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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 10/18/2016

October 18th was not quite the cool, sunny day for the Rotary meeting that occurred the week before. The temperature had warmed up to the mid-eighties with a touch of humidity and partly sunny – or partly cloudy – skies, depending on whether you’re an optimist or pessimist. Smiling greetings welcomed us as normal. This week it was a father and son tag team with Will Merrill and Collier Merrill. After a warm welcome, members and guests next had to pass through the 50/50 ticket gauntlet, hosted by Lori Menke and Clark Merritt. And, as always, Kerry Langley provided her normal “behind the scenes” support for the meeting that included ensuring the audio and presentation equipment was in good working order. Claudia Simmons also provided meeting support (it also looked like she was keeping a close eye on the cash drawer!).

Our meeting was called to order by President Brian Baumgardner who led us in reciting the Four Way Test. Ted Brown then led us in prayer and the Pledge of Alliance. There were no new members introduced this week. Ken Hill was the lucky recipient of the \$41 jackpot. Brian also made a special announcement in which he announced that he had been transferred to Virginia with his employer. This had come about quickly, and Brian was to discuss the transition process during the Board meeting that afternoon since his relocation is occurring quickly. Members will hear the transition plan during the October 25th meeting.

Following this good news for Brian but not so much for us, Charles Beall attempted to lift spirits with a few political jokes. His jokes were actually (slightly) more entertaining than the final presidential debate! His best laugh-generating

comments came from his making fun of the schools attended by our military guests. It was a brave thing to do but fortunately the guests were not armed. They were U.S. Navy Ensigns Andrew Collar & Joshua Ehrhardt, from Maryland and Virginia, respectively. Other quests included Louella Conn who accompanied the guest speaker, Tommy Smith, plus Zack Smith and Ken Fagan. Visiting Rotarians included Richard Puckett and Dan Livingston, both from Pensacola North and Bill Sears from Cantonment. Birthdays were recognized and we sang Happy Birthday to Tom Owens who was present. Our musical maestro, John Appleyard, tested our singing talent by providing a superb musical rendition of happy birthday that made it challenging to remain on key while we sang.

The guest speaker was Tommy Smith. Tommy is a volunteer counselor with SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders). SHINE is a volunteer program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the local Area Agency on Aging. It provides assistance with Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance needs by providing one-on-one counseling and information regarding the array of government sponsored health care plans for seniors and other eligible individuals. The organization’s services are free, unbiased and confidential.

The timing of this presentation was great since the open enrollment period for these plans began October 15th and ends on December 7th. As we learned and as many members who already participate in these plans, the plans are complicated and require time and a lot of information to determine which to participate in

based on the different types of coverage available. Two important takeaways included that eligible participants should shop their medical plans under Part D since there can be a wide variation in costs depending on the specific medications prescribed. It should also be examined separately for each covered individual since medications will likely be different for each person and there is only single coverage, not participant plus spouse coverage. The other takeaway is to apply for coverage three months prior to your 65th birthday to allow processing time and avoid a possible gap in insurance coverage. Additional information is available on SHINE’s website at floridashine.org.

Attending our Rotary meetings is informative and enjoyable. Getting to know members you may not know and catching up with those you already do know is a great way to spend a Tuesday lunch break. You can even learn interesting things not just from guest speakers but your fellow Rotarians. For example, do you know where German Chocolate Cake originated? If you guessed Germany you’d be wrong. It was not even created by German immigrants in the American Midwest. Instead, an American woman who used a chocolate made by Sam German in 1852 for the Baker’s Chocolate Company created it in Texas. The recipe was named after Sam German and first published in the Dallas newspaper in 1957, after which it became a national favorite. Who’d a thought that? (Many thanks to a recently new member, Larry Perino for sharing this tidbit.) See you at the next meeting!

Randy Ray

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

October (Economic and Community Development Month)

25 Noon Regular Meeting

November (Rotary Foundation Month)

1 Noon Regular Meeting
7 Noon CROP Military Appreciation Luncheon
8 Regular Meeting Cancelled due to CROP on 11/7
15 Noon Regular Meeting
4:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October

25 - Special Events @ Maritime Park, Erik Wortendyke

November

1 - Economic Update, Dr. Rick Harper
7 - CROP Military Appreciation Luncheon
15 - MANNA, DeDe Flounlacker

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 navarrerotary.org		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

District Governor

Roger Champion
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Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
OCTOBER 25th through OCTOBER 31st

Alexis Bolin – October 27 - born in Long Branch, NJ, in Rotary 22 years
Collier Merrill – October 28 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 27 years
Jeff Powell – October 28 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 16 years
Bill Davis – October 29 - born in DeFuniak Springs, FL, in Rotary 38 years

GREETER/TICKET SALES

October 25

Greeters: Carl Mertins and Chuck Michaels
Ticket Sales: TBD

November 1

Greeters: Jock Mobley and John Monre
Ticket Sales: Alan Moore and Cal Moore

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

October 25

Prayer/Pledge: Cal Moore Sunshine: Margaret Stopp

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Hats off to David Bear and his family for their major sponsorship of the new YMCA. (Other Rotary families are also involved; more of them later.)
- ❖ Word is the Brian Baumgardner's hospital group is planning an emergency center for the Perdido area.
- ❖ John Appleyard sends a Thank You for all the member cards and visits as he was sidelined. (In one unusual visit he got to know Issa Ephytyios, as he became a consulting physician.)
- ❖ Remember that Jerry Kindle's RED CROSS is much in need of contributions as a hurricane and other storms have swept across the country.
- ❖ David Stafford and staff have been ahead of the calendar, getting ballots to voters. He's also planned some early voting at special locations.
- ❖ Jim Stohlhanske (with his wife) have been digging deep into family genealogy, with one result being excellent photos of early family sites.
- ❖ Hear that Jack Williams QUARTER was the site of a huge steak cookout sponsored by another Rotary group. Many dollars assembled for charity causes.

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