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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on Tuesday, November 16, 2010. Members and guests were greeted at the door by Sally Fox and Shawn Brantley. Maria Goldberg and Alan Bookman handled the ticket sales. Ted Brown purchased the winning ticket worth \$72. President Ray Jones called the meeting to order with the Four Way Test. President Elect Alan Bookman stepped up with the prayer and pledge. Frances Yeo, Interact Chairperson, provided an update on the great progress of the Interact Committee this year with clubs going strong at Washington High led by Trey Manderson and at Pensacola High led by John Schaffer. President Ray had two important reminders for the group; one regarding the Rotary International Convention to be held in New Orleans ; last day for early registration is **December 15, 2010** and also that sign up time for Bell Ringing for Salvation Army is now. A special invitation went out to all for the Cordova Rotary fund raiser for Gulf Coast Kids House – Coffee, Poinsettias and Santa to be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 9:00 – 1:00 at the Gulf Coast Kids House on 12th Avenue. Congratulations to our own Grover Robinson, IV who began a second term as County Commissioner today. Rotary Rooters were tuned for fall and provided a pre-Thanksgiving treat with a few traditional songs.

Scott Grissett added sunshine to the day and introduced the guests of Rotarians and

visiting Rotarians, no military guests were in attendance. Birthday greetings and song went out to Randy Jackson and Leslie Halsell. Nancy Fetterman, member of the Board of Trustees for UWF, introduced the speaker, Dr. Judy Bense, President of the University of West Florida. Downtown Rotarian Dr. Bense became the fifth President of UWF in July, 2008 after spending many years as the Founder of the Anthropology/Archaeology program and then the Archaeology Institute in 1980. She became the Chair of the Anthropology Department in 2001 and in 2006 she founded the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Since taking office Dr. Bense has focused on growth, visibility and partnerships with the goal of making UWF a first choice school. The energetic Dr. Bense, who is usually speaking about the life and times of the past, changed her perspective and with an enthusiastic and entertaining program, presented highlights of current day UWF and a look into the future in store for the University. In the 40 years of UWF's existence, the University has educated over 100,000 students and conferred over 60,000 degrees. The students at UWF demonstrate educational excellence in many disciplines and have higher than the national average SAT and ACT scores. Highlights for 2010 for the University are that UWF is at its historic high in enrollment with 11,700 students and in the rate of retention for underclassmen at 80%. A new residence Hall has just been completed with 1800 beds and it is fully

occupied. The University is a leader in the region and has joined in a partnership with Pensacola State College, Gulf Coast Community College, Northwest Florida State College, Chipola College and Tallahassee Community College in a program that combines registration so that transfer to UWF is almost seamless. The new website, new image for the mascot and a very impressive advertising program are all aimed at getting out the recognition and attention to UWF to that it deserves to keep growing and expanding. UWF has gained national attention in areas of Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation research thanks in part to the recent BP Oil spill. The new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) building is state of the art and is attracting new engineering students to the University. Future plans include new construction and expansion for the University in many areas and for new and expanded athletic facilities and possibly adding football to the list of excellent athletic programs. Near future plans include construction projects to begin in 2011 for a College of Business, Health and Wellness Center and a twin to the recently completed Heritage Hall dormitory.

President Ray thanked Dr. Bense for a wonderful program and all others who served.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Simmons

ROTARY WHEELS

Hats off to Dale Knee for his receipt of a prestigious award from the Alabama Hospice Association.

Mort O'Sullivan probably had some nostalgic feelings last week when GM ended the life of Pontiac automobiles. Once-upon-a-time the O'Sullivans had the Pensacola Pontiac franchise.

Didjaknow that Donnie McMahon is the upcoming Chamber president, some months ahead?

One Veterans Day story told around was how Reed Bell's

brother, Bill, a B-24 pilot, was given protection on a return flight by a fighter pilot named Chappie James.

When Gerry Hoewing and Skip Furlong opened the door to the Naval Museum's new Hangar there were many former Rotarians noted...including Ted Nickinson, who had a part in the presentation video, Raymond Dyson and Pat Groner. The museum began in a small wooden structure in 1962.

Auby Smith missed the Rooters' Thanksgiving musicale because he was doing special realtor duty I Tallahassee.

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2010-2011 Club Officers

◆ President	Ray Jones
◆ Past President	Margaret Stopp
◆ President Elect	Alan Bookman
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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
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Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of November 23rd through November 30th

Skip Furlong - November 23

born in Muskogee, OK, in Rotary 24 years

Ben Early – November 24

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 40 years

Bill Elebash - November 24

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

Alan Bookman - November 28

born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 23 years

Auby Smith - November 29

born in Boaz, AL, in Rotary 6 years

Dave Galloway - November 29

born in Atlanta, GA, in Rotary 40 years

Gary Bemby - November 29

born in Tallahassee, FL, in Rotary 10 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

November 23, 2010

Greeters: Shawn Brantley

Ticket Sales: Roger Brown and Warren Brown

November 30, 2010

Greeters: Reed Bell and Gary Bemby

Ticket Sales: George Biggs and Charles Blackwell

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

November 23: Judge Terry Terrell, Chief Judge 1st Judicial Circuit

November 30: Ken Prest, NWFL DEP

ROTARY WHEELS

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John Appleyard's final book of Pensacola mystery stories will be available at the November 30th meeting. Copies are \$15, with one-third going to our club, the balance to TV-3's Community Caring at Christmas.

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