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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The first meeting of 2013 of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on January 8 at the New World Landing. Alexis Bolin and Alan Bookman greeted arriving Rotarians, and Shawn Brantley did a splendid job with raffle ticket sales. Britt Landrum was the lucky winner of the \$74 prize.

Betty Gail Peters led the group in thoughtful prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance. President Innes Richards opened the meeting with newsworthy notes, and welcomed District Governor-elect Ted Kircharr to the vip table. Innes thanked the dozens of Rotarians who rang the bell on behalf of the Salvation Army over the Holidays, and gave a special thank-you to Earl Hutto and his wife for coordinating that important event. Innes also thanked the membership for providing enough personal items to pack 33 large boxes for our overseas military. She encouraged members to try to attend the monthly Gopher Club breakfast meetings, which are open and usually very informative. Visit pensacolachamber.com/events for a complete schedule.

Hugh Hamilton had Sunshine duties for the day, and he welcomed several guests of Rotarians, and Rotarians making up from other clubs. Hugh was three-for-three in the joke department, all of which took shots at Notre Dame, Alabama, and Auburn. Wonder where the Mississippi State joke was?!

Today's guest speaker was our own John Appleyard, one of the most formidable historians at the local and national level. Mr. Appleyard reminded us that the United States has operated under the Constitution for 224 years, but prior to that for dozen or so years after the end of the Revolutionary War, the thirteen states operated under the Articles of Confederation. The Articles provided limited domestic governance and international legitimacy for the Continental Congress to direct the American Revolutionary War, conduct diplomacy with Europe, deal with territorial issues and more. Nevertheless, the weak government created by the Articles became a matter of concern for nationalists. Movement towards replacing the Articles of Confederation began the year after its formal adoption in June 1784.

George Washington, the future president of the Convention, hosted commissioners from Virginia and Maryland primarily to negotiate joint commercial regulation of the Potomac River, but in those discussions they also saw a need to create a uniform system of commerce that would be implemented throughout the U.S. In May of 1787, at what we now call the Constitutional Convention, twelve of the thirteen states sent delegates to convene at Philadelphia to discuss the Articles. While the resolution calling the Convention specified that its purpose was to propose amendments to the Articles, it became clear by mid-June that the

Convention would propose a completely redesigned Constitution. After much debating, squabbling, and a few walk-outs, Connecticut representative Roger Sherman proposed the first version of the Convention's "Great Compromise" that, among other things, would allow equal representation of all states, large or small, an ongoing debate among the delegates. Other issues such as slavery, branches of government and allocation of power, tariffs and taxation took weeks of discussion to reach a point to vote on July 16th. On March 4, 1789, the Articles were officially replaced with the U.S. Constitution. The new Constitution provided for a much stronger national government with a chief executive (the president), courts, and taxing powers. In 1789, ten amendments were added to the Constitution, and those became known as the Bill of Rights. To date, seventeen other amendments have been added that cover issues such as race, gender, extensions of government power, voting rights, citizenship, and more.

President Innes thanked Mr. Appleyard for the important history lesson and everybody else who helped make the meeting a success. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by Jake Renfroe

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Some good news for Gerry Hoewing and Skip Furlong. On December 7th a Wildcat FM-2 WWII fighter was raised from Lake Michigan where it had crashed in 1944. The plane will be sent to the Pensacola Museum for refinishing, then placed in Glenview, from where its pilot had taken off 69 years ago.
- ❖ Didjknow that in January Dale Knee will celebrate 20 years with Hospice, which as an organization will be 30 years old?
- ❖ Betty Gale Peters and her husband are noting his retirement from medical practice after 45 years of valued service locally.
- ❖ Auby Smith and Roger Enzor spent half of their Christmas holiday hunting down quail in Alabama.
- ❖ And if you haven't done so, look through your new Rotary picture directory, and note the changes. A number that were there in 2011 are gone, but there are good looking new ones, too.

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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
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
January 15th through January 21th**

Abe Singh – January 15
born in Honolulu, HI, in Rotary 2 years

Sally Fox - January 17
born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 19 years

Leanne Todd – January 17
born in Dothan, AL, in Rotary 4 years

Mort O'Sullivan – January 19
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 30 years

Chuck Michaels – January 21
born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 13 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January

15 – Rotarian Surendra Bommireddy
22 – Boy Scouts, Bryant Perkins
29 – UWF College of Business, Dr. Ed Ranelli

February

5 – Gulf Power, Stan Connally
12 – Franklin Scholar
19 – Greater Pensacola Chamber, Jim Hizer
26 – University of West Florida, President Judy Bense

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