



the HELICOPTER

The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club was held under sunny summer skies on July 21, 2009.

Rotarians and their guests were greeted by Jerry Maygarden and new member Brett Barrow.

Charlie Sherrill provided Sargeant At Arms duties and kept a watchful eye over ticket sales which were handled by Bryan McCall and Tim Kane.

President Margaret called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test.

Hugh Hamilton was called to the podium to lead the club in prayer and pledge.

Admiral Jerry Hoewing was then called to the podium to present a resolution honoring the life and distinguished military service of long time Rotarian and leader of our prized Naval Aviation Museum Captain John J. "JJ" Coonan. JJ's military service included over 4500 flight hours and 1000 carrier landings in addition to his untiring efforts to promote one of our crown jewels. The resolution will be placed in

the permanent records of the club and a copy will be presented to his family.

The raffle pot of \$61 was carried off by none other than Leonard Schwartz.

Sunshine was carried out by Grover Robinson, IV who was still a bit woozy from attending a County budget meeting. Grover introduced 3 guests of the club, 3 visiting Rotarians and 2 military guests. He then led the club in a musically unaccompanied version of "Happy Birthday You All" to the birthday boys and girls in the audience.

President Margaret then introduced Richard Sherrill to carry out the introduction of our program. Richard introduced Lt. Tom Leidner with the Pensacola Police Department who presented a program on Make A Wish. The Pensacola area falls under the auspices of the Central and Northern Florida Chapter of the Make A Wish organization. The purpose of Make A Wish is to grant wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions. Make A Wish was founded in 1980 and the first recipient was Chris Grecius who was a leukemia

patient who wanted to be a police officer for a day. Make A Wish now has chapters in 33 countries on 5 continents. Our chapter was founded in 1994 and has granted over 1,150 wishes. There are appx. 500 volunteers serving in the local region and the average cost of a wish is \$7,000. 76% of the funds that are donated to Make A Wish go directly to granting wishes and in all cases the entire family of the child is involved in the wish. Make A Wish receives no government funding. There are four categories of wishes: 1) gift wish; 2) occupational wish; 3) travel wish; 4) celebrity wish. The presentation ended with a heartwarming video presentation of a recent wish that was granted whereby the child was able to act as offensive coordinator with the Philadelphia Eagles for a practice session. The video provided an excellent insight to the valuable service provided by this fine organization.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Margaret.

Submitted by M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY WHEELS

The latest news says that Andrea Farage may soon be arriving at our meetings on the new Ronald McDonald House float! Expect to see Ronald and company in all sorts of parades and festivities (with Andrea there, too).

Bill Dollarhide's been trying to be the Piano Doctor on the electronic piano at New World...but the management there is holding back. Perhaps we'll revert to singing Happy Birthday accompanied by a harmonica.

Have you seen Betty Roberts' TV spots promoting

blood giving? Good job.

With all the national hoopla on healthcare reform, have some pity for Al Stubblefield, Gary Bemby, Andy Pople and others who are struggling to make sense of the debates. Formal care programs HERE date from the 1760s...thus we've seen many changes. As all this plays out, BE PREPARED!

John Clark says that the ongoing financial downturn is having an effect on many of the aged in our community.

2009-2010 Club Officers

◆ President	Margaret Stopp
◆ Past President	Keith Bullock
◆ President Elect	Ray Jones
◆ Secretary	Innes Richards
◆ Treasurer	Ron Richards
◆ Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
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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
July 29th through August 4th

Ron Richards – July 31
born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 13 years

Brian Bell – July 31
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 1 year

John Phelps – August 1
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 45 years

Jack Williams – August 2
born in Norfolk, VA, in Rotary 18 years

Tim Kane – August 2
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 14 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pensacola's Kia Autosport has donated a 2010 Kia Soul for the 2009 Drive for Life to Northwest Florida Blood Services. Each blood donor who donates between July 1 and December 31 will be entered to win the car. Jessica Lee, General Manager, hopes that the chance to win the car will boost donations to help patients and families in local hospitals.

Introducing the Helicopter Committee 2009-2010

Get the news about your committee or special project to the Helicopter Committee, they are: Chair Betty Roberts, Chris Pate, M. Blaise Adams, Jeff Lewis, Sherry Hartnett, Jake Renfro, John Appleyard, Claudia Simmons, and Clark Merritt. Send information to broberts@fbsblood.org

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 28

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

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