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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, February 4, 2014. Superintendent Malcolm Thomas and Judge Terry Terrell greeted club members at the door. Immediately inside, Sandra Smith and Tim Kane sold raffle tickets to those feeling lucky.

At the appointed time, President Stafford called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test, after which John Trawick offered prayer and led the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott Grissett followed to provide sunshine and introduce guests of club, including Danita Andrews, Christine Danner, Marty Longworth, and Janine Jones, as well as military guests Ensign Jeremy Graham and First Lieutenant James Hernandez. Before retaking his seat, Rotarian Scott announced the birthdays of Chuck Michaels, George Biggs, Al Coby, Ron Jackson, Courtney Dell, David Aronson, Ron Martin, Gary Lee, Norris McMahon, Gerald Hoewing, and Ed Ranelli.

President Stafford then made a series of announcements, including: (1) acknowledging Malcolm Thomas and Grover Robinson for wisely deciding to close the schools and county offices during the Artic Vortex and sparing us all the misery that visited residents of Atlanta and other cities in the Deep South region; (2) congratulating local athletes Doug Baldwin and Derrick Brooks for Baldwin's recent Super Bowl victory and Brooks' induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame; (3) noting Washington

High's selection of Charlie Ward as its head football coach; (4) informing the club of the passing of former City Manager and County Administrator, Rod Kendig; (5) announcing that Judge Ed Nickinson has rejoined our club; and (6) reminding club members of the deadline for submitting nominations for the Ethics in Business Awards. John Shaffer took the podium to provide a quick update regarding the Centennial Park project and John Appleyard read a resolution honoring the late Richard J. Boles, which was unanimously adopted by the club's membership. President Stafford belatedly remembered to conduct the weekly raffle, which was won by Lew Doman.

Judge William Stafford introduced our speaker, Reverend Eddie Jones of the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. Rev. Jones, a native of Alabama, received his undergraduate degree from the University of West Alabama before attending seminary at Emory's Chandler School of Theology. Following graduation, Rev. Jones became an ordained Episcopal priest, and spent most his career in prison ministry. In addition to his church career, Rev. Jones served in the Persian Gulf War as a member of the Army Reserve, from which he eventually retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Rev. Jones and his wife have two sons and four grandchildren.

After taking the podium, Rev. Jones briefly explained the history of the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. Jesse Ball DuPont was the widow of Alfred I. DuPont and the brother of Ed Ball. At

the time of her passing, her estate was one of the largest in Florida history. Her will directed the creation of what was then known as the Jesse Ball DuPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund and benefitted any institution that had been a recipient of Mrs. duPont's gifts between January 1, 1960 and December 31, 1964. To this day, such institutions – known as "eligibles" – may apply to the Fund for financial support. Eligibles range from large, widely known institutions such as the University of Notre Dame, the National Audubon Society and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., to small, little known organizations serving local constituencies, such as Jenkins Orphanage Institute in North Charleston, S.C. and Kilmarnock Lancaster County Volunteer Rescue Squad in Virginia. Before fielding a few questions, Rev. Jones informed the club of some of the recent contributions made by the Fund, including an \$850,000 gift to the University of Miami to assist earthquake victims in Haiti and a sizable gift to Auburn University (of all places) to assist tornado victims in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Following our program, President Stafford against reminded club members to sign up for a Centennial Project committee and to submit nominations for the Ethics in Business Awards. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ All hail to those who were pilot trainees at NAS Pensacola. We have now begun the centennial of the opening of the local Aeronautical Station... dating from January 1914. We believe that the earliest club member was Adm. C. P. Mason.
- ❖ Didjknow that Ed Meadows is the sixth president of our community college to be a Rotarian? Every president (from 1954) has been with us. However, Malcolm Thomas marks only the third superintendent of schools to be a Rotarian. (And that dates back to N.B. Cook in 1885.)
- ❖ How many remember that Bromley Dyson's dad, Raymond, was our president in 1959-1960 and also served as district governor?
- ❖ You can bet Bill Phillips is watching the new moves for his YMCA with much enthusiasm! Bill's career there took him all the way back to the

- original building.
- ❖ Hats off to Malcolm Thomas and his staff for their prompt and wise decisions as the recent ice storm approached. Pensacola is not used to "snow days" but Malcolm handled that one beautifully.
- ❖ Didjasee the recent newspaper account heralding the Coes' hardware business?
- ❖ If you walk down the main aisle at Sacred Heart Hospital you might see Jimmy Jones's photo along with former membe4r Reed Bell, both listed as founders of the Children's Hospital.
- ❖ David Bear is still all smiles over the Budweiser ad in the Super Bowl TV coverage. It won one of three prizes.

## 2013-2014 Club Officers

◆ President	David Stafford
◆ Past President	Innes C. Richards
◆ President Elect	John Shaffer
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
◆ Treasurer	Donn Scott
◆ Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
◆ Historian	John Appleyard

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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**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

**Robert W. Schuster**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Birthdays for the week of February 11th through February 17th

**Grover Robinson** – February 11 – born in Gainesville, FL, in Rotary 16 years  
**Robert Palmer** – February 16 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 24 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### February

11 - AppRiver, Mike Hamstra  
18 - Visitor Information Center, Steve Hayes, Executive Director  
25 - Pensacola News Journal, Earl Bowden

### March

4 - LEAP, KC Etheredge  
11 - Early Childhood, Alisa Ghazvini, PhD

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### February 11

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

### February 18

Greeters: Lamar Tuzo and Milton Usry  
Ticket Sales: Roger Vinson and Doug Werber

## CROP-HUNGER PROJECT

Please do not forget to bring cans of tomatoes to the meeting with you for collection by Manna. Large cans will not be accepted.

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

**Jean Silva** joined United Ministries in August of 2013 and brings 30 years of experience to the organization. She received her B.A. in Religion from Davidson College and has done Graduate Coursework in Communications at the University of West Florida. Her interests include: waterskiing, basketball, creative writing, painting, interior design and music. She is a native of Pensacola and has two children, Joe, a student at the University of North Carolina School of Law; and, Katherine, at student at Davidson College, Davidson, NC.

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