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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

A warm day for the end of November as Rotarians strolled into today's meeting for fellowship, networking, and a great lunch. Ed Ranelli and Susan O'Conner greeted those at the door as Charlie Sherrill worked the raffle (or the "one for me, one for the Club" ... just kidding of course).

President Andrea brought the house to order with a modest clang of the bell as John Trawick led all in the prayer and pledge. There were few announcements other than it is bell ringing season so please sign up early and often.

The \$39 raffle was won by Dr. Sherry Harnett who smiled all the way to the podium

Scott Grissett delivered a dose of Sunshine, a few funnies, and a few not so funnies. In spite of the jokes, he still managed to expertly recognize our guests and the birthday boys and girls -of which there were quite a few.

President Andrea introduced our program -- an update on Thanksgiving: Its Origin and History... by our own John Appleyard. Starting at the beginning, like 15,000 years ago, John reminded all that Thanksgiving basically is a celebration of harvest season and that we need to be thankful for the fruits of the harvest so that we can make it through the winter. Moving quickly through time, in 1621 the Pilgrims celebrated the harvest with Native Americans for three days... but alas, it is doubtful there was any turkey at this point. Moving on to 1777 with George Washington, the General had a "Thanksgiving Prayer" for the troops just before Valley Forge along with John Adams who also asked everyone to "pray" for the revolutionary army. Moving through the years, sometimes Thanksgiving was celebrated but often it wasn't in the United States. By the 1870's, family coming together was the theme along with some of the first football games and shooting

competitions. Pensacola played Mobile according to John and we are sure that we solidly beat those gents from across Mobile Bay. In 1939, FDR celebrated Thanksgiving on the fifth Thursday but the following year, an upset Congress passed a law that said Thanksgiving would always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November – and so it has been ever since. By the 1950-60's what we know as modern Thanksgiving took hold with turkey, a ton of football, and to retailers delight ... shopping in preparation for Christmas. All in all, we as a Country have much to be thankful for and we need to remember those service men and women who are overseas or away from family. To that end, John, along with the remaining Rooters, led us all in rousing rendition of "God Bless America". Happy Thanksgiving Rotarians. We adjourned shortly after 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt.

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Mike Ferguson, in his army role, notes the works in progress to make the holidays pleasant and practical for men and women in uniform...everywhere.
- ❖ Didjknow that Susan O' Conner (and her husband) are active supporters of Ronald McDonald House?
- ❖ Frank Beall's off to a fine start in his position as interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church. In this role he'll be both administrator and teacher.
- ❖ Looking ahead a bit...2015 marks our club's 100th Christmas. No record on what early members did to celebrate in 1915.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

December (Family Month)

1	Noon	Regular Meeting
8	Noon	Regular Meeting
8	1:00 p.m.	Literacy Committee Meeting
8	4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office
15	Noon	Holiday Meeting with Guests (Last meeting until after the Holidays)
15	1:10 p.m.	Community Maritime Park Associates, Inc. Plaque Unveiling at the Playground

2015-2016 Club Officers

◆ President	Andrea Krieger
◆ Past President	John Shaffer
◆ President Elect	Brian Baumgardner
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Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	New World Landing	Mon.	12:15 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends Restaurant Andrews Institute	Tues.	7:00 am
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 Hidden Creek Golf Course	Thur.	12:00 pm
Pensacola North	Asbury Place Cokesbury Methodist	Friday	12:00 pm

District Governor

Leon Hirsh
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Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
December 1st through December 6th

Ted Nickinson - December 4 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 35 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Dec 1 - Escambia County, Commissioner Grover Robinson
Dec 8 - Escambia County School District, Superintendent Malcolm Thomas
Dec 15 - Holiday Luncheon and Rotary Rooters

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

December 1

Prayer/Pledge: Shawn Brantley
Sunshine: Charles Beall

December 15

Prayer/Pledge: Peter Doyle
Sunshine: Frank Beall

December 8

Prayer/Pledge: Dale Jordan
Sunshine: Henry Roberts

GREETERS/TICKET SALES

December 1

Greeters: Bob Palmer and Julie Tippins Parker
Ticket Sales: Bruce Partington and Chris Pate

December 8

Greeters: Beverly Patteson and Clif Payne
Tickets Sales: Jorge Pelaez

December 15

Greeter: John Phelps
Ticket Sales: Bill Phillips and Janet Pilcher

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