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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The Valentine's Day 2012 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on a sunny and warm February day. Rotarian John Clark greeted members, and Martin Harwood did a fine job selling raffle tickets. Gary Sammons was the lucky winner of the \$67 prize.

President Alan called the meeting to order with the 4-Way Test, and Shawn Brantley led us in thoughtful prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Horton-Brown updated the Club on the latest trips to India to deliver and assemble desks for students who are currently studying and working on dirt floors. Alan reported for Clif Payne that the next Habitat For Humanity build is March 3. Clif needs volunteers and asks that members who can swing a hammer for a few hours please contact him. Ed Ranelli reported that it is time for nominations for the Ethics in Business Awards. There are two categories, one award for small businesses with up to 100 employees, and one for large businesses employing more than 100 people. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the program, and the awards luncheon will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please download a form from the website and nominate the business of your choice by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Charlie Sherrill did a masterful job with Sunshine for the day, and entertained the crowd with a good tale of a mixed up Christmas gift. Where's the punch line, Chuckles? He then welcomed a handful of

visiting Rotarians, including a long-distance visitor from Kokomo, Indiana, and sang Happy Birthday You-All to members with birthdays this week.

Carol Law introduced today's speaker, our own John Appleyard, resident historian, author, lecturer, and a Valentine of his wife for 65 years. John's program for the day was, fittingly, a discussion on the history of Love, Marriage, and St. Valentine's Day through the ages. He explained that there are no less than a half-dozen versions of the start of Valentine's Day itself, but the story he likes best comes from the third century Roman times when Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, so he outlawed marriage for young men. But a Catholic priest named St. Valentine realized the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Just prior to his execution, St. Valentine became smitten with the daughter of Claudius, who was bringing food to him in prison, and honored her with a small gift, thus one version of the advent of Valentine's Day.

The choosing of a wife and the institution of marriage has quite a history, too. John explained that the cartoon versions of ancient man taking a mate with help from a club or weapon may not be too far off from true life in those days. A few hundred thousand years

later, marriage became an arranged ceremony based on ideals, money, property, and social class, but typically were arranged by the families, not by the prospective bride and groom. Some marriages were by proxy, some involved a dowry, some required a bride price, but few had any sort of courtship or dating period. Eventually, during what became known as the Victorian Era, courtship and proper etiquette did become taken very seriously among young women, and from the time she was young, a woman was groomed for this role in life - dutiful wife and mother. Properly trained, she learned to sing, play piano or guitar, dance and be conversant about light literature of the day. She also learned the rules of etiquette as well as the art of conversation and the art of silence.

Mr. Appleyard said things began to change soon after World War II when the explosion of the movie and television industry helped change society and weaken social values that had ruled the day for many decades. Today, marriage is not the institution it once was, and statistics show about 55% of marriages end in divorce, and nearly 65% of all child births are to single-parent homes. Where is Queen Victoria when we need her?

President Alan thanked those who helped make the meeting enjoyable, and adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by Jake Renfroe, III

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Dr. Issa Ephtimios - was previously a member of our club and wants to become an active member. He is currently an attending physician with Sacred Heart Hospital, NOMC, SRMC, BH and West Florida Hospital. His expertise is internal medicine, intensive care and adult infectious diseases. He is Canadian with permanent residence in the USA. He speaks Arabic, English and French. He and his wife reside on Pensacola Beach.

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ If one listens carefully to Earl Hutton's quiet comments they'll gain some insightful information about some of the candidates seeking the Republican Presidential nomination.
- ❖ Interesting notes on the February 7<sup>th</sup> Membership Report to the club: today Jock Mobley's our only tie to the auto industry. Once the club had several. And...where once the manufacturing leaders from throughout the county sat at our tables. Today? When John Phelps became a member in 1964 there were several ties to printing, newspapers and the broadcast media. Again...today?
- ❖ Did you know that Bob Hart's golf game is becoming first class?
- ❖ It was a treat to watch the membership stand at full attention when the ROOTERS sang the National Anthem. Oh...and they're practicing TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...for when the Wahoos begin to play.
- ❖ So we can all keep in touch, has anyone had word about Leon Dulion, Ben Early or Mac Miller?

## 2011-2012 Club Officers

◆ President	Alan B. Bookman
◆ Past President	C. Ray Jones
◆ President Elect	Innes C. Richards
◆ Secretary	Betty B. Roberts
◆ Treasurer	Ronald E. Jackson
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◆ Historian	John Appleyard

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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**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of  
February 21st through February 27th**

*Jimmy Jones* - February 21  
born in Paragould, AR, in Rotary 33 years  
*Bret Barrow* - February 21  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 2 years  
*Frank Beall* - February 23  
born in Dothan, AL, in Rotary 46 years

## PRAYER AND PLEDGE

**February 21**

Prayer/Pledge: Henry Roberts      Sunshine: Al Stubblefield

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

**February 21**

Greeters: Martin Coe and Barry Cole  
Ticket Sales: Blair Crooke and Wanda Cross

**February 28**

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

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**February**

**21** - James Madison Society

**28** - Dr. Sandra Lockney Davis, Author of "So, What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This?"

## ROTARY WHEELS *CONT.*

- ❖ See where James Hizer is opening new economic development doors across the region. Incidentally, Jim's a continuation of members in that role, going all the way back to Perry Reed in 1921. Perry also was our club secretary for many years.
- ❖ Congrats to Jack Williams and Seville Quarter on a repeat of the honor of being one of the nation's most respected night spots.
- ❖ Cal Moore, who has been our member for eighteen years, has a special role in his church. On select Sundays he's the liturgist, assisting the minister with service specifics.
- ❖ Here tell that Jim Stolhanske's son, who already has a fledgling career in films, will be joining Quint Studer's speaking circuit... a neat move.

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