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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The regular meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club was held on Tuesday, July 20 under sunny summer skies.

Members and guests were greeted at the door by Jean Norman and Jack Nobles.

Ticket sales were handled by Susan O'Connor and Tim Kane.

The meeting was called to order by President Ray who led the Club in the Four Way Test.

President Ray called RP Rodger Doyle to the podium for the Prayer and Pledge.

The raffle prize of \$61 was carted off by Ted Brown.

Hugh Hamilton was then called to the podium for Sunshine and proceeded to strike out with a man joke. Hugh then introduced 1 military guest, 3 guests of Rotarians and 1 visiting Rotarian. Hugh then launched another man joke that proved to be a hit with the audience - nice recovery Hugh!

Chris Kelly, then introduced the speaker for today's program, Dr. Ken Ford. Dr. Ford is the author or co-author of hundreds of scientific papers and six books. He received a PhD in Computer Science from Tulane University. In January 1997, Dr. Ford was asked by NASA to develop and direct its new

Center of Excellence in Information Technology at the Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley. In October of 2002, President George W. Bush nominated Dr. Ford to serve on the National Science Board and the U.S. Senate confirmed his nomination in March of 2003. Dr. Ford is founder and CEO of the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition - a not-for-profit research institute located in Pensacola. FIHMC has grown into one of the nation's premier research organizations with world-class scientists and engineers investigating a broad range of topics related to building technological systems aimed at amplifying and extending human cognitive and perceptual capacities.

Dr. Ford mentioned that NASA is currently undergoing significant changes due to the lack of interest in lunar exploration by the Obama administration. Efforts instead will be focused on exploration of "near earth" objects consisting primarily of asteroids. As such, Dr. Ford and his team have re-designed their lunar rover prototype to fit the new mission. The new version of the rover is a pressurized unit unlike prior versions that required the occupants to wear bulky spacesuits. The unit features a PLIS - portable life support system - that are kept in a suit port on the

exterior of the unit. This eliminates the need for an air lock in the unit which is much more efficient. The unit also features a water jacket around the periphery of the rover which provides protection from radiation. Dr. Ford and his team utilized technology from the yacht industry for the interior of the rover due to the proven ability to maximize functionality of limited interior space. The new unit is now referred to as a multi-mission space exploration vehicle.

Dr. Ford also presented information regarding the work of IHMC's robotics department that includes efforts to develop humanoid robots to be deployed for space exploration missions. Dr. Ford mentioned that there will be one more shuttle flight and then the US will purchase travel on Russian missions until such time as private enterprise can provide a more inexpensive solution. The change in mission for NASA will result in the loss of 7,000 jobs in Florida although some fraction of that amount will be re-deployed on the next mission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY WHEELS

- See where recent member Jim Martin has become president of Edison Junior College in South Florida.
- Honors keep flowing to Rotarians. Bob Hart and Bruce Partington were among those elevated to a high category in their respective practices.
- Didjknow that Handsell Butts was one of the earliest presidents of the Home Builders Association? That was more than half a century ago.
- The final edition of John Appleyard's *Mystery Stories About Pensacola 100 Years Ago* will be on the press shortly.

When completed, this will bring the total of stories produced to 192.

- When Pensacola State College held their Honoring Past Leaders banquet on July 15th many of our folks were noted. Margaret Stopp moved up to vice president, and Tom Owens continued on as treasurer. Governors for 2010-11 will include Charles Sherrill, Jr., Denise Windham and Ken Woolf. Grover Robinson stepped down from his two year role as president. Ed Meadows presided. Kramer Litvak continues on as a director.

2009-2010 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

John Kuykendall
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Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of July 28th through August 3rd

Ron Richards – July 31

born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 15 years

Brian Bell – July 31

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 3 years

John Phelps – August 1

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 46 years

Jack Williams – August 2

born in Norfolk, VA, in Rotary 19 years

Tim Kane – August 2

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 15 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 27th

Greeters: Thomas Owens and Alan Moore

Ticket Sales: Calvin Moore and William Neuner

August 3rd

Greeters: Eric Nickelsen and Ric Nickelsen

Ticket Sales: Robert Mills and James Mitchell

August 10th

Greeters: John Mobley and John Monroe

Ticket Sales: Rex McKinney and James Merrill

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July 27: Mike Hill & Greg Evers

August 3: Bentina Terry, VP Gulf Power

August 10: Andrea Farage, Exec. Director, Ronald
McDonald House

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