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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

A nice humid and warm January day greeted Rotarians as they were greeted at the door by Tony Basel and LaVonne Agerton. Expertly selling raffle tickets was Leslie Halsall.

President Innes kicked off the meeting by recognizing many of the senior leadership (past and present) for Rotary in our District – it was quite a turnout of ex-district presidents. She mentioned that all Rotarians can now attend the Greater Pensacola Chamber's monthly gopher breakfast meeting – just make your reservations prior so that they know who is coming. Our next family of Rotary event will be held at Collier Merrill's new facility on Palafox called The Palafox House. Maria Goldberg is coordinating the event and there will be giveaways with a cash bar and light appetizers. It is scheduled for January 31 and guests are welcome.

Three Paul Harris Fellow awards were presented by President Innes. Congratulate Ed Rannelli, Ron Martin, and Lew Doman when you see them.

Then it was off to Sunshine with amateur comic but professional barrister, Richard Sherrill. Richard did an expert job introducing our guests, fellow Rotarians who were visiting and certainly not least-- birthdays.

Kathy Horton-Brown introduced our program: India's (the Nation) past district president for 3160 (again for India) Surendra Bommireddy. Surendra, who is visiting the United States, is an engineer by training and runs a family business in the seafood industry. He was their Club's and District's youngest President and has been instrumental in the many project successes of his Rotary Club. One of those, that our Club supported as well, is the classroom desk project. As he mentioned, public school

infrastructure and supplies are not a priority in India and often students are sitting on the floor during instruction. So something as simple as a desk is a great enhancement to the learning environment plus enrollment increases substantially. Surendra went on to discuss how there is still two India's – one rich and one poor. It is extremely difficult to escape poverty and described that the actor from the movie *Slum Dog Millionaire* still lives in his same neighborhood even after many promises were made to improve the conditions there. Most people live on one dollar a day and hunger is a major issue nation-wide. Innes thanked Surendra for his dedication to Rotary and recognized Kathy for her program support as well. We adjourned shortly after 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Clark Merritt

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Jerry Maygarden and family celebrated Christmas in a different manner, and gained some new insights. Their holiday was in Vienna, where the Austrians provide a very colorful canopy.
- ❖ See where Judy Bense has introduced a new provost for the university. Dr. Martha Saunders brings a broad range of experiences to UWF, including high level posts at several other universities, across several regions.
- ❖ Jack Williams and the Seville Quarter are revving up Mardi Gras as per usual. This year our own Jack Gray helped bless some of these unusual activities.
- ❖ Next time you drive north on Ninth Avenue note Ed Meadows' new message board at the College Boulevard corner.
- ❖ Word is that Bill Phillips may be excited about a rumor that is circulating about a possible new YMCA location.
- ❖ Word is that Jim Stolhanske and our We Care literacy project is doing very well, with test scores for monitored students climbing.
- ❖ Andrea Krieger says that the final totals on the United Way campaign are still some days away.
- ❖ Hats off to Britt Landrum and his organization on their continuing expansion. Now they've added two affiliates in other states.
- ❖ Bob Hart and his Walmart stores are making international headlines almost every day. It's interesting to stop and look at how widespread the product sources and sales outlets of such an organization have become.
- ❖ Evon Emerson's never out of the mainstream in activities for long. Now she's become an elder in her church.
- ❖ When President Innes presented a new upgrade on Lou Doman's Paul Harris Fellowship it makes one wonder: What IS the highest figure any of our club members have achieved?
- ❖ See where Henry Roberts' retirement from Sacred Heart Foundation will be celebrated January 30th.
- ❖ Bret Barrow's Pensacola Symphony got very high marks for their Beethoven & Blue Jeans concert, and for the New Years Eve program, 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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Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
January 22nd through January 28th

George Biggs – January 23
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 15 years

Al Coby - January 23
born in Muskogee, OK, in Rotary for 25 years

Ron Jackson – January 23
born in Marianna, FL, in Rotary for 14 years

Courtney Dell – January 24
born in Birmingham, AL – in Rotary for 4 years

David Aronson - January 26
born in Forest Hills, NY – in Rotary for 40 years

Ron Martin - January 27
born in Pensacola, FL - in Rotary for 14 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January

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

CROP HUNGER PROJECT

CROP Hunger Project: Saturday, February 23rd

Sign up sheets will be placed on your table for the CROP Hunger Project. Shifts are 8-10:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. – 12:00p.m. Please sign up.

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