

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held under balmy summer skies on July 1, 2014. Rotarians and their guests were greeted at the door by the smiling faces of Sherry Hartnett and William Hamilton. Ticket sales were executed flawlessly by Bob Hart and Mark Harden. The meeting was called to order by Innes Richards standing in for newly seated President John Shaffer. Innes then led the club in the Four Way Test. Pete Doyle was called to the podium for prayer and pledge.

Innes then thanked the club for the recognition bestowed upon her at the recent Change of Command dinner. She also announced that an update on the Centennial project will be provided at our next meeting from John Tice.

Collier Merrill was then called to the podium to present the Sandra Robinson award to this year's recipient Connie Bookman. Connie and her staff at Pathways for Change provide a wonderful service to our community and under her leadership that program has flourished.

The raffle pot of \$53 was carted off by Roger Vinson. Wahoos' tickets to 3 games were distributed to other lucky winners.

Hugh Hamilton was then called to the podium for Sunshine accompanied by a smattering of half-hearted applause. Hugh introduced 2 military guests, 3 guests of the club and 1 visiting Rotarian. Hugh then let

go with an outhouse joke that was worthy of hearty applause. Another joke about a character from Pancho was cut short by an interjection of the punch line from a member of the peanut gallery – fineable offense perhaps? Hugh then talked about 2 great American virtues – patriotism and compassion or meeting human needs. A great sermonette to keep in mind over the upcoming national holiday.

Our lone birthday celebrant was not in attendance so there was no Happy Birthday You All to follow the harmonic accompaniment.

Bob Larkin, our new Chairman of the Program Committee, was called to the podium to introduce today's program. Bob proudly announced that his committee has booked all but 1 available date for the coming year – kudos! Bob then introduced Kate Jordan who is the Executive Director of 90 Works, formerly known as Families Count. Kate mentioned that the recent rebranding was prompted by continued confusion between her organization and Families First. The new name is a function of the organization's 90% success rate of getting high risk individuals self-sufficient in 90 days. The starting point is to secure safe housing with monthly rent not to exceed 30-50% housing burden on a monthly budget. Initial funding is provided by the temporary financial assistance program which is funded primarily with private

donations. Most of the individuals entering the program are living in hotels, which is not a viable long term housing solution. A key starting point for success is for clients to agree that they want to work. The also enter a budgeting class which helps them manage their income properly and assists to insure that basic needs are met. Kate and her staff employ intensive case management to keep the participants on track in their quest for self-sufficiency. There are opportunities for donations of bicycles and accessories for the Cycles for Success initiative. The bicycles can fill basic transportation needs that are so critical to obtaining self-sufficiency. Participants with substance abuse issues are directed to the appropriate resources for assistance. Many times the participants are living in a chaotic life marked by substance abuse, spousal abuse, child abuse – they must be removed from that environment and taught basic life skills. 90 Works serves an 11 county geographic area stretching from Escambia County, AL to Bay County, FL. They have a \$6 million budget which is funded largely by state and federal contracts. 2,500 households received assistance from the organization in 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Blaise Adams

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Hats off to Collier Merrill and Marie Goldberg for the beautifully planned and executed setting for the Change of Command. And, wasn't it a nice note to include a memory listing of members who passed on during this recent club year?
- ❖ At the dedication of the new tower at Sacred Heart Health System, Eric Nickelsen was honored for his many good works there.

- ❖ David Stafford's now finished his Rotary presidential year, but let's not forget the many conveniences he's brought into our voting process. There will be voting in less than two months, and he and his staff surely have made this easier.

## 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**  
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## Assistant District Governor

**Robert W. Schuster**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
July 8th through July 14

**Tony Neuner** – July 8  
born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 11 years

**Carl Mertins Jr.** – July 10  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 40 years

**Jean Norman** – July 12  
born in Raleigh, NC, in Rotary 22 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### July

8 - BRACE: Disaster Prep, Greg Stadler  
15 - Port of Pensacola, Amy Miller  
22 - ACE Art and Culture Festival, David Bear  
29 - UWF, Dr. Judy Bense

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### July 8

Greeters: William Hart, Jr. and William Hart  
Ticket Sales: Leslie Halsall and Martin Harwood  
July 15

Greeters: Jim Hizer and Gerry Hoewing  
Ticket Sales: Wylie Hogeman and Kathy Horton-Brown

## PRAYER & PLEDGE/SUNSHINE

### July 8

Prayer/Pledge: Dale Jordan  
Sunshine: Frank Beall

### July 15

Prayer/Pledge: Leonard Swartz  
Sunshine: Chris Kelly

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