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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 under balmy summer skies on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

Rotarians and their guests were greeted at the door by Bob Larkin.

Ticket sales were ably handled by Mike Layton and Tim Kane.

President John called the meeting to order and led the group in the Four Way Test. He then acknowledged the recent passing of Rotarian Mark Tuzo with a moment of silence and provided details regarding services to be held on September 12.

Roger Vinson was called to the podium to lead the group in prayer and the pledge to our flag.

President John then called Innes Richards to the podium to discuss the upcoming sessions of Rotary Leadership Institute to be held on September 13 at Pensacola State College. The program provides guidance on how to become a strong Rotary leader.

Grover Robinson was called upon for Sunshine and mentioned his enjoyable Labor Day weekend on Pensacola Beach. Grover introduced 2 military guests and four visiting Rotarians. He then led the group in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday You All to all birthday celebrants. Grover finished with a groaner of a joke dedicated to those Escambia voters who failed to exercise their right to vote and show at the polls for the

recent primary election – ouch. Earl Hutto carted off the raffle pot of crisp dollar bills.

President John then provided a recap of the club's financial position. The club foundation has approximately \$336,000 in investments that are held by the Stifel Nicolas firm. The club has approximately \$270,000 in cash and investments. John then stated that the club has applied for a Impact 100 grant and that process is ongoing with final decisions to be made during the third week of October. He then mentioned a recent presentation by John Tice to the CMPA Board outlining our plans for the proposed park to be located at the Maritime Park. A preliminary site plan was presented and John Tice mentioned a bell tower that would commemorate Rotary and be a centerpiece of the facility. John also mentioned the integrated playground, water park and shade areas that are included in the current plan. There will be opportunities for club members to donate funds at various levels with recognition opportunities in the park. There will also be opportunities for major gifts that will provide for naming opportunities on landmarks within the park.

Jim Stolhanske was then called to the podium to update the club on the status of his group's work on early childhood literacy efforts. The efforts were initiated through the We Read program which the club started several years ago at the request of the Escambia County School District. The club has since provided funding and resources for

the program. RCOP has been instrumental in getting other local Rotary clubs to participate over the years. The recent report from the Studer Institute indicated that over 33% of 5 year olds are not prepared to start kindergarten. Creating a quality workforce is key to reversing negative demographic trends and fostering growth in our community and that starts with preparing children for school. Jim emphasized the need for Reading Pals who serve as mentors for local 4 year olds. We had 80 last year and the goal for this year is 130 so we need to work towards recruiting volunteers. The club now has the ability to support volunteers with dedicated staff thanks to United Way. All this takes is a time commitment of one hour per week. There is also a need for gently used children's books. Jim stated that the progress of the children is tracked from start to finish and the results show that the program is making a difference.

Chris Kelly was called to the podium to discuss membership. He indicated that he and Brendan Kelly are serving as co-chairs of our membership committee and spoke about the 3 reasons that he joined our club. Chris mentioned the importance of participating in club activities and the role all members should play in recruiting new members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Its hard to miss the I'm For Grover red and yellow signs now appearing on many front lawns.
- ❖ Sorry to hear that Bob Hart's home was invaded by burglars.
- ❖ Carl Mertins and his wife have abandoned Bayou Texar and now are well housed at Wesley Haven. (On ambitious days, Carl now might walk to Rotary meetings.)
- ❖ Baseball fan Hill Turner was delighted to see his Cardinals surge into the lead in the National League's Central Division. (He thanked Appleyard's Cubs for downing the Brew Crew from Milwaukee.)
- ❖ Didjknow that Hank Bell's steel yard is now over half a century old? And it was over ninety years ago that the great Bagdad lumber works once headed by the Dickerson family ended its production era.

2014-2015 Club Officers

◆ President	John Shaffer
◆ Past President	David Stafford
◆ President Elect	Andrea Krieger
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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

Dave Rauch
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Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
September 9th through September 15th

Ellis Bullock – September 11
born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 38 years

Earle Bowden – September 12
born in Altha, FL, in Rotary 48 years

Charles Kahn, Jr. – September 14
born in San Antonio, TX, in Rotary 3 years

Chris Pate – September 14
born in Macon, GA, in Rotary 36 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September

9 - Lionfish, Rick O'Connor
16 - ECUA, Lois Benson
23 - District Governor, Dave Rauch
30 - Lakeview, Gary Bemby

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

September 9

Greeters: Jeff Lewis and Roger MacDonald
Ticket Sales: Claude Manderson and Ron Martin

September 16

Greeters: Morrix Marx and Brian Masterson
Ticket Sales: Jerry Maygarden and Trip Maygarden

PRAYER & PLEDGE/SUNSHINE

September 9

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill
Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

September 16

Prayer/Pledge: Pete Doyle
Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

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