



# the HELICOPTER

The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

It being Tuesday, what more could Downtown Pensacola Rotarians want than to come together for a little fellowship. The invisible greeter greeted everyone at the door as John Clark and Buster Dulion collected greenbacks for the raffle.

President Keith kicked off the meeting and Martin Harwood led us in the prayer and pledge. Margret Stopp reminded all that the upcoming District Conference in Panama City, 24-26 April, will be a great time and very rewarding. We are the host club so everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy the location, some golf, and at least five meals with fellow Rotarians.

Sunshine brought legal genius and comic extraordinaire, Alan Bookman,

front and center. Batting two for three in the humor department using only “clean” jokes, Alan skillfully introduced our military and visiting guests and even wowed the opera group in attendance with his rendition of Happy Birthday yall!

Program: John Shaffer introduced our Kyle Marrero and Tim Kennedy from the Pensacola Opera. With the Pensacola Opera Company recognized nationally as one of the fastest growing operas, Kyle went on to discuss the programs for this season and into the 2010. Called the “Big city opera with small town charm” he mentioned that it was interesting adjusting to the Sanger being closed for the past 18 months. With the Sanger opening, he was very excited with what the future brings. Of

note in May, the opera “Aida” featuring a cast from across the country will actually feature a live elephant on stage – that never could have happened at the old Sanger. “The Widows Lantern” is written about a Pensacola woman from the 1850’s who is waiting for a ship’s captain to return and celebrates Pensacola’s 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 2010, “Show Boat” and “Cavallera Rusticana and Pagliacci” are eagerly anticipated as well. Tim mentioned several programs that the performers take to the school system and for the community in general. They have a programs for elementary and middle schools, an opera camp, programs for the deaf, opera hor dourves and gallery talk with the Museum of Art for the adults. We adjourned with no questions.

## ROTARY WHEELS

Credit Vince Currie for using Sunshine to provide unique information. His story of how we came to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day was a winner.

With economic times continuing to be dim, John Clark reports that requests for the Meals on Wheels service are growing. Ditto for emergency health care. Henry Roberts says with more people without insurance, the hospitals are feeling the pinch.

Randy Jackson had the pleasure of performing the

baptism ceremony for his new grandchild on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mort O’Sullivan and the chamber are hoping to establish a revised form of economic development. Commerce parks have been successful. Mort’s new ideas would provide more of a public-private partnership to bring new business.

Look for three more Honor Flight voyages in coming weeks. Area Rotarians continue to be much involved, on the key committees, and as supporting clubs.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

March is the American Cancer Society’s **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**. The rule of thumb is to have this examine at or around age 50. After which and in consultation with your physician, determine the necessity of future examinations. More than 60% of the fatalities from CRC could have been avoided with early detection. My examination necessitated 50% removal of my large intestine thereby avoiding a potentially dire situation. For more information these sites of literally hundreds available on the web will provide salient information:

[http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MED/content/MED\\_1\\_Cancer\\_Calendar.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MED/content/MED_1_Cancer_Calendar.asp),

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/colorectalawareness/>

Yours in Rotary Service,

*Martin Harwood*

## 2008-2009 Club Officers

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◆ Past President	Jerry Maygarden
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## Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	New World Landing	Mon.	12:15 pm
Cordova	Varona's	Thur.	6:50 am
Gulf Breeze	Legends Restaurant Andrews Institute	Tues.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Cantonment	Scenic Hills Country Club	Wed.	12:15 pm
Milton	Milton Community Ctr.	Tues.	12:00 pm
Pace	Stonebrook Village	Thur.	7:00 am
Pensacola North	Asbury Place Cokesbury Methodist	Friday	12:00 pm
Perdido	Triggers Restaurant	Wed.	7:30 am
Navarre	Cocodries Restaurant	Thur.	12:00 pm

## District Governor

**Ron Richards**  
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## Assistant District Governor

Ed Boywid

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
March 31st through April 6th

Tommy Tait - March 31  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years

Nathan Kahn - April 1  
born in Mobile, AL, in Rotary 33 years

Bob Gaines - April 6  
born in Daytona Beach, FL, in Rotary 45 years

Charlie Sherrill Sr. - April 6  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 40 years

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Friday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze there will be an evening of song & dance featuring The Los Amigos Peruvian Tour (Youth) Choir from Chimbote, Peru. Father Jack Davis will also be there. Love offering.

We are looking for 10 volunteers for the Reading Pals program to participate in a pilot program beginning April 1, 2009 and completing the program in 6 weeks. Besides club members we are hoping to attract friends and family members of Rotary who are looking to find a project that will involve hands on reading and tutoring with pre-k students. If you are interested or know of someone who may be; please contact Clairen Reese at 686-5000.

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