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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held on this hot summer day, August 4, 2009. Warm greetings for everyone came from Ed Meadows.

President Margaret Stopp called the meeting to order and led us in the Rotary Four-Way Test. She then introduced "Hot Rod" Earl Hutto who led the club in prayer and pledge. For more information about his "Hot Rod" moniker, please contact Earl and he can tell you all about it.

President Margaret began announcements by commenting on seeing more Rotary pins this week and encouraging everyone else to find their pins and begin wearing them proudly. It was noted that Ron and Innes Richards are in South Florida and wishes of encouragement were given to Ron in support of his medical issues.

Bill Mitchem and Chuck Michaels handled ticket sales today, and Ted

Nickinson was the lucky winner of the \$63 raffle.

Mr. Sunshine, Nigel Allen, began with apologies – again – to Fr. Jack, and then dove right into an entertaining Pope and Rabbi tale. He then introduced numerous guests and visiting Rotarians, keeping the level of cheer high by way of sharing more humorous jokes. Birthday well wishes were sung to all accompanied by John Appleyard on harmonica.

Richard Sherrill presented today's speaker, Pat Crawford, executive director of WUWF Public Media. In 2007, Pat walked from Jacksonville to NPR headquarters in Washington in an effort to raise money for WUWF and awareness for public radio. In April of 2009, he embarked on his next extreme fundraising adventure, this time by bicycle. He shared photos and stories with the club of his 2,200 mile trip from Pensacola to Ontario, Canada, retracing one of the original Underground Railroad routes. Pat

reported from the road on-air twice a day and blogged daily. This was accomplished with the use of his laptop, smart-phone and solar charger.

The trip was as much a history lesson as an adventure. Part of the excitement came from frequently being chased by dogs. One of his most amusing stories was that of getting a flat tire before ever leaving Pensacola. Pat told of the kindness and generosity of the strangers he met along the way; and of enjoying being part of nature as he traveled along the beautiful winding back roads of America. When asked "What's next?" he said that he hasn't decided yet, but that he does plan to have another adventure in 2011. Stay tuned.

President Margaret thanked all those that helped today and adjourned the meeting with "The future of Rotary is in your hands".

Submitted by Sherry Hartnett

## ROTARY FOUNDATION

Rumor has it that Collier Merrill may be about to commit matrimony, and that his future father-in-law could be a Rotarian.

Asked about the status of his health, Fred Braden says, "I'm between surgeries."

Channel 3 is planning a brief special on how some of today's Pensacolians of the 1930s viewed the Depression. You may see Bobby Kahn, Henry Cary and

Mac Miller involved.

Why was the harmonica reinstated for Happy Birthday? The poor electronic piano has been ailing for some time (its volume has all but disappeared)...and now the poor thing won't play at all. Harmonica...Key of G.

Mike Ferguson has been lending his legal skills to new actions to protect the ongoing Honor Flight program. A fifth flight to Washington will go soon.

## 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  
August 12th through August 18th

Tom Birdwell – August 11  
born in Louisville, KY, in Rotary 33 years

Charles Gund – August 12  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 7 years

Lee Little – August 12  
born in Baltimore, MD, in Rotary 2 years

Scott Paul – August 14  
born in Fort Huachuca, AZ, in Rotary 3 years

Henry Cary – August 16  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 64 years

Randy Butler – August 16  
born in Century, FL, in Rotary 7 years

Don Rushing – August 16  
born in St. Petersburg, FL, in Rotary 32 years

Roger Brown – August 17  
born in Schenectady, NY, in Rotary 18 years

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### August 11th

Greeters: Robert Jackson Mills and James L. Mithcell  
Ticket Sales: William H. Mitchem and John W. Mobley, IV

### August 18

Greeters: John W. Monroe, Jr. and Alan D. Moore  
Ticket Sales: Calvin B. Moore and William A. Neuner

### August 25

Greeters: Eric Nickelsen and Eric J. Nickelsen  
Ticket Sales: Edward P. Nickinson, Jr. and John W. Nobles

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