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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 took place on February 26 at the New World Landing. Roger Brown and Ted Brown greeted arriving Rotarians, and Ellis Bullock Jr. did a splendid job with raffle ticket sales. Britt Landrum was the lucky winner of the \$74 prize.

Chris Kelly led the group in thoughtful prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. President Innes Richards opened the meeting with newsworthy notes including a reminder that names for Ethics in Business award nominees must be submitted by April 1. Innes thanked the dozens of Rotarians who helped pack nearly 104,000 meals at Manna Food Pantry last Saturday. Rotarian John Appleyard presented a resolution honoring Fr. Jack Gray's life, his devotion to our community, and to Rotary. The resolution was properly seconded and approved unanimously. Robert Mills had Sunshine duties for the day, and he welcomed several guests of Rotarians and Rotarians making up from other clubs.

Today's guest speaker was our own Dr. Judy Bense, the 5th and current President of the University of West Florida. Judy has been at UWF for 30 years, and she is perhaps best known for founding the UWF program of

Anthropology/Archaeology in 1980 and her service as its director for 20 years. During that time, UWF was awarded over 75 grants and contracts totaling over \$6 million. In 2006, she founded the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Judy has an incredible commitment to the community and an ability to generate partnerships between public and private enterprise that has helped UWF flourish and grow, even through tough economic times. Judy outlined the progress and recent successes of UWF, including several new or reaffirmed accreditations and the addition of programs in Social Work, General Business, Music Ed., Criminal Justice, Nursing, Athletic Training, and Criminal Justice. Thanks to a continued growth of the Freshman class, enrollment topped 12,000 in 2011, and residency in on-campus housing is currently over 100%, due in part to the beautiful newly opened Heritage Hall for first-time college students. Another component that has helped UWF gain attention is its Athletics and the 13 NCAA Division 2 varsity teams. In 2012, the women's soccer team earned the national championship, as did the 2011 men's baseball team. The introduction of football is yet another goal of Dr. Bense, where she said, "I'll line the field myself if that's what it takes!"

Judy outlined UWF's Strategic Plan for 2012-2017 which calls for enhanced student access, progression and learning; distinctive teaching scholarship, research, and professional contributions; and community partnerships and sustainable institutional excellence. She also reviewed the Campus Master Plan and discussed the recent acquisition of Scenic Hills Golf Course, the addition of a hotel/housing and conference center near the east entrance that will break ground this summer, and the public/private construction of "University Park" which will be the focal point of campus. University Park will contain a new 170,000-foot student union, retail and food spaces, academic and housing areas, as well as the football stadium. Judy explained the best way for UWF to continue to succeed and grow is for the community to hire its students, get involved with the school in any way, come to the games to show support for the athletic programs, and to encourage public/private partnerships.

President Innes thanked Dr. Bense and everybody who helped make the meeting a success. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by Jake Renfroe

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Randy Jackson is a grandpa once again. It's a girl.
- ❖ Our club was well represented on February 22nd when more than 100 men and women passed through the naturalization ceremony in the Federal Courthouse. Judge Roger Vinson presided, aided by Judge Charles Kahn. John Appleyard was the speaker.
- ❖ Didjknow that Jerry Maygarden now is president of the Pensacola Historical Society?
- ❖ Mike Ferguson, in his national army role, is pondering what the oncoming budget cuts may mean to the service.
- ❖ Some extra applause to Bromley Dyson for his work with Interact. Bromley has devoted years to that effort, with excellent results for the young people and Rotary.

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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
March 5th through March 11th**

Mike Layton – March 5
born in Walteboro, SC, in Rotary 13 years

Fred Sitten – March 7
born in Albertville, AL, in Rotary 12 years

Clark Merritt – March 10
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 10 years

Jay Smith – March 10
born in Pine Bluff, AR, in Rotary 1 year

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March

5 - Pensacola State College, President Ed Meadows
12 - Shriner's Children's Hospital - Galveston, Jimmy Jones
19 - Community Foundation of NW Florida, Paul Young
26 - Escambia School Wellness Coordinator, Susan Kennedy, RN

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

March 5:

Greeters: Brad Butcher and Randy Butler
Ticket Sales: Handsel Butts and Bo Carter

March 12:

Greeters: John Clark and Al Coby
Ticket Sales: James Coe and Martin Coe

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

March 5:

Prayer/Pledge: Randy Jackson
Sunshine: Al Stubblefield

March 12:

Prayer/Pledge: Betty Gail Peters
Sunshine: Bob Hart

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