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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 January 14, 2013 under glorious sunny skies in beautiful Downtown Pensacola. Rotarians were greeted with warm handshakes and greetings at the door from Auby Smith and Margaret Stopp. Next stop was ticket sales handled ably by the team of Tommy Smith and John Tice. President David called the meeting to order and led the Club in the Four Way Test. He then called upon Rotarian Pete Doyle to lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

President Stafford then announced upcoming programs to include SEC Football on January 20 and a representative from the IHMC Robotics Team on January 27. He thanked Jerry Maygarden and his committee for their hard work in bringing quality programs to our Club each week. Andrea Farage was then called to the podium to remind Rotarians that the Combined Rotary of Pensacola (CROP) service project in support of Manna Food Bank would be held on Saturday, February 22. All of those interested in participating, need to sign up no later than our next meeting on January 20. Andrea also mentioned the Rotary Leadership Awards (RYLA) and announced that applications for nominees are currently available to fill the 5 slots. President David reminded the Club about the Centennial Project and directed all interested members to contact John Shaffer for additional information on this important initiative. Ed Ranelli was then called to podium to announce that the annual Ethics In Business luncheon is scheduled for May 5. Nominations are currently being

accepted for leaders of small (under 50 employees) and large (over 50 employees) businesses in the area. Nominations are due by April 1.

The raffle pot of \$56 was carted away by Lavonne Agerton. Richard Sherrill was called to the podium for a little sunshine and I must say that Young Sherrill certainly delivered. After Richard introduced 2 military guests, he launched into a zinger about a session with a married couple and their therapist. Richard then introduced 3 guests of Rotarians and 1 visiting Rotarian. Richard wrapped up with yet another zinger about a couple of golfers trying to play through some ladies and a chance encounter ensued. Richard then led the club (sans accompaniment) in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to the lone birthday celebrant, Sally Fox. Redemption for Richard!

Paul Young was then called to introduce our guest speaker and program, Buck Lee. Buck has served as the Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Island Authority since 2004. Buck's welcome to the job was Hurricane Ivan which was followed by Hurricane Dennis the following year. These natural disasters were followed by the economic recession in 2008 and the BP Oil Spill in 2010. It is a true testament to Buck's leadership and the resiliency of the business owners and residents of Pensacola Beach who have bravely navigated each of these extremely taxing events to emerge bigger and better than before. Buck announced that the Blue Angels will be back this summer for their beach air show which provides a big lift

emotionally to the citizens of our community and provides a shot in the arm for the beach businesses. Buck reported that retail sales on Pensacola Beach hit a record \$158 million for 2012 and continued their climb in 2013 rising to another record of \$166 million. Buck discussed the success of Bands on the Beach which takes place every Tuesday evening from April through October. This popular event features local bands who play for a fraction of their usual rate just for the opportunity to perform on the Beach. Buck mentioned the free trolley service that operates from Memorial Day to Labor Day making it very convenient and fun to visit the various entertainment venues on the Beach. A new amenity on the Beach is the Red Fish Blue Fish Restaurant which is located on the Sound across the street from the Hilton Resort. This restaurant was constructed from shipping container and feature unique menu items and an elevated view of Santa Rosa Sound. Buck also mentioned ongoing efforts to improve the infrastructure at the Beach with the repaving of roads and parking lots. He indicated that discussions are ongoing regarding a water taxi that would connect Downtown Pensacola, Ft. Pickens and Pensacola Beach. President David thanked Buck for the fine job he is doing and presented him with a piece of our fine commemorative china.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Blaise Adams

HUNGER PROJECT AT MANNA

Hunger Project at Manna – February 22nd – Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting. Two shifts will be available (8-10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) We are also accepting donations of canned tomatoes and/or canned meat. Please bring your donations to the February 18th meeting.

2013-2014 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	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

District Governor

Ted Kirchharr
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Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of January 21st through January 27th

Chuck Michaels - January 21
born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 14 years

George Biggs - January 23
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 16 years

Al Coby - January 23
born in Muskogee, OK, in Rotary for 26 years

Ron Jackson - January 23
born in Marianna, FL, in Rotary for 15 years

Courtney Dell - January 24
born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary for 5 years

David Aronson - January 26
born in Forest Hills, NY, in Rotary for 41 years

Ron Martin - January 27
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 15 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January

21 - SEC Football Official, Year in Review - Jay Vines
28 - IHMC Robotics Team, Matt Johnson

February

4 - Jesse Ball DuPont Foundation, Eddie Jones
11 - AppRiver, Mike Hamstra

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

January 21

Greeters: William Stafford
Ticket Sales: James Stohlanske and Margaret Stopp

January 28

Greeters: Al Stubblefield and Leonard Swartz
Ticket Sales: Robert Switzer and Tommy Tait

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

January 21

Prayer/Pledge: Dale Jordan Sunshine: Sally Fox

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