA 94303.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ David Stafford's attendance at the Rotary International Convention had some unexpected excitement, for during those days public employees in Portugal staged a general strike, protesting new budget cuts in public services.
- ❖ Last week Frank Beall and Mike Ferguson were guests at a luncheon at Pensacola Christian College. Both were amazed to see the size of the student dining room...which seats 1,300! The college is celebrating its fortieth anniversary, while the academy for K-12 students will be sixty in September.
- ❖ Our four Sherrills may be celebrating a bit come September, 'cause as of then their family will have been part of Pensacola for 110 years. The original, John H., was our president 1921-22.
- ❖ John Appleyard's new historical booklet highlights the Pensacola Police Department, Col. William D. Chipley and the many agencies of compassion which serve the area.
- ❖ Jerry Kindle and Red Cross haven't been this busy in years! Heavy rains and flooding, tornadoes, mud slides, forest fires, plane crashes and runaway train disasters are putting many unusual calls on the national organization, and Jerry's people are at work, too.
- ❖ Didjknow that Betty Roberts's Blood Center opened its doors this month 65 years ago?
- ❖ The Rooters send thanks to Bill Dollarhide and his staff, who have transcribed the new song on The Four Way Test into proper on-paper form, for possible distribution to other clubs.
- ❖ Frances Yeo has completed two weeks of post-surgical hospital care and is on the mend.
- ❖ As Andrea Kreiger and United Way begin their fall campaign this year's effort will mark the 75th anniversary since what was then Community Chest was revived from a Depression shutdown.

2013-2014 Club Officers

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◆ Past President	Innes C. Richards
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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

Ted Kirchharr
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Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of July 23rd through July 29th

Will Hart - July 25
Born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 6 years

Blaise Adams - July 26
Born in Macon, GA, in Rotary 22 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July

23 – National Parks, Suzanne Lewis
30 – Scrimming Project, ARC

August

6 – Landrum Health Care Talk
13 – The Jail, etc., Sheriff Morgan
20 – ECUA, Lois Benson
27 – Play Ball, Dan Shugart

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 23

Greeters: Dale Knee and Andrea Krieger
Ticket Sales: David Lamar and Britt Landrum

July 30

Greeters: Robert Larkin and Carol Law
Ticket Sales: James Layton and Gary Lee

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

July 23

Prayer/Pledge: Martin Harwood
Sunshine: Bob Mills

July 30

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill
Sunshine: Al Stubblefield

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cont.

- ❖ Hear that Leanne Todd is trying to master the harmonica, so the club will have a Happy Birthday backup.
- ❖ Didjknow that 60 years ago the club had a softball team in the Civic Club League?

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