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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 08/15/2017

If the severity of the “dog days of summer” were based on size, Tuesday would have been a Great Dane – it’s just hot! (but at least there humidity to accompany it). With that said, Chris Kelly and Dee Dee Flounlacker greeted Rotarians as Dale Knee and Jack Klocke put the squeeze on those for the 50/50 raffle.

President Paul brought the meeting to order and showed a sample of the new Club banner to the membership. Any feedback on the banner design is welcome – recommend the president be contact soonest as we are almost out of banners. Additional announcements included that we are considering becoming a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow Club. This will mean a few things such as if you are close the magic number to become a PHF the Club might pitch in and give you a few points to get you over the hump. Again, more details to follow but look for the Club to reach out

to the various non-Paul Harris folks in membership.

After a few historical tid-bits on WW-II... most notably the fact that you really didn’t want to be a German submariner, County “Boss” Jack Brown took home a nice raffle pot and the Club sang to Ken Wolfe for his birthday. Madison Currin was Sunshine and as a married man told a few matrimonial bliss fidelity jokes that touch many in audience

Our Program: Mark Harden introduced our program – Police Chief Tommi Lyter. The Chief has been with PPD since 1990 and held numerous positions on the force including SWAT, K9, dive team, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Appointed in May 2017, he explained to the members many of the various initiatives he is working on at the department. First and foremost he is tackling manning and the

personnel issues the force has faced the past few years because of retirements and transfers. With a total force of 150 sworn officers they have in the past five years lost over 90 officers and worse, many of those were senior staff. To counter this, they now recruit year round and are very active in the recruitment process battling other forces such as the county Sheriff(s), FHP, etc. It takes about a year to train an officer to full readiness and the profession is not for the faint of heart. Tommi says they have a plan in place and that the shortfall is only currently 25. His other initiatives include the Safe Streets program to reduce vehicular accidents, Violent Crime reduction, and, the ever popular, “police on bicycles” for downtown patrols. The Chief took a few questions and we adjourned just before 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted – M. Clark Merritt Jr.

ROTARY WHEELS

❖ Looks like the Rotary luncheon menu will continue without oysters, since Don McMahon’s experimental bed was wiped out by rains.

❖ Susan O’Conner and the McDonald’s stockholders have gotten a big 2017 boost from the company’s new menus and drinks.

❖ Verdel Hawkins and Gulf Power have raised some charges, partly because their new nuclear plant has been slow in completion and has cost an extra bundle in overruns.

❖ The late July program on Veterans assistance was another chapter in what members Mark Harden and Mike Ferguson tell us all the time.

❖ Work from another group’s program said that Martha Saunders and UWF are becoming keys in developing programs in cyber security. Might be a good offering for a future meeting.

❖ As the new college term begins, hats off to President Meadows and associates as they acknowledge that this will be the 69th year of operation. In 1948 136 students began studies, with thirteen instructors.

❖ Adam Principe, who has been a member for just over a year, has a unique back ground. He is a graduate pharmacist and also has the credentials to be part of management in hospital administration and health provider official. (he says that it’s hard to decide what to do.)

❖ Henry Roberts and associates within local Methodism have begun planning for the 200th anniversary of the arrival here of the first missionaries seeking to establish a congregation.

❖ Bill Stafford was one of those interested in the best possible study of the eclipse on the 21st. (However, that won’t keep Bill from singing with the Rooters next day.)

❖ Didjasee the picture of Jack Williams (with many family and associates) in an ad celebrating Seville Quarters beginning?

❖ Rotarians in their third year here in 1917 may have begun being movie fans. In that year the city had five theatres, and the average “major” film ran about 25 minutes.

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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

Lisa Broxson Weeks
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Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
August 22nd through August 28th

Hill Turner – August 24
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 34 years

Adam Principe – August 28
born in Jacksonville, FL, in Rotary 1 year

TICKET SALES/GREETERS

August 22
Ticket Sales: Trey Manderson and Ron Martin
Greeters: Andrea Kreiger and David Lamar
August 29
Ticket Sales: TBD
Greeters: James Layton and Mary Longworth

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

August 22
Prayer/Pledge: Chris Kelly Sunshine: Byron Stokes
August 29
Prayer/Pledge: Jimmy Jones Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

August
22 Ross Pristera, Architectural Survey of the Governmental Center District
29 Dan Shugart WEAR3, Sports Director
September
5 TBD
12 Scott Luth, Bluffs Development
19 Lisa Broxson Weeks, Rotary District Governor

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

August (Membership and New Club Development Month)
22 Noon Regular Meeting
29 Noon Regular Meeting
September - Basic Education and Literacy Month
5 Noon Regular Meeting
12 Noon Regular Meeting
19 Noon Regular Meeting
4:00 pm Board Meeting @ United Way

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