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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Rotarian Frank Beall greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a warm greeting and firm handshake on this unseasonably warm January day. Rotarians Leslie Halsall and Bobby Behr sold raffle tickets. President Alan called the meeting to order and asked the club to join him in reciting the Four Way Test. Thereafter, he called upon Rotarian Rodger Doyle to lead us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Alan then asked Rotarians Bobby Kahn (not present), Terry Scruggs and Roger Enzor to join him at the podium where they were recognized for achieving their Paul Harris Plus 2 designations. President Alan also recognized Chris Pate (not present) for achieving his Paul Harris Plus 3 designation. Through the generous donations of these Rotarians (and many others) matched by grants from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Polio appears to have been almost completely wiped out in India and the goal of completely eradicating this terrible disease is now closer than ever! President Alan related that Rotarian Julie Parker will be traveling to India with other Rotarians as part of an exchange program and the program to wipe out Polio.

President Alan reminded everyone to save Saturday, February 25th as volunteer work day at the Manna Food bank. Rotarians are needed to help box 82,000 meals for the hungry in ours' and nearby communities. If you have not signed up, please contact the Rotary Office at 434-0684 to volunteer for either of two shifts (8 - 10 AM or 10 AM to Noon).

President Alan then called upon Rotarian Sally Fox for some Rotary Sunshine and to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians. Our military guests were Ens. Andrew Mays who hails from Newark, California. Ens. Mays is a 2010 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and is currently assigned to VT - 86 where he is training to be a weapons systems officer. Ens. Owen Keller was our other military guest. Ens. Keller grew up in Atlanta and likewise is a 2010 graduate of the Naval Academy. Ens. Keller is in Advanced Flight Training and hopes to fly the E/A - 18G Growler (a variant of the F/A 18 aircraft used for electronic warfare countermeasures). Both of these fine gentlemen were thanked for their service and given some fine Rotary china to commemorate their visit to our club. Thereafter, Rotarian Sally announced our birthdays and led Rotarians in singing Happy Birthday You' All.

President Alan then called upon our guest speaker to draw the winning raffle ticket which belonged to Rotarian Dale Knee who won \$70. President Alan then called upon Rotarian Dr. Jack Fleming to introduce our guest speaker, Rick Fountain, who is the author of "Florida's Oldest High School Football Team: A History of Pensacola High School Football 1905-2009." Rick Fountain is a 1966 graduate of PHS where he played football. He went on to graduate from UWF and later earned his law degree at the University of Mississippi. Rick has practiced law in Jackson Mississippi since 1981.

As a football player and graduate of

PHS, Rick was fascinated with the history of football at that school. In the process of researching for his book, Rick discovered that PHS is the oldest high school football team in Florida. When he began his research, Fernandina Beach (just north of Jacksonville) was considered as the oldest team and credited with beginning play in 1908. Through his research, Rick was able to establish that PHS began playing football in 1905 with early games at Palmetto Beach (that's Star Lake for the less informed). Moreover, an ancestor of Rotarian John Monroe is credited with scoring the team's first touchdown in 1905.

In discussing the research for his book, Rick provided insight into the many leaders who have served our community, state and nation who played football at PHS over the years. Many of those who played football at PHS have strong connections to Rotary clubs in Pensacola with a large number serving as presidents of our local clubs. A few of the notables (just a very few) include names such as attorneys William Fisher, E. Dixie Beggs and George Roark. Rick is working on another book on PHS football which will be comprised of historic photographs of the coaches and players. His first book is over 800 pages and is available through Amazon.com.

After answering questions, Rick was thanked by President Alan for his program and was provided with a small memento of Rotary appreciation. With that, this meeting was adjourned.

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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		

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
January 24th through January 30th**

Courtney Dell - January 24

born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary for 1 year

David Aronson - January 26

born in Forest Hills, NY, in Rotary for 38 years

Ron Martin - January 27

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 12 years

Roger MacDonald - January 29

born in Milwaukee, WI, in Rotary for 39 years

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

January 24

Prayer/Pledge: Roger Vinson

Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

January 31

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Sunshine:

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

January 24

Greeters: Howard Bell and Gary Bembry

Ticket Sales: Judy Bense and George Biggs

January 31

Greeters: Alexis Bolin and Shawn Brantley

Ticket Sales: Richard Brosnaham and Roger Brown

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January

24 - Chanda Rigby - PSC Basketball Coach

31 - Melinda Crawford - Pensacola International Airport

February

7 - Club Meeting and Roto Rooters

14 - John Appleyard - History of Valentines, Love and Marriage

21 - James Madison Society

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