

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

C Ray Jones greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a warm greeting and firm handshake. John Tice sold raffle tickets.

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

President Margaret then advised us of the nominations for officers and directors of the club. The nominees for officers are Alan Bookman, President, Innes Richards, Secretary; Ron Jackson Treasurer; Tim Kane, Sergeant at Arms. Board members nominated for 2010-2012 are Scott Grissett, Gerry Hoewing, Mort O'Sullivan, and Alison Rogers. President Margaret advised the members to let her know if there were any additional nominations.

President Margaret then called upon Rotarian Earl Hutto to address the club on bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Those interested in helping with the worthwhile cause should contact Earl, Morris Eaddy, Billy Guy Davis, John Monroe, Oliver Soule, Archie Agerton, Charlie Blackwell or Beverly Patteson. President Margaret then announce the Rooters to serenade the club with their "Tribute to Fall." A burning question asked by many was, "where do they find the sheet music for Autumn Leaves for the saw?"

President Margaret then called upon Nigel Allen to introduce our military guests. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Quay Depriest is from Valley

View, Texas and is a graduate of Texas A & M. He arrived at Pensacola NAS in June, 2009 and reported to VT-4. Lt. Quay hopes to fly the FA-18 Hornet. Ens. Sabrina Cummings hails from Asheville, N C. She is a graduate of Old Dominion University. Ens. Cummings arrived at Pensacola NAS in May, 2009 and also reported to VT-4. Ens. Cummings hopes to fly the E-2C Hawkeye. Ens. Cummings is married to Gerald and they have a daughter, Taylor, who is 9.

After introducing our guests of Rotarians and our visiting Rotarians, Nigel brought a smile to our faces with some sunshine before turning the microphone back to President Margaret. President Margaret asked Rotarian Richard Sherrill to introduce our speaker, Melinda Crawford who is the acting Director of the Pensacola Regional Airport.

Ms. Crawford introduced a number of the employees of the airport. Ms. Crawford gave a brief history of the airport from the days when it consisted of 525 acres of land purchased by two, Pensacola businessmen. There were federal funds available to pave runways, but only if they were government owned. The business men were able to get the City of Pensacola to purchase the airport. In the early days, barnstormer Blanchard flew seafood out of Pensacola from the airport.

Ms. Crawford was pleased to tell us about the arrival of United Airlines in February. United will start service between

Pensacola and Chicago and Pensacola and Dulles which is the largest single market for the airport. United is already selling tickets for "Weekends in Chicago." She also reminded us of the recent announcement from American Eagle about new non-stop service to Miami. Both Miami and National Airport (Dulles) have strong over seas connections. She indicated that U S Airways is working on a non-stop to Washington, as well.

Pensacola Regional Airport recently completed construction of a \$19 million dollar expansion of the rental car facilities. The airport is currently constructing a \$51 million dollar expansion to the terminal that will accommodate 5 new ticket counters and an in-line baggage screening facility as well as additional office space. The expansion with two new gates is expected to be complete by the fall of 2010.

The addition of an off ramp from I-110 to Airport Blvd is a tremendous addition to the airport marketing. Pensacola Regional handles 95% of the combined capacity of airports from Mobile, Valparaiso and Panama City, combined. All in all, Pensacola Regional Airport is a strong asset to the region and is well positioned to receive new carriers in the future.

After an interesting program, President Margaret presented Ms. Crawford with some fine china and thanked her for her program. President Margaret then ended our meeting by reminding us that, "The Future of Rotary is In Our Hands."

## ROTARY WHEELS

Another "hats-off" to David Stafford for the smooth mailing of the city charter ballots. Meanwhile, it's interesting that the club has strong voices on BOTH sides of the question.

Poor Bob Rogers and his associates at the Waterfront Rescue Mission are having their problems with the planned Mission relocation. Pensacola's familiar NOT IN MY BACK YARD spokesmen are hard at it.

Betty Roberts has become our most visible auto sales person. She and the Blood Center are promoting hard to have someone win a KIA.

Bob Hart (the lawyer, that is) helped head the stewardship campaign at his church this month.

Mike Ferguson became a spokesman for the Army's difficult position following the sad Ft. Hood Massacre last week. As always, Mike did a stellar job.

And then there was poor Earle Bowden. Earlie, who grew up riding behind a mule, was clocked by a patrolman going 50 in a 35 mile zone. But then...the fine helped keep the city budget in balance.

## 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**

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## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Ben Early - November 24

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 38 years

Bill Elebash - November 24

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years

Alan Bookman - November 28

born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 22 years

Auby Smith - November 29

born in Boaz, AL, in Rotary 5 years

Dave Galloway - November 29

born in Atlanta, GA, in Rotary 39 years

Gary Bemby - November 29

born in Tallahassee, FL, in Rotary 9 years

Jimmy Coe - November 30

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

David DelGallo is a graduate from the University of Florida with a B S degree in Building Construction and is a Certified General Contractor in the state of Florida. He has been in the commercial building business for many years and with the Morette Company since 1978. He is active in the community and a 1987 LEAP graduate.

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