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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 on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 under sunny spring skies.

Rotarians were allowed to pass through the doors unchecked and proceeded immediately to the raffle ticket sales station which was manned by Tom Owens and Tim "Ticketmaster" Kane.

President Innes called the meeting to order promptly at high noon and led the group in the Four Way Test. Earl Hutto was called to the podium to lead the club in Prayer and Pledge. Earl then requested a moment of silence for all of those suffering from the impact of the tornados in Oklahoma. Innes then announced the club efforts to recognize our Spanish sister city and it's claim as the birthplace of explorer Bernardo de Galvez. The club was reminded about the upcoming change in command and installation banquet to be held on July 9 at Heritage Hall. Innes also reminded members to submit nominations for the Grover and Sandra Robinson awards which will be announced at the annual meeting. Nominations will be available at next week's meeting.

President Innes then introduced the Rotary Rooters who recently returned from a tour in Chechnya. The Rooters launched into a medley of military songs recognizing each branch of the armed services and honoring our members who so bravely served and reminding us of the importance of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

The raffle winner (kinda) was Ron Martin who walked away with \$34 cash from a \$61 raffle pot.

Henry Roberts was called to the podium for Sunshine. Henry wisely stuck strictly to

business and introduced 2 military guests, 3 guests of Rotarians and 2 visiting Rotarians. Henry then led the group – with harmonic accompaniment – in a hearty Happy Birthday You All to a large group of birthday boys and girls.

Jerry Maygarden then introduced our program, the club's very own Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent of the Escambia County School System. Malcolm informed us of the mission of the School District which is to make a positive difference in the lives of the children of our community. Malcolm and his staff work every day to fit together the various pieces of the puzzle in order to accomplish their goals. The driver of all decisions in the schools is the best interests of the children who walk through the doors every day. Malcolm then presented data on the massive scope of District operations including 5,500 full time employees, a fleet of over 1,100 vehicles, a physical plant including over 6 million square feet under roof and grounds and lawn maintenance for 1,700 acres. In addition, the District provides 10,000 breakfasts and 20,000 lunches daily. Malcolm highlighted the fact that over \$23 million in scholarships were granted to members of the class of 2012 which is a significant increase from \$16 million when Malcolm took office. Malcolm also informed the group that the Escambia County Academic Team in Division 1 has won the state championship for 7 of the last 10 years which is unprecedented in state competition. Our district is one of few that has a strings orchestra for students in grades 5 -12 to further assist in the development of non-academic talents. Malcolm stressed the importance of the half cent sales tax which is

up for renewal in 2014. The proceeds from this tax have funded more than 40 projects with total expenditure of over \$50 million. This funding source is crucial in that state funding for capital improvements has been non-existent for the last 3 years. Two significant pending projects are the expansions and renovations of AK Suter Elementary and Ernest Ward Middle School. Malcolm then discussed the continuing challenge presented by children who suffer from lack of reading readiness when they enter the school system. Many of these children are as many as 2 years behind when they enter the system which poses a significant challenge for the teachers. The district has implemented many measures to contend with this challenge including retention at the first grade level and extended school days to allow for extra preparedness. Malcolm also discussed a true opportunity in the continued growth of the career academy initiative. There are currently 61 career academies throughout all middle and high schools and the district will initiate a new manufacturing program next year. Malcolm also addressed his efforts to address school security in light of the recent tragedies with the establishment of a security task force that is working closely with local law enforcement to implement measures to keep our children safe. We are fortunate to have such a passionate and visionary leader at the helm of our school system – thank you Malcolm for a wonderful presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY NOTES FOR MAY 14TH

Rotary Notes for May 14th Rotarian Bob Larkin spoke about the unanimous support that the Vision 2015 strategy has received and the plans forward. He then introduced Scott Luth, the Senior Vice President for Business Development at the Chamber. Scott spoke about the successes and plans around the two county area. Judging by the high number of questions and follow-up that Scott received, the presentation was a great success.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

May:

28 - FSU School of Medicine, Pensacola Campus, Dr. McLeod, Dean

June:

4 - CMPA, Collier Merrill
11 - YMCA, Michael Bodenhansen/Bill Rogers
18 - IHMC, Dr. Ken Ford
25 - MANNA, DeDe Flounlacker

2012-2013 Club Officers

◆ President	Innes C. Richards
◆ Past President	Alan B. Bookman
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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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Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
May 21st through June 3

Morris Marx – May 21 – born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 13 years

John Clark – May 21 – born in Lewiston, Maine, in Rotary 5 years

Donn Scott – May 23 – born in Brewton, AL, in Rotary 16 years

Art Hufford – May 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years

Jules Kariher – May 24 – born in Winston-Salem, NC, in Rotary 6 years

Chris Jensen – May 25 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 1 year

Barry Barlow – May 27 – born in Louisville, KY, in Rotary 4 years

Martin Coe – May 27 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years

Rodger Doyle – May 28 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years

Martin Harwood – June 1 – born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 9 years

Jack Klocke – June 2 – born in Hartford, CT, in Rotary 6 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

May 28

Greeter: Hugh Hamilton

Ticket Sales: Mark Harden and Bob Hart

June 4

Greeters: William C. Hart and W. Bob Hart

Ticket Sales: Sherry Hartnett and Martin Harwood

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

May 28

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill

Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

June 4

Prayer/Pledge: Al Stubblefield

Sunshine: Grover Robinson

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