



# the HELICOPTER

The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on a cold, Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 69 years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Members and guests were greeted at the door by Frances Yeo and David Bear. Andrea Farage and Betty Gail Peters handled the ticket sales. Skip Furlong purchased the winning ticket. President Ray Jones called the meeting to order with the Four Way Test and a moment of silent remembrance for Rotarian Walter E. (Gene) Smith who passed on Sunday, December 5, 2010. President Ray reminded all of the continuing sacrifice of all those serving in the military away from home as well as military families during the holidays. Betty Gail Peters was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and received a standing ovation for her contributions in many ways to Rotary. Earl Hutto provided the prayer and pledge. Andrea Farage provided an update on the success of the Rotary Bedroom in the new Ronald McDonald House. Andrea estimates that during the first 100 days in the new home, the Rotary Bedroom has provided

approximately \$19,000 of benefits to the guests who have occupied the room for 93 of 100 nights. Andrea briefly shared some of the joys and pains of the parents of ailing children who come from neighboring towns of the Panhandle and were able to stay in the bedroom provided by Rotary and the Ronald McDonald house.

Frank Beall provided the Sunshine and introduced the many guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians. Birthday wishes went out to Glenn McDonald, Chirs Klotz and Beverly Patterson.

President Ray introduced the Rotary Rooters who provided the program of a wonderful musical review of Holiday times as they may have been celebrated in Pensacola on December 7, 1917 in the early days of both Naval Aviation training in Pensacola and the Pensacola Rotary Club. The Rooters entertained and educated us with a re-enactment of a gathering of young aviators in the Pilots ready room at what is now NAS to sing songs and celebrate the season in

1917. We imagined that Chevalier, Mustin, Bronson and Towers were there to discuss the current state of naval aviation and dreams of the future and the outlook for Pensacola Naval Air Station in the years to come. The Rooters sang a tribute to Pensacola from the musical "Sea Plane" popular in the day, and renditions of traditional carols as the young pilots would have done. All together a great way to remember Pearl Harbor, appreciate the joys of Rotary service, honor the rich history of naval aviation in Pensacola and begin Holiday celebrations. President Ray thanked the Rooters and all who served to make the meeting great.

Reminders: The deadline for early registration is December 15 for the May 21-25, 2011 Rotary International Convention to be held in New Orleans. The Polio Plus campaign kickoff is coming in January. Elections for Officers and Board members next week.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Simmons

## ROTARY WHEELS

Good member Jake Renfroe says that there will be plenty of fine pecans available for your holiday baking.

When speaker Don Gaetz joked about Jerry Maygarden's past political positions, Jerry had an after-meeting comment: "I've been out of office now for years...but people do remember. There's a good and bad side of holding public office."

Hats off to David Bear for his continuing work in reestablishing an arts central office. A recent report detailed how much the various arts contribute to the local economy, and the number was large.

Didjknow that Auby Smith's an active leader in the local Sons of the Confederacy organization? Next month the group'll be recognizing the life and works of Pensacolian Stephen R. Mallory.

With the celebration of the centennial of naval aviation about the takeoff in January we hear that Jack and Carolyn Fleming's play, *Seaplane*, is to be a feature. *Seaplane* is a musical and deals with early figures HERE in naval flight.

A friend says that Bill Maloy has – over time – enjoyed a complex electric train setup in his home!

Art Hufford's wife has a holiday tradition that lives on. Her Christmas Coffee is no small event, and often in the past has featured her collection of Coca-Cola souvenirs.

Credit Collier Merrill with some clever historical trivia. One hundred years ago two large commercial fishing enterprises had BIG fish houses on their wharves, where they received and prepared snapper for rail shipment. When Collier borrowed The Fish House for a restaurant name, he was right on key.

Jack Gray's now the only Catholic chaplain in naval service between Savannah and New Orleans. No wonder he's a busy guy.

Earle Bowden's recent column about the Civil War helped all remember that the first shots of that conflict were fired HERE (not in Charleston harbor), not once but twice.

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Wes Reeder, a partner in the law firm of Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon, focuses his practice in the areas of construction and commercial litigation and serves a broad range of clients including Architects and Engineers, Contractors and Developers, material suppliers and business owners. He also practices in the areas of eminent domain, veterans benefits, and real estate litigation and was a member of Gulf Breeze Rotary for 10 years.

## 2010-2011 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

**Sylvia White**

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## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays for the week of December 14th through December 20th

Bryan McCall – Dec. 14 – born in Pasadena, Texas - in Rotary 5 years

Richard Sherrill - Dec. 14 - born in Pensacola, FL - in Rotary 11 years

Ray Jones - Dec. 15 - born in Rockingham, NC - in Rotary 9 years

Scott Barrow - Dec. 17 - born in Pensacola, FL - in Rotary 7 years

Brad Butcher – Dec. 19 – born in Chippewa Falls, WI, in Rotary 23 years

Bobby Switzer-Dec. 20 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years

Bill Baxter -Dec. 22 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 30 years

Jerry Maygarden – Dec. 22 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 22 years

Alan Moore – Dec. 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 7 years

Reed Bell – Dec. 24 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 11 years

Paul Tobin – Dec. 24 – Detroit, Michigan, 2 years

LaVonne Agerton - Dec. 26 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 16 years

Dale Jordan – Dec. 27 – born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary 20 years

Betty Roberts – Jan. 1 – born in McComb, MS, in Rotary 6 years

Denise Windham– Jan. 2 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 8 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**December 14:** Choral Society of Pensacola

**December 21:** No Meeting

**December 28:** No Meeting

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