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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 03/20/2018

Ah...the first day of spring. And, what a beautiful day it was. Pleasant temperature, blooming flowers, blue sky and abundant sunshine put a "spring" in many people's step. But alas, it was a tease as temperatures declined for the days that followed. There was no teasing upon entering the New World Landing though as we were greeted with a sincere, smiling welcome by **Peter Doyle** and **Ron Jackson**. Ticket sales were offered to hopeful winners upon entry by **Ken Fagan** and **Scott Grissett**.

President **Paul Tobin** called the meeting to order as members, guests and visitors finished their meals. His welcome was followed with **Ed Wonders** for the prayer and pledge and **Chris Kelley** for the Sunshine report. Paul then shared reminder announcements for the Dr. Seuss reading at the McMillan Learning Center on March 23rd, the call for nominations for the Ethics in Business Award, which are due March 31st, and the Community Grant application open window through April 15th. He also reminded members that the membership drive is ongoing with free guest meals through the end of April.

Our District Governor presented a video regarding the Foundation and her campaign of

raising a million dollars. The campaign includes a "Million Dollar Dinner" for Rotarians that donate or pledge at least \$10,000, including donations committed from a member's estate. (The Board is looking into solutions to improve the sound system, which unfortunately failed us during the video.) Representatives from the Pensacola Suburban West Rotary Club announced their plans to organize Burger battle by the Bay again this year. Teams compete for making the best burgers. It raises funds for Take Stock in Children and their foundation. Tickets for the third annual event are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. It is scheduled for April 28th, 11 AM until 2 PM, at the maritime park. Contact **Kim Ray** four tickets, who is holding them on behalf of Sub-west.

Given the time devoted to announcements, Paul deferred sharing the highlights of the final history chapter for his history series and moved on to our guest presentation. **Mark Harden** introduced our guest speaker, **Daniel Flynn**, who presented information about air services at the Pensacola International Airport. He shared many interesting statistics about our airport. For example, Pensacola ranks 98th out of 417 air carrier (commercial) nationwide and 9th out of 20 air carrier airports in

Florida. In the Gulf Coast between New Orleans and Tampa, Pensacola is the largest of the six carrier airports in the region. These rankings are based on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics that tracks data related to transportation.

Other highlights included a comparison of Pensacola to other airports in terms of direct flights to destinations. Depending on the time of year, Pensacola has anywhere from nine to 18 nonstop destinations. A key metric for an airport such as Pensacola that does not serve as a "hub" is the number of one-stop flights to destinations. Our airport has over 600 such destinations. Not too shabby from an airport in L.A. ("Lower Alabama") that some people jokingly call this part of Florida.

What is the economic impact of the airport? Approximately 1,400 people are employed at the airport with approximately four to five million dollars spent per year for capital improvements. Of course, there is the indirect impact of money spent on food, lodging, entertainment, shopping, etc., by both tourists and business travelers. The Pensacola International Airport is yet another "jewel" in our area that we can be proud of.

Yours in service, Randy Ray

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Good marks for John Clark and his magazine for seniors. Several fine stories, and there's Rotarian PC WU on the cover.
- ❖ Looks like attorneys and others are literally lining up consideration for Ed Nickenson's circuit judge position. Ed says he'll retire at June's end, and already more than half a dozen are standing in line.
- ❖ Step by step bankers are building a larger professional number within our club. Among the showing of photos in the recent directory were Scott Barrow, Bob Behr, Bo Carter, Retiree Lou Doman, Rex McKinney, Norris McMahan and Tommy Tait. (And with the downtown construction for financial houses the number may grow.)
- ❖ 100 years ago one thing our club members were doing was buying War Loan Bonds and stamps.
- ❖ In April the club began its second round of heading the county loan buy campaign.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Community Grant application process is now open. The Rotary Club of Pensacola supports community projects with a number of grants to charitable 501(c)3 organizations. The Club supports targeted projects that address areas such as peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, or economic and community development. The application deadline is April 15, 2018 and recommendation have to be submitted to the board by May 4, 2018. Applications are available at <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org>.

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.

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.

Welcome New Member Frances Cutshaw. Frances Cutshaw is the Executive Director of United Ministries. She and her husband Eddie and three children (Quinn, Muriel and Annabelle) live in the Perdido area of Pensacola and both Frances and Eddie are from the mountains of Western North Carolina. Eddie serves in the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. Frances received her Master of Divinity from Emory's Candler School of Theology after doing her undergraduate work in Psychology and became a United Methodist pastor in 2000. She then served as a pastor in the British Methodist Church in Yorkshire, England and in the Western North Carolina conference. Frances has worked interchangeably in ministry, teaching and social work for the last 18 years. Her sponsor is Trip Maygarden.

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◆ Past President	Sherry Hartnett
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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
www.rotary6940.org

Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
March 27th through April 2

Donnie McMahon - March 28 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 11 years

Judy Bense - March 29 - Morristown, New Jersey, in Rotary 8 years

Tommy Tait - March 31 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years

Nathan Kahn - April 1 - born in Mobile, AL, in Rotary 41 years

GREETERS/TICKET SALES

March 27

Greeters - Preston Forshee and Tammy Hardy-Fauber

Ticket Sales - Sally Fox and Skip Furlong

April 3

Greeters - David Galloway and Maria Goldbert

Ticket Sales - Charles Gund and Leslie Halsall

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

March 27

Prayer and Pledge - Vince Currie

Sunshine - Judy Bense

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

March - Water and Sanitation Month

27 Noon Regular Meeting

April - Maternal and Child Health Month

3 Noon Regular Meeting

10 Noon Regular Meeting

17 Noon Regular Meeting

1:00 Board Meeting

24 Noon Regular Meeting

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March

27 Laura Elizabeth Johnson - Team RWB

April

3 TBD

10 Eric Olson, City of Pensacola Administrator

17 TBD

24 Scott Rigsby, Military Veteran

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