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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Happy 95th birthday to the Rotary Club of Pensacola! John Clark and Claudia Simmons greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a warm greeting and firm handshake. Gary Lee and Bob Rogers sold raffle tickets.

President Margaret called the meeting to order and led the group in the Four Way Test. Thereafter, Dr. Randon Jackson led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Margaret then reminded us that March 9th marks the 95th birthday of the Rotary Club of Pensacola! Founded just five years after the first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago by 54 charter members who met at the Hotel San Carlos. President Margaret then introduced Mayor Mike Wiggins who read a proclamation from the City of Pensacola recognizing the birthday of the club and the fine achievements of the club over the years. Then Rotarian Mike Wiggins offered best wishes from the Five Flags Rotary Club where he is a member.

Then President Margaret called upon Francis Yeo to make a special introduction of the newest member of Downtown Rotary, Leanne Todd. Leanne grew up in Dothan, Alabama. She has a Business Administration degree from the University of Kansas but has a passion for the University of Alabama...roll tide! Previously Leanne worked with the American Red Cross and the Panama City News Herald. She served as the former district manager for the Eastern Region of

Junior Achievement in Panama City and is now the President of the Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida. Welcome to our club.

President Margaret called upon Rotarian Scott Grissett for Sunshine and to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests. Rotarian Scott then introduced our military guest, Ensign Zachary Hicks. Ensign Hicks is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and is assigned to Pensacola NAS where he is waiting to start flight training. Rotarian Scott then recognized our birthday celebrants and led the club in a heartfelt, acappella "Happy Birthday You-all."

President Margaret thanked Bob and Gary for selling raffle tickets and announced that the pot was \$74. The first drawing was for the pot and Randy Williams had the winning ticket. Then President Margaret drew a second ticket good for two tickets to the Ballet of Pensacola which were won by Rotarian Ed Meadows.

President Margaret then asked Rotarian Yvonne Emerson to introduce our guest, Commander Greg Thomas, acting Commanding Officer at Pensacola NAS. Cmdr. Thomas is a native of Oklahoma and is a 1984 graduate of the U S Naval Academy. Cmdr Thomas is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm where he flew 17 combat missions and was awarded the individual Air Medal w/combat "V."

Cmdr. Thomas spoke at length about the history of Naval Aviation in Pensacola and noted that the base was gearing up to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation in Pensacola in 2011. Many events are planned throughout the year to commemorate this anniversary and will culminate with the homecoming air show of the Blue Angels in November.

Cmdr. Thomas spent much of the presentation describing the assets on board Pensacola NAS and NAS Corry Station and the importance of these bases to our national defense as well as to the local economy. Cmdr. Thomas gave a very thorough discussion of base operations and the positive relations between the Navy and the Pensacola community. Aside from the economic impact on our local economy, Cmdr. Thomas highlighted some of the men and women in the U S Navy who perform countless hours of community service in Pensacola. Judging by the enthusiastic reception by Rotarians, the respect is mutual!

Rotarian Yvonne then thanked Cmdr Thomas for the informative program and bestowed some of the club's fine china to him as a gift. Thereafter, President Margaret thanked all those who helped to make today's meeting a success and then ended the meeting by reminding us that, "The Future of Rotary is in our hands!"

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Originally from Baltimore, Tony Basel has lived Pensacola since 1996. He and his wife, Kristi are raising two young children, ages 7 and 4. They attend Woodbine United Methodist Church in Pace.

Tony received a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from UWF and holds a number of industry certifications. He is co-founder of Broadstone Services, an IT services company specializing in small to mid-size businesses in Pensacola and the surrounding area. Additionally, he holds the posts of Vice President and Program Chair for "IT Gulf Coast", a local professional IT organization dedicated to the promotion of the local IT industry and the growth of IT jobs along the gulf coast.

He has previously been involved with *Paint Your Heart Out Pensacola*, *Habitat For Humanity*, and the *I Love Science* volunteer teaching program.

ROTARY WHEELS

- Blaise Adams and Evon Emerson made news together this week, she stepping down from her Chamber management role, he beginning a search for a successor.
- Sorry to note that Honorary Member Jim Coe has died. Condolences to his son, good member Jimmy.

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2009-2010 Club Officers

◆ President	Margaret Stopp
◆ Past President	Keith Bullock
◆ President Elect	Ray Jones
◆ Secretary	Innes Richards
◆ Treasurer	Ron Jackson
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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

John Kuykendall
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Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
March 16th through March 22nd

Andrea Farage – March 17
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 7 years
Wylie Hogeman – March 20
born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 14 years
Lew Doman – March 21
born in Alton, IL, in Rotary 44 years
Rick Nickelsen – March 21
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 9 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

March 16th

Greeters: Robert Behr and William Phillips
Ticket Sales: Luther Sitten and Henry Roberts

March 23rd

Greeters: Jules Kariher and Leslie Halsall
Ticket Sales: H. Britt Landrum and Sherry Hartnett

March 30th

Greeters: Susan Graf and Majorie Hudson
Ticket Sales: Scott Paul and William Hart

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- Mike Ferguson's busy with his Honor Flight duties. There'll be two more trips to Washington's WWII Memorial shortly, April 14 and May 5. Mike's now the group's vice chairman.
- John Hinman may not have made it back to his accustomed Rotary Chair as yet, but his health is improving.
- Dale Jordon this month helped celebrate his mother's 94th birthday!
- Didjaknow that our Roger Sherman is a direct descendent of the Founding Father from Connecticut who helped write the Declaration of Independence?
- Charlie Wiggins may have a new assignment ...helping his dad, who is seeking the new mayoral spot for the city.

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