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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 12/12/2017

The Dec. 12, 2017 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing. Richard Sherrill and Charlie Sherrill warmly greeted visitors and members at the door. Auby Smith handled ticket sales.

John Shaffer, filling in for President Paul, convened the meeting with the Four Way Test. Cal Moore led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

John recognized Judy Bense, and along with the entire club, expressed congratulations and support for the University of West Florida's football team's incredible season. Next, club member Ed Wonders, reminded us to encourage any high school sophomores we thought might be interested, to fill out a RYLA application. In past years the Rotary Club of Pensacola has sponsored up to five deserving students to attend a RYLA event. At these events, young men and women attend a challenging program of discussions, leadership training and social activities.

We were then treated to a program of Christmas Carols by our own Rotary Rooters. Among carols sung were; Silent Night, Jingle Bells, and White Christmas. Many members of our club

joined the Rooters in song. The stories shared between carols, were reflections of Christmas caroling throughout Pensacola's military history.

John Phelps was the lucky winner of the \$46 raffle.

Sunshine duties were ably handled by Vicki Campbell. In addition to several "clean" jokes and riddles, Vicki welcomed our military guests, visiting Rotarians and guest of club members.

As is our custom, we sang "Happy Birthday to You" to those Rotarians enjoying birthdays this week.

Betty Roberts introduced our featured speaker Mike Papantonio. Mike Papantonio is an attorney, television writer and radio talk show host. Mr. Papantonio is a man with many achievements including induction into The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame. He has penned four motivational books for lawyers. He has also written several legal thrillers. The most recent is "Law and Vengeance."

Most of Mr. Papantonio's talk concerned Media Consolidation and how it is putting our democracy at risk. Six corporations now control the media. This is putting our ability to know the truth at risk.

He cited several misleading news articles in order to prove his point.

Mr. Papantonio feels we should be concerned that the CEO's of these corporations have biases that flow from the top of the organization into the newsroom. Mr. Papantonio strongly feels the public airwaves are no longer used as an asset for the common good of the American people. Also, the Fairness Doctrine, where all sides of an issue are presented, is no longer being observed. He cited several examples of how the delivery of news is being influenced by a network's relationship with its major advertisers.

We were advised that when watching, or reading the news, to keep our eyes wide open.

When asked about the current debate concerning Net Neutrality, Mr. Papantonio felt it was critical for the FCC to maintain Net Neutrality.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Layton

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ With President Paul sidelined for a time the ROOTERS were happy to have Roger and Ellen Vinson step in and help tell the Christmas Story in local military. Oh...and Roger walked home with multi awards in the recent Camellia show.
- ❖ Have your eyes peeled to see the Jim-Martin Coe TV focused on holiday gift possibilities.
- ❖ Bob Rogers says that with cold weather and the upcoming Christmas needs the Waterfront Mission sure needs help.
- ❖ Word has it that Joe Rosenbaum has a TELSA and is surprising people with the car's unique performance.
- ❖ Jerry Kindle's Red Cross report says that 2017's many disasters has the organization's needs larger than ever.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Volunteers are needed to assist with the RI President Tree Initiative Project. Our club is participating with CROP and will be planting trees at Escambia County Schools. We are looking for a key person and volunteers to coordinate the pick up and planting which starts January 19. Contact Chris @rcopens@bellsouth.net to volunteer.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our Holiday Program is today Dec 19th. Please invite a guest to attend. We will be entertained by the Rotary Rooters and Pensacola Opera Carolers. Re-member at this meeting, we will be collecting the annual gift for the staff of New World Landing.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Last meeting of the year will be 12/19/17 and first meeting of the year is January 9, 2018. I will be available through out that time via email for anyone needing to make contact with me. Happy Holidays to all, Chris

## 2017-2018 Club Officers

◆ President	Paul Tobin
◆ Past President	Sherry Hartnett
◆ President Elect	Betty Roberts
◆ 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

Lisa Broxson Weeks  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays for the week of December 19th through January 8th

**Bobby Switzer** - December 20 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 25 years  
**Jerry Maygarden** - December 22 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 27 years  
**Alan Moore** - December 23 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years  
**LaVonne Agerton** - December 26 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years  
**Dale Jordan** - December 27 - born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary 25 years  
**Betty Roberts** - January 1 - born in McComb, MS, in Rotary 13 years  
**Denise Windham** - January 2 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 16 years  
**Sherry Hartnett** - January 4 - born in Alexandria, VA, in Rotary 12 years  
**John Shaffer** - January 8 - born in Harrisonburg, VA, in Rotary 14 years

## TICKET SALES/GREETERS

### December 19th

Greeters: Fletcher Tidwell and David Stafford  
Ticket Sales: Michael Steltenkamp and Byron Stokes

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### December 19th

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Beall                      Sunshine: Jimmy Jones

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### December - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

19      Noon      Regular Meeting  
                         Board Meeting Cancelled

### January - Vocational Service Month

9      Noon      Regular Meeting  
16      Noon      Regular Meeting  
23      Noon      Regular Meeting  
                 1:00      Board Meeting  
30      Noon      Regular Meeting

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### December

19      Christmas Program, Rotary Rooters and Pensacola Opera Carolers

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