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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

FROM THE PODIUM

*FLASH : Join us (spouses & friends too) for Family of Rotary Event at The Fish House Deck--Thursday, June 16, 5p--7p (or whenever). Great food, live music, prizes, Rotary Fellowship and Happy Hour specials. A wonderful opportunity to invite a potential Rotarian to see who we are and what we do. Strictly a Social Affair--no program or \$\$ requests !! Questions? Contact: maria@jacksonsrestaurant.com

* Robinson Award nominations are due NLT May 31

* Go Argonauts!! Best wishes as UWF seeks its first baseball national championship at the College World Series.

* Let's build something together---we are joining with Five Flags Rotary to assist in Habitat for Humanity construction on June 24, Sept. 9 and Dec. 2. Clif Payne has graciously agreed to coordinate our effort in this important Service Project. Sign up sheets and more info will be available next week.

* Save the date: Tuesday, June 28 is our annual Installation Banquet (A/K/A "Change of Command"). Evening event at Heritage Hall. Y'all come. (No noon meeting that day).

MINUTES

The Rotary Club of Pensacola held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24 under sunny skies and a rapidly rising thermometer.

Rotarians and guests were greeted at the door by Martin Harwood.

Ticket sales were ably handled by the dynamic duo of Gerry Hoewing and Jim Hizer.

President Ray called the meeting to order and led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Earl Hutto was called to the podium to lead the Clun in Prayer and Pledge.

President Ray thanked members of the club who participated in recent services for Former District Governor Ron Richards.

A big thumbs up to Rotarian Judy Bense and her Argo's who sealed a spot in the Division II Championship game - way to go UWF!

Thanks to all who participated in the recent Rotary International Convention and mark your calendars for the next Family of Rotary event to be held on June 16 from 5-7 PM at the Fish House Deck. Also mark your calendars for the upcoming service project which will be construction of a Habitat for Humanity house. Workdays will be held on June 24, September 9 and December 2. "Straw Boss" George Biggs volunteered to head up the crew on the June workday which guarantees that it will be the hottest day of the summer. Another big event will be the change of command function on June 28 to be held at Heritage Hall where new officers will be installed and the winners of the Grover and Sandra Robinson Service to Mankind awards will be presented. The next Board meeting will be held on June 9 at Margaret Stopp's office. Clearly June is a very busy month for

Pensacola Rotary!

The raffle pot of \$60 was carted off by ?????

President Ray called Henry Roberts to the podium for Sunshine. Dr. Roberts introduced 3 visiting Rotarians and there were no military guests present. Henry then proceeded to throw the senior leadership team of Baptist Healthcare under the bus with a joke about sex, God and mystery - racy stuff! The Club then sang a rousing "Happy Birthday You All" to Jules Carrier and RP Doyle who was 49 years old - again.

Margaret Stopp then introduced our speaker, John Appleyard, who presented a program on the history of naval aviation and honoring the legacy of CONA or Centennial of Naval Aviation which is currently being celebrated by our community. John stated that the idea to establish a Navy Yard in Pensacola was rooted in the efforts of James Monroe and John Quincy Adams to mitigate the Spanish influence in the state of Florida. The Monroe Doctrine was issued in 1823 and the following year the Naval Yard was established in Pensacola which sported a population of approximately 800 at the time. The effort was led by Admiral Warrington and Captain William Chase was charged with building forts across the bay as protection for the Navy facilities. The forts were completed in 1849. Another date of note was 1833 when the Naval Hospital was established. The Pensacola Naval Yard received its first and only assignment to build ships in 1856 and the USS Pensacola and USS Seminole were christened

shortly thereafter. 1870 marked the first version of BRAC to review the missions of various bases and additional versions followed in 1880, 1895 and 1910. Admiral Young announced the impending closure of the facility to city fathers in 1910 and it was mothballed the following year.

The early 1900's ushered in the era of Naval Aviation following the invention of the dirigible by Count Zeppelin of Germany. The effort to create airplanes in the US was launched around 1908 as Glen Curtiss and the Wright Brothers pursued parallel efforts. Eugene Ely convinced the Navy to pursue flight from their ships with the Curtiss aircraft. The effort was initiated in Annapolis, Maryland but winter weather conditions were not conducive to flight operations and in 1914 Admiral Chambers initiated Naval flight ops in Pensacola. In its first years 7 amphibious planes were housed in canvas tents. Flight operations ramped up with the onset of WWI and subsequently over 500 pilots were trained here. The Navy shifted the focus of flight operations to a land-based program in 1921 and city fathers responded by locating an 800 acre parcel of land that later became Corry Field. The training mission continued into the 30's and 40's and moved into high gear during WWII and over 50,000 aviators were trained locally. The late 30's also saw the formation of the Top Hatters which were the predecessors to the Blue Angels precision flight team. Pensacola's proud tradition has carried on with the success of the Naval Aviation Museum and the recent efforts to establish the Flight Academy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

2010-2011 Club Officers

◆ President	Ray Jones
◆ Past President	Margaret Stopp
◆ President Elect	Alan Bookman
◆ Secretary	Innes Richards
◆ Treasurer	Ron Jackson
◆ 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

Sylvia White

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Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of May 31st through June 6th

Martin Harwood – June 1
born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 7 years

Jack Klocke – June 2
born in Hartford, CT, in Rotary 4 year

Charlie Wiggins – June 6
born in Great Lakes, IL, in Rotary 8 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

May 31:

Greeters: Wylie Hogeman and Kathleen Horton-Brown

Ticket Sales: Marjorie Hudson and Art Hufford

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

May 31:

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill Sunshine: John Shaffer

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

May 31 – CAPT Jennifer Vedral-Baron, NC, CO of the U.S. Naval Hospital and Dr. Diane Gardner, RN Chair, Dept. of Nursing - Nurse Executives

ROTARY WHEELS

Many older members were saddened by the passing of former member Dr. Jim Pleitz, who served this area in so many ways.

Bob Rogers is smiling these days, for the Waterfront Rescue Mission's new headquarters project is moving well. Ground has been broken for construction, and the \$5 million fund raising campaign is about 80% along the way.

An attaboy to Ron Jackson and his firm for their pro-bono aid to Honor Flight as that group completed its national legal and financial requirements.

We don't see Bill Baxter at meetings too often but all will be happy to know that Bill is in his church choir robe and singing away almost every Sunday.

Hats off to Judy Bense and UWF's athletic department on gaining the host ship for the upcoming baseball tournament. That move touches many bases positively for the community.

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