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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 02/20/2018

The February 20, 2018 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing. Robert Behr and Judy Bense warmly greeted visitors and members at the door. Vicki Campbell and George Biggs handled ticket sales.

President Paul convened the meeting with the Four Way Test. (It was good to see President Paul back at the podium.) Henry Roberts led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

President Paul praised Baptist Health Care for the care he received. He estimates he is about seventy-five per cent recovered from his bypass surgery. Paul also thanked many Rotarians for their support over the past several months.

President Paul made the following announcements: Our Club will cover the cost of lunch for any potential new members attending our meetings through the month of April. We are still looking for volunteers for the February 24th CROP/Manna meal packing project, and he asked our members to submit nominations for the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola Ethics in Business Award.

Henry Roberts awarded Judge Charles Kahn his Paul Harris Fellow plus three pen.

Scott Grissett entertained us with one of his one minute auctions with proceeds going to the Foundation. Next, President Paul offered a brief history moment. This was followed by lucky Randy Ray winning the \$54 raffle.

Sunshine duties were ably handled by Vicki Campbell. Vicki delivered a joke or two, and then welcomed visiting Rotarians and guest of club members.

As is our custom, we sang "Happy Birthday to You" to those Rotarians enjoying birthdays this week.

Mark introduced our featured speaker Chip Simmons, who is the Escambia County Sheriff's Office Deputy of Operations.

A few years ago Mr. Simmons retired as Chief of the Pensacola Police Department... He began his law enforcement career in 1984 as a corrections officer for the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and was hired by the Pensacola Police Department as an officer in 1986. Chip was born at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, and moved to Pensacola in 1973 from Key West. The Pine Forest High School graduate has an associate's degree in criminal justice from Pensacola Junior College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Troy State University, a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University, and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

He has had memberships on the Statewide Terrorist Network Group, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, U.S. Customs Blue Lightning Strike Force, as well as various youth and community boards.

Chip has received numerous department awards in recognition of his service to the community, including a Bronze Cross and the Gold Medal of Valor, which is the department's highest award for heroism. He also has been named to the Police and Firefighters Heroes Hall of Fame, the Pine Forest High School Alumni Hall of Fame, and received the Volunteer of the Year and Sports Lifetime Achievement awards from the Emerald

Coast Youth Sports Association.

Mr. Simmons told several interesting stories about his career, including some that led to his desire to be in law enforcement at a young age.

According to our speaker, public safety is the #1 priority at the ECSO. As a result of this, it is part of the culture at the ECSO for all officers to be involved with neighborhood and youth. He later stated "outreach is in everything we do and has evolved into who we are."

Some points Mr. Simmons made during his time with us:

"Drugs are the root of all evil" and that the average age of an opioid addict is fifty-one years old. He has seen many lives ruined as the result of drug abuse,

The ESCO works with the Lakeview Center in the sharing of information. The Explorers, a program for young people fourteen to eighteen years old, has evolved into a mentor program. Also, ESCO officers are involved with various neighborhood associations.

Current trends show that gathering DNA evidence is as important as fingerprint technology and drones will be used more often in the gathering of information

Our speaker closed by taking a few questions from the membership.

After thanking everyone involved, President Paul adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted (with help from the internet)

Mike Layton

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Old timers may remember that years ago, when FM radio was being introduced here, Earl Hutto was brought WMEZ-FM to our city.
- ❖ If you need visit with Alan Moore he and his firm have moved to their new headquarter, in what we used to call the Marston & Quina Building.
- ❖ Wheels hopes that Ray Jones had special insurance for when he began hurling Mardi Gras beads across the room. Dangerous.
- ❖ Bret Barrow's Symphony program MAGNOLIAS & WHITE LINEN is another tradition that goes back quite a ways at this time of year.
- ❖ Isn't it great that Lynne Tobin is joining our president in songs with the Rooters? Oh...and hopefully our new member from UWF will be joining, too.
- ❖ Jon Griffith reports that Cincinnati REDS players are in spring camp, and that it'll be just days we'll know who'll be on the field for the Wahoos.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Call for Nominations for the Ethics in Business Award, The Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola (CROP), in partnership with UWF College of Business, is accepting nominations for the 2018 Combined Rotary of Pensacola Ethics in Business Award. Applications are available at the weekly meeting or on our website <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org>. Nominations must be received by March 31, 2018.

Congratulations to the following members of the Pensacola Rotary Club. The Pensacola Area Commitment to Excellence for 2018, or PACE Awards was given to Rotarian Janet Pilcher. She received the Advocate of the Year Award, Rotarian Ed Ranelli received the Leader in Education Award and Rotarian Michael Ferguson received the Pioneer Award. Congratulations again to all.

New member drive through April. Any potential new members you bring to the meetings through the month of April, there will be no charged for their lunch.

2017-2018 Club Officers

◆ President	Paul Tobin
◆ Past President	Sherry Hartnett
◆ President Elect	Betty Roberts
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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 - Check navarrerotary.org		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

District Governor

Lisa Broxson Weeks
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Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
February 27th through March 5th

Scott Sallis - February 28
born in Springdale, AR, in Rotary 9 years

Mike Layton - March 5
born in Walteboro, SC, in Rotary 18 years

GREETERS/TICKET SALES

February 27

Greeters - Alexis Bolin and Trip Maygarden
Ticket Sales - Jack Brown and Ted Brown

March 6

Greeters - Thomas Carter and Al Coby
Ticket Sales - Blair Crooke and Madison Currin

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

February 27

Prayer and Pledge - Mike Doman Sunshine - Madison Currin

March 6

Prayer and Pledge - Lynne Tobin Sunshine - Hugh Hamilton

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

February - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

27 Noon Regular Meeting

March - Water and Sanitation Month

6 Noon Regular Meeting

13 Noon Regular Meeting

20 Noon Regular Meeting

1:00 Board Meeting, New World Landing

27 Noon Regular Meeting

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February

27 David Uslan, Tax Changes

March

6 Dr. Troy Shoemaker, President, Pensacola Christian College

13 Daniel Flynn, Pensacola International Airport

20 Jerry Kindle, American Red Cross

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