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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 02/28/2017

As Rotarians begin to see winter in their rearview mirror, this last meeting of February was a cheerful one as all enjoyed a day of fellowship and lunch. We were welcomed by Margret Stopp while Claudia sold tickets for the 50/50.

President Sherry belled the meeting to order as Dr. Jimmy Jones led all in prayer and pledge. Dee Dee Flounacker mentioned that Rotary Against Hunger will be on Saturday, 4 March at their new facility on E Street. Dale Jordan was next to the podium and donned a "Cat in the Hat" hat to solicit readers for ECARE – it worked as many volunteers came forward to assist with the project on Saturday at the McMillian Elementary School. One other announcement was the Business in Ethics inputs are open till the end of the month – please see Ed Rinelli for assistance.

Kathy Horton-Brown ran off with the \$40

raffle as Hugh Hamilton was brought in for Sunshine and a few antidotes about how children can really enlighten religious services - especially as it relates to Christmas and live nativity scenes.

The Program. Ed Rinelli introduced our speaker, and fellow club member don't forget, Dr. Martha Saunders, PhD., the recently selected President of UWF. As only the 6<sup>th</sup> president of the university, Martha was excited to relay to the crowd the many new programs coming and to highlight many of the recent UWF successes. UWF came to life in 1963 and in 1967 classes began so this is their Golden Anniversary – Happy Anniversary. Originally only a senior college, in 1983 UWF admitted their first freshman class. What started as 1,200 students is now over 13,000. Highlights of UWF's program success include in the accounting department where they rank

3<sup>rd</sup> in the country (behind Wake and Northwestern) when it comes to students passing their CPA exam on the first attempt. She also discussed program successes in the Chemistry, Math, and Cyber department. In the coming months expect to see a "physical transformation" at UWF with the plan to make UWF a destination and not only a location people attend for a specific purpose. Additionally, Martha and her staff are working to establish "knowledge clusters" and expand the online offerings especially to those who are overseas in S. American and Africa. To wrap up, she highlighted Dr. Keller's Logistics program and "I hire UWF" to increase employers exposure to what UWF graduates can bring to an organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Clark Merritt Jr.

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ At the annual FREEDOM FOUNDATION Ceremony on February 28<sup>th</sup> members Malcolm Thomas, Rob Overton and John Appleyard carried home George Washington Honor medals for 2016 projects in communications and history.
- ❖ The News Journal has made Alan Bookman a correspondent, him writing about legal stuff.
- ❖ Martha Saunders, whose UWF message was so well received, has another event coming as new settings are opened at the T.T.

Wentworth, Jr. Museum. March 16<sup>th</sup>'s the date.

- ❖ Paul Tobin spent much of last week in high level Rotary Presidential training as he gears up to take office...in July.
- ❖ If you'd been a Rotarian this time in 1917 you'd have read about the arrival of TEN U.S. submarines, in Pensacola for training.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Carlton Ulmer who currently serves as President/CEO West Florida Health Care. He is a native of Savannah Georgia and received his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State University and his master's degree in business administration from Troy State University. He and his wife have three children.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### March

- 7 - Pathways for Change, Connie Bookman
- 21 - AppRiver, Michael Hamstra, VP of Marketing
- 28 - UWF Football, Coach Pete Shinnick

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### March (Water and Sanitation Month)

- |    |           |   |
|----|-----------|---|
| 7  | Noon      | Regular Meeting                         |
| 14 | Noon      | Regular Meeting                         |
| 21 | Noon      | Regular Meeting                         |
|    | 4:30 p.m. | Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way |
| 28 | Noon      | Regular Meeting                         |

## 2016-2017 Club Officers

◆ President	Sherry Hartnett
◆ Past President	Andrea Krieger
◆ President Elect	Paul Tobin
◆ 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 - Check navarrerotary.org		
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  
**MARCH 7th through MARCH 13th**

**Fred Sitten** - March 7  
born in Albertville, Al, in Rotary 16 years

**Clark Merritt** - March 10  
born in Pensacola, Fl, in Rotary 14 years

**Doug Werber** - March 13  
born in Cleveland, Oh, in Rotary 11 years

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### March 7th

Prayer/Pledge: Chris Kelly

Sunshine: Earl Hutto

### March 14th

Prayer/Pledge: Collier Merrill

Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

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