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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 07/26/2016

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing on a rainy summer day, Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 2016. President Brian Baumgardner called the meeting to order and led us in the four way test. Mark Harden did a great job with ticket sales and a Military guest was the lucky winner. Cal Moore inspired us with his prayer and led us in the pledge of allegiance. Scott Grissett provided Sunshine and welcomed two Military guests, guests of members and visiting Rotarians. John Phelps was honored with the birthday greeting and a nod to his 52 years of membership.

De Flounlacker introduced Mike Ensley, Staff writer for the Center for Research and Economic Development for the University of West Florida. Mr. Ensley has spent 20 years working as a journalist, graphic artist and social media director. He has worked for the Pensacola News Journal, Pensacola Today, The Studer Community Institute and Pensacola State College. When not working, Mike is an avid reader of comic books, a

film fanatic, music aficionado and lover of pop culture which led him to found and chair the Pensacon convention.

Mike was here to speak to the Club about Pensacon, a weekend long event held in downtown Pensacola in February described as "an all inclusive Pop Culture Convention that welcomes characters from every Galaxy". The next Pensacon weekend is scheduled for February 17-19, 2017. The weekend convention consists of a lineup of events that include a meet and greet with Pop celebrities from movies and TV series, Star Wars and Star Trek among them, Costume Contest, Musical performances and a market place for exhibits and merchandising of all types of pop memorabilia. The base of operations for the Convention is the Bay Center and downtown Pensacola venues. The third annual event was held in February, 2016 and brought in 22, 500 attendees and had an economic impact of \$3,057,457 and the total economic impact for the three conventions is registered at \$8,264,981. Some demographics determined by a survey for Visit Pensacola

are the average age of the attendees is 35 and the average household income of the attendees is \$55,101; 21% of the attendees are from the local area, 91% of the visitors from outside of the area are repeat visitors and 100% of the visitors would return to Pensacon . The mission statement for Pensacon is "To create the best multi-genre convention that is unique to the Pensacola community and that is a safe and welcoming environment for all types of fans." The promoters of Pensacon are dedicated to helping the community by continuing to bring in visitors during the shoulder season of February and by supporting and partnering with the non-profit charitable organizations of Manna Food Pantry, The Children's Home Society, One Blood, Pensacola MESS Hall and South Park. More information at <http://pensacon.com>.

President Brian thanked all who served and adjourned the meeting.

Claudia Simmons

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Word is that Brett Landrum's firm may be adding some new office locations...in other states.
- ❖ Congrats to Gary Sammons and Verdell Hawkins on Gulf Power's new moves into environmental good works.
- ❖ Both UWF and PSC have made news recently. The university was named as one of the best higher education places to work in the USA. And Ed Meadows and his staff treated supporters to a Garde Manger...an opportunity to enjoy many of the offerings prepared by the college's culinary students.
- ❖ Back in 1916 (100 years back) the club had made member W.P. Cunningham the secretary. (Sorry the record doesn't show what Cunningham did.)
- ❖ Seeking reinforcement, the ROOTERS are hoping that Hank Bell might be a joiner.
- ❖ Hank was with the Reunion Band for years, and is an instrumentalist.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### August

- 2 - Downtown Improvement Board, John Peacock
- 9 - Health Department (Zika Virus), Dr. John Lanza
- 16 - IHMC, Julie Sheppard
- 23 - Voices of Pensacola, Bob Overton
- 30 - United Way, Andrea Krieger

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### August (Membership and New Club Development Month)

- |    |                   |   |
|----|-------------------|---|
| 2  | Noon              | Regular Meeting   |
| 9  | Noon<br>4:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting<br>Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office |
| 16 | Noon              | Regular Meeting   |

## 2016-2017 Club Officers

◆ President	Brian Baumgardner
◆ Past President	Andrea Krieger
◆ President Elect	Sherry Hartnett
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
◆ Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
◆ 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 - Check <a href="http://navarrerotary.org">navarrerotary.org</a>		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

**Roger Champion**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

**Innes Richards**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Birthdays for the week of AUGUST 2nd through AUGUST 8th

Jack Williams – August 2

born in Norfolk, VA, in Rotary 25 years

Tim Kane – August 2

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years

Kim Ray – August 4

Military & Air America Brat, in Rotary less than one year

Pete Doyle – August 7

born in Erie, PA, in Rotary 18 years

Mark Harden – August 7

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 11 years

Bob Rogers – August 8

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 23 years

Janet Pilcher – August 8

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 15 years

## GREETER/TICKET SALES

### August 2

Greeter: Sherry Hartnett

Ticket Sales: Ken Hill and Wylie Hogeman

### August 9

Greeters: Kathy Horton-Brown and Art Hufford

Ticket Sales: Earl Hutto and Beverly Patteson

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### August 2

Prayer/Pledge: Henry Roberts

Sunshine: Richard Sherill

### August 8

Prayer/Pledge: Brian Baugardner

Sunshine: Grover Robinson

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