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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Attendees were given a warm greeting by Alexis Bolin and Shawn Brantley and raffle ticket were sold by Roger Brown. The meeting was called to order by President Alan Bookman who called upon Roger Vinson for our prayer and pledge to our Nations flag. Chris Pate was asked to the podium in recognition of his Paul Harris Plus -3 award. Following, Andrea Farage introduced our newest Rotarian, DeDe Flounlacker. President Alan pushed ticket sales up with the winning ticket for the \$109 pot going to Margaret Stopp. Two airline gift cards from U.S. Air and Southwest Air were won by Dale Knee and Tony Basel respectively. The ever popular Scott Grissett came forward to bring in sunshine introducing our three military guests from the U.S. Navy, guest of the club and visiting Rotarians. After several stabs at humor, Scott led the club in singing "Happy Birthday" to this week's celebrants.

Jim Hizer introduced our speaker,

Melinda Crawford, manager of the Pensacola International Airport (PNS). Melinda replaced long term manager Frank Miller and has led the Airport expansion and growth over the past several years. Our market area is from Mobile Bay in Baldwin County AL to Destin. By offering one of the most comprehensive air service patterns, there are 10 direct flight cities with more being considered. The Pensacola Airport has an economic impact of over \$500,000,000.

When United Airlines made direct connections to Dulles and Chicago, American added three direct daily flights to Miami. The Florida Department of Transportation named PNS, Florida Airport of the Year. UPS has recently moved in with their large cargo aircraft and contributes over \$100,000 annually in landing fees. U.S. Air has added two direct flights daily to Washington Reagan airport. The newly under construction Hyatt Place hotel will have 127 rooms and a covered walkway to the

airport parking garage and access to the terminal. Southwest Air is committed to the AirTran service they provide. They are continuing to review ways to enhance their PNS service.

Future challenges facing Melinda and her staff are air service development, adding and retaining service. There are currently 2500 seats on 36 departures daily. We are the 8th largest airport in Florida. Industry changes include partnerships with regional carriers flying on smaller less efficient jets. Fuel cost drive profitability along with passenger count. New trends include carrier mergers and bankruptcies. It is very hard to be profitable in the airline industry. Melinda is also presenting studies to carriers on passenger flight and destination patterns to modify and improve service. She will continue to work hard for the Pensacola area to grow the airport for our future needs.

Meeting adjourned. Submitted by Chris Pate

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Playing the role of Pensacola Booster, Frances Yoe had a homemade sign ready to show THE TODAY SHOW, and it worked.
- ❖ When the ROOTERS perform February 7th they'll be helping celebrate PRESIDENT'S MONTH . . . with patriotic songs of the past.
- ❖ Randy Jackson's recovered well from his knee surgery and should be back with us shortly.
- ❖ A big PLUS to David Stafford, whose staff again carried out a very smooth election.
- ❖ In recent months there's been much applause for baseball at UWF and for the oncoming Blue Wahoos . . . but don't overlook Ed Meadows' PSC squad. They're playing well and attending their home games is surely convenient.
- ❖ Collier Merrill's Fish House was in the national news for Mitt Romney's morning campaign stop. He also made sure some of his friends had good seats.
- ❖ See where Malcolm Thomas has pre-filed to seek re-election.
- ❖ Gerry Hoewing says that the first Academy Class at the Naval Aviation Museum will take off May 11th.
- ❖ Sometimes folks kid our club as being 'The Olde Tymers.' For fun, here's the roster of our senior members, through the 1960s: Bobby Kahn (3/48) - Mae Miller (7/60) - Dick Sherrill (5/62) - Handsell Butts (4/63) - Bob Gaines (8/64) - John Phelps (11/64) - John Appleyard (5/65) - Lou Doman (6/66) - Earle Bowden (7/66) - Will Merrill (5/68) - Dick Dickerson (8/68).

2011-2012 Club Officers

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◆ Past President	C. Ray Jones
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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

Jeanne Quave
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Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
February 7th through February 13th**

Ed Ranelli - February 8
born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 10 years

Grover Robinson - February 11
born in Gainesville, FL, in Rotary 16 years

Nancy Fetterman - February 12
born in Poteet, TX, in Rotary 4 years

Kyle Marrero - February 13
in Rotary 2 years

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

February 7
Prayer/Pledge: Al Stubblefield
Sunshine: Grover Robinson

February 21
Prayer/Pledge: Henry Roberts
Sunshine: Bob Mills

February 14
Prayer/Pledge: Shawn Brantley
Sunshine: Scott Grissett

February 28
Prayer/Pledge: Randy Jackson
Sunshine: Al Stubblefield

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

February 7
Greeters: Ellis Bullock, III and Randy Butler
Ticket Sales: Handsel Butts and Bo Carter

February 14
Greeter: John Clark
Ticket Sales: Al Coby and James Coe

February 28
Greeters: Vince Currie and Madison Currin
Ticket Sales: William Davis and David DelGallo

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

February
7 - Club Meeting and Roto Rooters
14 - John Appleyard - History of Valentines, Love and Marriage
21 - James Madison Society

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