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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The steamy weather didn't stop fellow Rotarians from attending this week as all were greeted by Gary Bergosh and Jeff Louis. Next step was probably a visit with Lee Little who was peddling raffle tickets.

President Keith kicked off his last New World Landing meeting (can you believe it!! he sure can) with a few comments. Most noteworthy is that there will be no meeting next week due to the evening change of command event at Seville next week. It was also Debbie Ford's last meeting as she heads to her new position in Wisconsin. Prayer and pledge was skillfully delivered by Roger Vinson.

Our newest Paul Harris Fellow was a surprised John Monroe – congratulations John. And another legal genius won the raffle – Charles Beall.

Charlie “no Red Level Alabama jokes today” Blackwell. Under a tight timeline, Charlie skillfully recognized our visitors, guests, and military. And surprise – no birthday's, so

unfortunately... no singing.

Program: Ellis Bullock introduced fellow Rotarian Mort O'Sullivan who discussed the Community Maritime Park and changes coming to the Chamber of Commerce in the area of driving Business development to the Pensacola area. Mort explained the final permitting issues were cleared up 10 days ago and that most people do not understand that permitting on a project like this can take five years or more. Things are also progressing with all the required legal agreements for the developers and the group that will monitor the developer. Also a website is under construction so all can follow the fun. In summary, Mort is optimistic that dirt will begin being moved by 15 August which corresponds with the official celebration of Pensacola's 450th. Mort then discussed economic development successes and what is required to take our area to the next level. Successes include I-10 wired

program, the Strategic Health Summit, Lambda Rail, Palafox Commerce Park, Navy Fed Credit Union, April year to year bed taxes up 11%, and numerous educational achievements. The Chamber also studied 17 other communities and solicited help from Rick Harper at UWF to see what we can do better to attract new businesses – basically they concluded that it comes down to funding. There is a direct correlation to the money spent on development to the actual success of bring in new businesses. And inclusion of the private sector, both financially and participation, in the entire process is paramount. There are many more changes coming to how the process is managed, city and county involvement, funding, and Mort encouraged all to follow the news. We adjourned after questions.

Respectfully submitted, Clark Merritt.

ROTARY WHEELS

Henry Roberts and the Sacred Heart Foundation were happy recipients of over \$23,000, raised by golfing ECUA employees, to benefit the Foundation and Children's works.

Collier Merrill is fast making his Fish House a landmark political point of focus. In just days the eatery hosted programs for Charlie Crist and Joe Scarborough, both well attended. And it's only 2009.

Jim Martin and PJC are manicuring the landscape and doing final polishing of the new Chadbourne library. This is the first such major literary addition there in almost 40

years.

Jeff Lewis has returned from a Tennessee experience where he and fellow church members redid housing and other needs for financially depressed peoples.

Gary Lee and his air conditioning team are among the few who have cheered the unusual heat and humidity. Father's Day saw Pensacola tie a 102 year-old record.

Tom Birdwell will miss the August Rooters concert 'cause he'll be big-time fishing in faraway Idaho.

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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
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

Ron Richards
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Ed Boywid

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
July 8th through July 14th

Tony Neuner - July 8
born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 7 years

Carl Mertins, Jr. - July 10
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 36 years

Jean Norman - July 12
born in Raleigh, NC, in Rotary 18 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rotary Club of Pensacola is partnering with several local clubs to provide specialty wheelchairs to those in need Costa Rica. This effort is in partnership with the San-Pedro Curridabat Rotary Club near San Jose, Costa Rica. The next trip will occur from July 26 - August 2 2009. Cost of the trip is approximately \$800 + airfare. If interested please see contact Clif Payne (433-8732 or lyal.c.payne@usace.army.mil). What better way to see Rotary in action than by assisting children and young adults increase their mobility and quality of life.

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 7

Greeters: Kramer Litvak and Roger MacDonald
Ticket Sales: Joe Maloney and Nancy Maloy

July 14

Greeters: Trey Manderson, III and Ron Martin
Ticket Sales: Morris Marx

July 21

Greeters: Brian Masterson and Jerry Maygarden
Ticket Sales: Bryan McCall and Glenn McDonald

July 28

Greeters: Bill B. McEachern, Jr. and Rex D. McKinney
Ticket Sales: Donald McMahon and Norris F. McMahon

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