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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held on March 29 under clear spring skies at New World Landing in beautiful Downtown Pensacola.

Rotarians and their guests were greeted warmly by Jack Williams while Ed Wonders hawked raffle tickets under the watchful eye of Tom Kane.

President-Elect Bruce Baumgardner called the meeting to order and led the group in the Four Way Test. Bruce was filling in for President Andrea who was out of town on United Way business. Bruce called Roger Vinson to the podium to lead the group in prayer and the pledge to the flag. Robert Mills then carted off the loot in the raffle pot to various groans of disappointment around the room. Better luck next time! Bruce then called Frank Beall to the podium for Sunshine. Frank introduced 2 guests of Rotarians and 3 visiting Rotarians. The group then rallied to wish Happy Birthday You All to the 3 birthday boys and girls who were all in attendance – don't know that I have ever seen this happen. Dee Dee Flounlacker was then called to the podium to introduce our program. Hats off to Dee Dee for handling the introduction of Gulf Power VP

of Customer Sales and Service, Bentina Terry with great aplomb. Dee Dee was challenged by Bentina's 4 page bio yet she artfully chose the most salient points to welcome this well known business and civic leader. Bentina informed the group that Gulf Power has a very active solar energy effort in addition to it's coal based and natural gas driven power generation. In the past the coal based generation provided up to 75% of generated power and that number now stands at appx 30 -40%. Bentina also discussed Gulf's renewable energy efforts at the Perdido Landfill in conjunction with the landfill's owner, Escambia County. The facility at the landfill consists of a gas turbine that is driven by methane emanating from the buried refuse. There is currently 1 unit in place at the landfill. Bentina also discussed efforts in the area of wind energy which is sourced from Oklahoma as its climate is more conducive to production than our climate.

On the solar front, the biggest obstacle heretofore has been cost of production due primarily to the sizeable tracts of land required to build a solar facility. Gulf Power has partnered with the military who owns

plenty of land that they can contribute to the effort as they are anxious to create their own power for national security purposes. There are currently 3 solar facilities in the Northwest Florida area. The facility located on Eglin property contains 362,000 solar panels and can produce up to 50 megawatts of electric power. Bentina discussed a new program from Gulf Power called the Community Solar Program. Terms call for a 5 year subscription at a monthly rate of \$89 and the opportunity to receive monthly credits on your bill for participation in the program. Please refer to gulfpowersolar.com for additional information and details.

Thank you Dee Dee for a very informative program. Hats off to Brian for running a very smooth and efficient meeting – clearly leadership of the Club will be in good hands when he assumes the President's role at the change of command this summer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ See where Jerry Maygarden was shepherd for grand kids on a Disney tour of the Bahamas. That's another chapter for the family story he's writing.
- ❖ Credit Bret Barrow's Symphony with another fine seasonal concert. Also, several symphony players joined church choirs for Easter performances.
- ❖ As you grow a little older you'll probably be on the mailing list for John Clark's Council On Aging magazine. Good reading.
- ❖ Some time shortly Bill Elebash and fellow family may be the subject of a newspaper portrait.
- ❖ A couple of other clubs have adopted the custom of devoting a program once every six months to have new members give three-minute biographies. This seems to be popular. Another thought: why not have Dan Shugart provide a program that would review the excellent results being achieved by the PSC and UWF sports teams?

WHATS HAPPENING IN ROTARY

April			12	4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office
5	7:30 a.m.	Membership Committee Meeting			
5	Noon	Regular Meeting	19	Noon	Regular Meeting
5	1:00 p.m.	Literacy Committee Meeting (if needed)	21-24		RYLA in Pensacola
12	Noon	Regular Meeting	26	Noon	Regular Meeting

2015-2016 Club Officers

◆ President	Andrea Krieger
◆ Past President	John Shaffer
◆ President Elect	Brian Baumgardner
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
◆ Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
◆ Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
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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

Leon Hirsh
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Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
APRIL 5th through APRIL 11th

Charles Sherrill Sr. (Charlie) – April 6
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 44 years

Handsel Butts – April 8
born in Natchez, MS, in Rotary 53 years

Chris Kelly – April 8
born in Landstuhl, Germany, in Rotary 4 years

Barry Cole – April 8
born in Jackson, MS, in Rotary 6 years

GREETER/TICKET SALES

April 5

Greeters: Ken Woolf and Frances Yeo
Ticket Sales: Blaise Adams and Scott Adams

April 12

Greeters: Lavonne Agerton and John Appleyard
Ticket Sales: Dave Aronson and Nora Bailey

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

April 5

Prayer/Pledge: Chris Jensen
Sunshine: Charles Beall

April 12

Prayer/Pledge: Robert Mills
Sunshine: Al Coby

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April

- 5 - Healthcare Today, Brian Baumgardner
- 12 - PFAHC, 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment, Nora Bailey
- 19 - Pensacola Heritage Foundation, Nancy Fetterman and Jim Green
- 26 - CA Weis Community in School Project, Leigh Ann South

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