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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

With beautiful spring weather in bloom, Rotarians were hungry for some good food and conversation as they were greeted at the door by Morris Eddy. Evon Emerson and Rodger Enzor assisted with the \$73 raffle so that the winner, Norris McMahon, could spend a little more on golf balls with the Masters playing this week.

Ex-President Margret standing in for Ray, kicked off the meeting and Malcolm Thomas led all in the prayer and pledge. Grover Robinson welcomed our newest Rotarian, Randy Oliver, Escambia County Administrator. Welcome aboard Randy.

Ron Richards introduced Debra Lowe who was representing Rotary International for the region. She thanked the club for our continued support over the years and that over \$157 million dollars has been raised to date for polio eradication world-wide.

Nigel Allen entertained the crowd with a little humor as he carried out Sunshine

recognizing our military and other guests, visitors, and birthday boys and girls.

Evon Emerson introduced our program – Chris Jones, Escambia County Property Appraiser. Coming as no surprise to the audience, property values for the county have fallen significantly since their highs of late 2005 into 2006. The real estate bubble of that time peaked at \$16 billion in value generating \$132 million in revenues. Current valuations are \$13B generating \$95 million. Sales are down and average time on the market before sale is up – in both cases 50% (the wrong direction). And almost 25% of the sales are bank related. He estimates it will be 2014 until we start seeing improvements in price and the number of sales. The good news is if you are a buyer of real estate – he sees great upside. And taxes on property always lag one year so a higher bill this year will be lower next year. Chris reminded everyone

that his office controls appraisals but not the mileage rate – so don't always point a finger at him for your property tax bill. Check his website for pending legislative changes he hopes pass this session including relief for disabled veterans, relief from the Save our Homes cap in a declining market, and even some help for those who hold commercial real estate. His staff has been reduced by 30% but they still are required to appraise 160,000 parcels and recovered \$40 million in homestead fraud values generating \$70,000 in revenues. Visit his website for additional information or questions – [escpa.org](http://escpa.org).

Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt

**CORRECTION:** In the minutes of last week a new member was reported as "Tommy Jones". The correct name is Tommy Smith.

## ROTARY WHEELS

See where David Stafford rated generous applause for his role as Sports Association head when the organization's annual banquet was held. Large attendance, many to recognize for local contributions in athletic activities.

See where Alan Moore and his Fisher-Brown have linked the firm's centennial to the Navy's 100 years of flight in a current advertising campaign.

Looking ahead, Gerry Hoewing and the Navy Museum Foun-

ation will be hosting a huge anniversary symposium early in May, with attendees from all over the country.

Congrats to Bo Carter in his role in the community's latest bank.

Jock Mobley has just completed a 100% stock acquisition of Centennial Imports – Mercedes/Volvo dealership. As a result, the company is now entirely locally owned. Jock has been with Centennial Imports since 1985.

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Roger Windell was born on May 20, 1959, in New Albany, Indiana. His family was very involved in The Salvation Army so Roger became immediately involved in all programs. His desire to learn has allowed him the following accomplishments, Associates of Arts in Practical Ministries from Olivette Nazarene College, Olivette Illinois, Associates of Science in Floriculture from Vincennes University, Vincennes Indiana, Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Greenville University and Master of Arts in Organizational Management from University of Phoenix and his PhD in Human Services with a major in Counseling from Capella University.

He was an officer in the ranks of The Salvation Army from 1982 through 2005 and most recently the Executive Director of the Resurrection Ranch Homeless Shelter, Melbourne Florida.

Last year he and Yvonne were assigned to lead the Pensacola Corps of the Salvation Army.

He is a Certified Trainer with NAPPI which stands for Non-Abusive Psychological & Physical Intervention since 2007.

He and his wife, Yvonne have been married for 28 years and have four children and three grandchildren.

## 2010-2011 Club Officers

◆ President	Ray Jones
◆ Past President	Margaret Stopp
◆ President Elect	Alan Bookman
◆ Secretary	Innes Richards
◆ Treasurer	Ron Jackson
◆ 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		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

**Sylvia White**

[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of  
April 12th through April 18th**

*Mark Tuzo* – April 11 – born in San Diego, CA, in Rotary 25 years

*Dick Dickerson* – April 11 – born in Oxford, NC, in Rotary 43 years

*Clif Payne* – April 12 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

*Ed Wonders* – April 13 – born in Newton, KS, in Rotary 9 years

*Henry Roberts* – April 14 – born in Selma, AL, in Rotary 5 years

*David Stafford* – April 16 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 6 years

*Ted Brown* – April 16 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 33 years

*Edwin Roberts D.C.* – April 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 27 years

*Scott Grissett* – April 17 – born in Atmore, AL – in Rotary 3 years

*Claudia Simmons* – April 18 – born in Tallahassee, FL – in Rotary 3 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**April 12:** Cmdr Williams - Skipper of the William P Lawrence

**April 19:** Pat Crawford – "Public Radio's New Golden Age"

**April 26:** (open)

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

**April 12:**

**Greeters:** Andrea Farage and Mike Ferguson

**Ticket Sales:** Nancy Fetterman and Jack Fleming

**April 19:**

**Greeters:** Jim Flournoy and Sally Fox

**Ticket Sales:** Skip Furlong and Dave Galloway

**April 26:**

**Greeters:** Tom Gilliam and Maria Goldberg

**Ticket Sales:** Neal Goldsborough and Susan Graf

## PRAYER AND PLEDGE

**April 12:**

**Prayer/Pledge:** Charles Beall

**Sunshine:** Jimmy Jones

**April 26:**

**Prayer/Pledge:** Betty Gail Peters

**Sunshine:** Bob Hart

**April 19:**

**Prayer/Pledge:** Randy Butler

**Sunshine:** Hugh Hamilton

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