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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The beautiful spring like weather of the Mardi Gras weekend gave way to an overcast, wintery and cold Fat Tuesday, but all Rotarians and guests were greeted by a firm handshake and warm smile by Rotarians Denise Windham and Ken Wolfe who were ably assisted by Monique Miles. Raffle tickets were sold by Francis Yeo and Paul Young. Once inside, it was "Laissez bon temps rouller" as President Stafford called the meeting to order!

President David Stafford called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. He then called upon Rotarian Randy Jackson to lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. President Stafford called upon visiting Rotarian Bill Durmer to talk to the club about the United States Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians which is holding its 25<sup>th</sup> National Championship in Gulf Shores, Alabama April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>. USGFR is one of more than 100 Rotary fellowships. The USGFR has a discount available for local Rotarians and he urged any interested to look into participating in this fun event and connecting with golfing Rotarians. More information can be found at the website: [www.usgr.com](http://www.usgr.com). President Stafford then called upon John Shafer to update the club on plans for the Centennial Playground at the Community Maritime Park. Rotarian Shafer advised that Rotary's proposal for constructing a playground at the park has been favorably heard with interest and that a number of Rotarians have helped in applying for a \$230,000 grant for the park. If you are interested in helping with the effort in PR, design and construction, fundraising or in any other way, please let John know.

President Stafford then called upon Chris Kelly for some sunshine. There being no military guests, Chris announced the birthdays and led the club in a happy birthday to Mike Layton, our only birthday Rotarian present.

Rotarian John Shafer then introduced K C Etheridge, Vice President, Advancement for the Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce who spoke about LeaP, or Leadership Pensacola. Ms. Etheridge asked for a show of hands as to how many Rotarians either worked in businesses that sponsor LeaP participants or had actually participated in LeaP and found at least half of those present had a LeaP connection. She talked about the many highlights of LeaP which began in Pensacola in 1982. LeaP is designed to prepare community leaders by educating them about different aspects of the Pensacola area with the aim of improving the quality of life in our area. A highlight for each LeaP class is the selection and completion of a class project to fill a community need. Recent projects include a renovation of the USO lounge at Pensacola International Airport (2012), planting school gardens at various schools in Escambia County (2011) and implementation of curbside recycling in the City of Pensacola (2008), among others. Ms. Etheridge then called upon fellow Rotarian, Hal Dell who is a member of the current LeaP Class to describe this year's class project.

Rotarian Hal Dell described "LeaPplay," a class project to renovate the playroom at The Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart. LeaP is

working with The Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart to create a fun, engaging and comforting environment for the young patients. The project's goal is to provide the most inviting, energetic and positive space for the children to play within and, in turn to positively impact their recovery treatment. The project will utilize a rubberized flooring that can be easily sanitized to replace carpet and acquisition of dishwasher safe toys that can be easily and thoroughly cleaned in a new dishwasher, among others. The plan is to commence construction by March 15<sup>th</sup> and complete the renovations by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The budget for the project is \$126,000 and much of that amount has been raised. There is still a need for some additional donations to meet the goal. However, volunteers are also needed to help with interim programs for the children during the anticipated two month construction period. To find out how you can contribute time or money to this worthy project, please visit the project's website at [www.LeaPplay.org](http://www.LeaPplay.org).

President Stafford thanked K C Etheridge and Hal Dell for bringing this informative program to the Downtown Rotary and presented both with some fine china and the promise of a book donation to a local school. After thanking all those Rotarians who helped make today's meeting a success, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Lewis

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

**Marty (Martha) Longworth:** Marty (Martha) Longworth grew up in the Pensacola Area, but lived in Hartford, CT for many years, before moving to Memphis TN and then Laguna Niguel, CA before moving back home to care for her father. She has been in the hospitality business for over 30 years and is currently the General Manager at The Suburban Extended Stay Hotel on Barrancas Avenue. She has been in her current position for more than 12 years and enjoys the many aspects of her job. She works with the USO, MWR, Marine Corp League and many others in the area. She is a member of the Pensacola Yacht Club and enjoys sailing, traveling and reading. She is married to Charlie Longworth (retired) and between them both, they have six children and 7 grandchildren living in CT, GA, Chicago, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

**Christina Doss:** Christina serves as Managing Director for Saltmarsh Financial Advisors, and is responsible for both business development and client wealth management. She has worked in the financial services and wealth management industry for more than 22 years. Christina attended college at the University of Missouri-Columbia where she met her husband of 31 years, Rob Doss, a retired U.S. Marine Corps pilot and the current Director of transportation for Escambia County Schools. Christina holds a B.S. in Management from Golden Gate University and attended the College for Financial Planning CFP programs and is an Accredited Asset Management Specialist. Christina is active in the community as an Impact 100 member and Pensacola Symphony board member. She has previously served on the boards of Florida's Great Northwest, Covenant Hospice, the Pensacola Opera, and Pensacola Chamber Vision 2015 cabinet board. She is a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville's Executive program and a former Boys & Girls Club volunteer financial literacy instructor. Christina and Rob have two boys, Rob III and Bryan, both officers in the U.S. Marine Corps.

## 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  
March 11th through March 17th

**Doug Werber** – March 13 – born in Cleveland, OH, in Rotary 8 years  
**Charlie Sherrill (Jr.)** - March 15 – born in Lawton, OK, in Rotary 20 years  
**Andrea Krieger** – March 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 10 years  
**DeDe Flounlacker** – March 17 – born in Blountsville, AL, in Rotary 2 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### March

11 - Early Childhood, Alisa Ghazvini, PhD  
18 - Pensacola Museum of Art  
25 - James Madison Institute, David Azzerad

### April

1 - IHMC Robotics Team, Matt Johnson

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### March 11

Greeters: Blaise Adams and Scott Adams  
Ticket Sales: LaVonne Agerton and John Appleyard

### March 18

Greeters: David Aronson and Nora Bailey  
Ticket Sales: LaVonne Agerton and John Appleyard

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Good things are happening to Mike Ferguson. On March first, he was presented with the Army of the United States Brenda M. Daughtrey Lifetime of Service Award. Obviously he's been busy.
- ❖ Rumor mill has it that Wright Moulton has begun the closing of his legal practice.
- ❖ Didjaknow that Yvon Emerson is an elder in her church?
- ❖ Nancy Fetterman will be enroute to Spain March 12<sup>th</sup>, part of a group furthering ties from that country to Historic Pensacola.

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