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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing on a sunny Tuesday, August 21, 2012. Members and Guests were welcomed at the door by Betty Gail Peters and Jorge Pelaez. John Phelps and Janet Pilcher had a record day for ticket sales. The winning ticket holder collected \$119 and there were several winners of tickets to this week's Blue Wahoos games. President Innes Richards called the meeting to order and led us in the four way test. Scott Grissett announced the upcoming fund raiser for the Boy Scouts of America, the Gulf Coast Corporate Dodge Ball Tournament scheduled for September 29. Team registration information is available. Betty Gail Peters opened the meeting with the Prayer and Pledge. Scott Grissett poured on the Sunshine and recognized the guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians that included Congressman Jeff Miller and his assistant Sharon Santurri. Hill Turner and Bob Larkin were present to receive Birthday greetings.

In the spirit of double duty today, Scott Grissett introduced the Speaker, Heidi Blair, Director of USO North West Florida. Ms. Blair has been the Director of USO NWF since 2006. The USO is a non-profit, non-government supported

organization founded in 1941 by Franklin Roosevelt to build a bridge between the American Public and the U.S. Military. The mission of the USO is to *lift the spirits of military members and their families, wherever they serve, until everyone comes home.* USO Northwest Florida covers 9 bases in the region, including Pensacola NAS, Eglin AFB and Tyndall AFB. The USO has three centers in the area to serve the many men and women who serve or train in the area, the "Flight Deck" at the Pensacola International Airport, "The Hangar" at NAS Pensacola and "The Freedom Lounge" at the NWF Regional Airport. The centers operate 365 days a year and provide a welcome comfort zone for soldiers and their families. Food, computer access, TV and video games and comfortable spaces to lounge and spend time with family and friends are provided at no charge to the service members while they are away from home, waiting to deploy or when returning from deployment. Ms. Blair was excited to share with us the results of the 2011-2012 LEAP project to renovate and improve the centers located at NAS Pensacola and the Pensacola International Airport. Over 10,000 square feet of renovated space was added to

"The Hangar" at NAS that provided an area to be used primarily for families. The center at the Pensacola Airport was enlarged and remodeled to add a kitchen and extra space for families with children. The USO also arranges for the transportation to and from Dover AFB and cares for family members of fallen soldiers during the time of transporting their loved ones back home. Through the work of volunteers the USO continues with the long-time project of preparing and distributing care packages from home for deployed troops. A great new program is now in place entitled "United through Reading". This service records the soldier reading a children's book and the video is sent back home and used for Story Time. All USO services are free to the troops and depend on volunteers and donations for support. Based on the local centers and the other efforts in place, it is evident that Pensacola supports the USO and the Military men and women who serve, train or travel through the area. Information can be found at www.usovolunteer.org.

President Innes thanked all who served to make the meeting great and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Claudia Simmons

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Our musical saw performer Morris Eaddy will give a September 11th lecture on art skills...followed by selections on "the saw." Y'all are invited.
- ❖ The club has a generous listing on the 2013 United Way board. Gary Sammons is chairman elect, while board seats will be filled by Trip Maygarden, Bob Mills, Ed Ranelli and Malcolm Thomas.
- ❖ As you drive up Ninth Avenue, note the cranes Henry Roberts has put in place as building begins on a new Sacred Heart tower, largely for private accommodations.
- ❖ Didjanow that it was sixty-five years ago that our 1929 president Dr. Walter Payne was getting ready to open Betty Roberts' Blood Center?
- ❖ There were four generations of Ted Nickinson's family in the stands when the Wahoos played on August 19th.

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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

Edward Philman
www.rotary6940.org

Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
August 28th through September 3rd

Rex McKinney – August 29
born in Austin, TX, in Rotary 17 years

Dante Kahn – August 29
born in Charleston, SC, in Rotary 36 years

Kathy Horton Brown – August 30
born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 21 years

Milton Usry – August 31
born in Mineola, TX, in Rotary 25 years

Sandra Smith – September 1
born in Asheville, NC, in Rotary 11 years

Bob Benz – September 1
born in Philadelphia, PA, in Rotary 39 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

August 28

Greeters: Andy Pople and Carol Powell
Ticket Sales: Jeff Powell and Ed Ranelli

September 4

Greeters: Sandy Cessaretti-Ray and Wes Reeder
Ticket Sales: Jake Renfroe and Edwin Roberts

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

August

28 – Dan Shugart – Football Preview

September

4 – John Appleyard – Bill of Rights
11 – Dan Brown – Superintendent of National Seashore
18 – Jonathan Griffin – EVP Pensacola Blue Wahoos
26 – Edward Philliops - Rotary District Governor

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