

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

John Phelps greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a warm greeting and firm handshake. Ron Richards assisted by Tim Kane sold raffle tickets.

President Margaret called the meeting to order and led us in reciting the Four Way Test, followed by Roger Doyle who led us in the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Margaret then called upon Robert Mills to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians and to provide our sunshine. He also recognized our members celebrating birthdays this week and the membership sang Happy Birthday to those present.

The raffle drawing with \$67 in the pot was awarded to Lou Doman. Rotarian Mills then introduced our military guests. Lt. Erik Zwit is a native of Mobile Alabama and is a graduate of Perdue University. He has deployed and accumulated significant flight hours on the P3-C Orion aircraft. Rotarian Mills then introduced our other military guest, Lt. Paul who is a 2003 graduate of the University of Rochester. Lt. Paul has

accumulated his flight hours in the MH 53 Sea Dragon helicopter. Lt. Paul is also assigned as an instructor with VT 10 in the Texan training aircraft. As is our tradition, Rotarian Mills invited our military guests to the stage where he thanked them for their service to our country and presented each with a piece of fine, imported china to commemorate their visit to our club.

Our program was then introduced by Rotarian Richard Sherrill. Rotarians John and Trannie Lackey from Bradford Florida presented a moving PowerPoint presentation on the "Shelter Box" program. This is a program whereby boxes containing 10 person dome tents, blankets, sleeping bags, materials for children, water purification tablets, matches, dishes and other essential items are packaged in Rubbermaid tubs and are sent via relief agencies and DHL to places where families have lost their homes due to natural disasters. The "Shelter Boxes" weigh about 35 pounds each. Rotarians who have received specialized training in aiding the refugees of natural disasters accompany the boxes to see that they are properly distributed to those in need and to provide the necessary instruction on the use of the

boxes. The idea of the Shelter Boxes is to keep the families on their own land and not to force them to leave native lands. This way, the families maintain a connection to their homes and can assist in rebuilding.

John and Trannie related how they received a 9 day training in England on these Shelter Boxes. Shortly after returning to the United States, they were contacted to deploy to Nepal to respond to a natural disaster caused by flooding. John and Trannie first learned of the program in 2006. Each box costs \$1,000 which includes not only the contents of each box, but the cost to ship the box to virtually any place in the world and the cost to deploy Rotarians to assist the victims of natural disasters. Thus far, Shelter Boxes have helped thousands of people around the world survive all kinds of natural disaster. At the conclusion of the presentation, President Margaret thanked the Lackey's for bringing this informative program to our club and implored our club members to consider joining in this project to help those who are victims of natural disaster and are at their most vulnerable state.

Submitted by Jeff Lewis

## ROTARY WHEELS

Collier Merrill is the club's latest bridegroom. Many congratulations! Technically (sort of), Roger Vinson is his father-in-law.

When the Rooters did their college fight song medley, there was a real challenge for saw-player Morris Eaddy and string bass man Tom Birdwell. The tempo changes showed how good they are!

Didjaknow that Mark Harden's a board member of John Clark's Council on Aging, and that Milton Usry's bride is the board chair?

Come early October Mac Miller will be sung to...as he reaches age 95. Come next July, Mac will have been a club member for 50 years.

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Bob Larkin does executive coaching, teaches leadership with Academy Leadership and teaches in the graduate school at the University of West Florida. He holds a B.S. degree from the United States Naval Academy and a M.S. in Organization Development from the University of Southern California. During a 29 + year career at Procter & Gamble, Bob was a well respected technical process engineer, line manager, and organizational effectiveness manager. He has been very active with a variety of non-profit organizations. He now lives in West Florida with his wife of 35 years and the three youngest of their five children.

## 2009-2010 Club Officers

◆ President	Margaret Stopp
◆ Past President	Keith Bullock
◆ President Elect	Ray Jones
◆ 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**  
[www.rotary.6940.org](http://www.rotary.6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
September 30th through October 6th

**Innes Richards** - September 29  
born in Washington, DC, in Rotary 11 years

**Ellis Bullock** - October 1  
born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary 23 years

**Peit Hudson** - October 1  
born in Long Beach, MS, in Rotary 5 years

**Bill Donahue** - October 2  
born in New York, NY, in Rotary 28 years

**Roger Sherman** - October 2  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 14 years

**Martin Small** - October 2  
born in Atlanta, GA, in Rotary 1 year

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### September 29th:

Greeters; Marshall Popple, Jr. and Carob Powell  
Ticket Sales: Jeff Powell and Ed Ranelli

### October 6th:

Greeters: Sandy Ray and George Rees  
Ticket Sales: John Renfroe, III and Ron Richards

### October 13th:

Greeters: Henry Roberts and Grover C. Robinson, IV  
Ticket Sales: Edwin Roberts

### October 20th:

Greeters: Alison Perdue Rogers and Bob Rogers  
Ticket Sales: Scott Sallis and Donn Scott

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