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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place at New World Landing. Rotarians Hank Bell and Brian Bell greeted arriving Rotarians, and Judy Bense and Sherry Hartnett took a turn at raffle ticket sales. Susan Graf was the lucky winner of the \$70 prize.

President Ray Jones opened the meeting, and Judge Roger Vinson led the group in inspiring prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Hugh Hamilton had Sunshine duties, and he welcomed visiting Rotarians from other clubs. Ray reminded the group that surveys were sent to members to fill out with regards to the Tuesday food at New World. Our input is valuable, and members should fill out and return the form regularly. Ray and the Board are currently working on designing a new member directory, and details will follow. Fellow Rotarians congratulated a very surprised Brad Butcher on his second Paul Harris pin.

Mark Harden introduced today's speaker, Harry White, a Robertsdale native who is currently the Public Affairs Officer at NAS Pensacola. Harry retired from the USAF in 1984, then came to the Navy in 1989 as a staff member of the Public Affairs office at the Naval Aviation Depot, and was appointed Public Affairs Officer of NASP in 1995. Harry enlightened Rotarians about the upcoming "Centennial of Naval Aviation" celebration and upcoming community events

associated with it. Harry presented a slide show and discussion of the history of Naval aviation and Pensacola's early involvement. The United States Navy's official interest in airplanes began in March of 1898 when Theodore Roosevelt determined that the still-evolving aviation concept was a potentially important and vital aspect of wartime. After several years of testing, observing, and demonstrations in Pensacola, including visits from the Wright Brothers, naval officers urged the purchase of aircraft. In September of 1910, the US Navy adopted the Naval Aviation program, and by November of the same year, navy flyer Eugene Ely became the first American to fly off of a ship. In January of 1911, Ely became the first person to land on a ship, have lunch with the C.O., then take off from the same ship. It was May of 1911 before the Navy made naval aviation an official part of the US Navy, and in January, 1914, Lt. Col. Henry Mustin arrived to command Naval Aviation training at NASP. At the time, the command included seven aircraft, nine officers, and twenty-three enlisted support men.

Pensacola's Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration began on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> of this year aboard NASP outdoors and very near where Henry Mustin first stepped foot on base on another winter day. The navy will hold many events throughout 2011, both nationwide and locally. A few of the local events include: Medal

of Honor Day on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the National Naval Aviation Museum to honor the 44 Naval Aviators who have received the Medal of Honor; Aviation Week from May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, which will be a week long celebration at NAS Pensacola commemorating a century of Naval Aviation. Events for that week include a Blue Angels Aerial Demonstration, port of call and tours aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7), Aviation Museum Symposiums, and more. The following month, the commissioning of the Navy's newest destroyer, the *USS Lawrence will take place* on June 4<sup>th</sup>; the popular Blue Angels Pensacola Beach Air Show returns on July 9<sup>th</sup>; Seville Quarter hosts the Centennial of Naval Aviation Celebration on August 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Blue Angels Home Coming occurs on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at NASP. These are just a few of the many area events that will honor 100 years of Naval Aviation. Details and a complete schedule can be found at [www.celebrateflight.com](http://www.celebrateflight.com). As Rotarians and as Pensacolians, we are all proud of our connection to Naval Aviation, and we realize the history and importance of NASP in Northwest Florida. May we all congratulate the Navy and continue to support the U.S. military and Naval Aviation and the tens of thousands of young men and women who pass through here to earn the Wings of Gold.

Respectively submitted by Jake Renfro, III

## ROTARY WHEELS

Keep your eyes peeled for Collier Merrill's new TV commercial for Jackson's Restaurant. The art takes one back to what Pensacola may have looked like when General Jackson was present.

Come February 22<sup>nd</sup> the Rooters will help us remember – briefly – the lives of presidents Washington and Lincoln. (By the way, the Rooters are still trying to enroll some talented ladies. Sally Fox is a "maybe.")

Didjknow that Roger Enzor is a member of the Florida Board of

Real Estate Commissioners?

Jock Mobley's glad that police captured the young vandals who did damage to cars on his lots. However, insurance policies being what they are, the dealership will be out much of the cost of the significant repairs.

David Lamar continues his add-on role as a professor in engineering studies at UWF.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Rotary Leadership Institute announces February 19<sup>th</sup> classes in Panama City. Register online now at [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org). Classes one, two and three will be held. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about Rotary and effective leadership. If you have questions email me at [rotaryjohn@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryjohn@gmail.com) or call me at 386-755-9018. Look forward to seeing all of you in Panama City. **There will only be one more opportunity in 2011 to train for RLI in our district.** Sign up now. (Special Pre-Pets for all President-elects will be held at noon on the 19<sup>th</sup>.) Register for RLI now!!

## 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 February 2nd through February 8th

**Leonard Swartz** – February 3  
born in Brooklyn, NY, in Rotary 25 years

**Brian Masterson** – February 3  
born in Pensacola, in Rotary 8 years

**Gary Lee** – February 5  
born in Greensboro, AL, in Rotary 5 years

**Norris McMahon** – February 5  
born in Pensacola, in Rotary 6 years

**Gerald Hoewing** – February 6  
born in Keokuk, Iowa, in Rotary 5 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**February 1:** Alex Sanchez, President and CEO, Florida Bankers Association

**February 8:** Win Hallet, President Mobile Chamber

**February 15:** Wes Odum, Movies Made In Pensacola

**February 22:** Robert Turpin, The Oriskaney

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

**Feb 1:**

**Greeters:** George A. Biggs and Charles T. Blackwell

**Ticket Sales:** Alexis Bolin and Alan B. Bookman

**Feb 8:**

**Greeters:** Shawn Brantley and Richard Brosnahan

**Ticket Sales:** Roger L. Brown and Warren Ted Brown

**Feb 15:**

**Greeters:** Ellis W. Bullock, III and Randy Butler

**Ticket Sales:** Handsel B. Butts and H. Miller Caldwell, Jr.

**Feb 22:**

**Greeters:** Thomas B. Carter, II and J. Brooks Champlin

**Ticket Sales:** John B. Clark and Alvin G. Coby

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Mike Ferguson and John Appleyard report that the April 12<sup>th</sup> trip will be the finale for Honor Flight. Another 100 WWII vets are expected to visit the memorial in Washington.

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