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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW JULY 2, 2013

Rotarians Dante Kahn and Rotarian Charles Kahn greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a handshake and smile that was as warm as the sunny summer day as our great nation prepares to celebrate the 237th anniversary of the signing of our nation's declaration of independence. Rotarian Leslie Halsall assisted by our Sargent at Arms, Tim Kane sold raffle tickets. President Innes Richards called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. She then called on Rotarian Chris Kelly to lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

President Innes then advised that incoming president David Stafford was attending the Rotary International Convention in Portugal while touring Spain, as well. She reminded us of next week's installation of officers banquet at Heritage Hall (Seville Quarter at the corner of Government and Tarragona Streets) and our Family of Rotary Gathering which is scheduled for July 18th at the Fish House. Rotarians were asked to keep Francis Yeo in their thoughts and prayers as she is continuing treatments and medical procedures to treat her cancer. President Innes then thanked the Board of Directors, committees and membership for an outstanding year of accomplishment for Rotary Club of Downtown Pensacola. The recognitions included the Presidential Citation, the Governor's Citation, the District Peace award and a recognition of The Helicopter in the Newsletter category (among many

others). Hats off to the dedicated crew that writes for The Helicopter each week and all Rotarians who made this a great year in Rotary!

President Innes drew for this week's raffle which was worth \$51 and was won by Tony Basel. President Innes called on Rotarian Bob Hart, Esquire for some sunshine and to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests. Our military guests were Ens. Drew Laton from Pinehurst, NC and who graduated from N C State with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Ens. Laton is in the final phase of flight training and expect to earn his wings of gold in August. Our other military guest was LTJG Kali Billings who hails from Honolulu, HI and is the daughter of two, navy veterans. LTJG Billings is in the flight program and hopes to fly the F/A - 18F Super Hornets.

Rotarian Scott Grissett then introduced our speaker, Donna Weith, Employment Consultant for the "Project SEARCH" Program at Baptist Hospital. Donna is a graduate of Milton High School and attended Troy University and another institution in the great State of Alabama. Ms. Weith described the benefits of training young adults with some intellectual challenges to be job ready. She pointed out that there are many jobs which require repetition and accuracy which many of the clients are very well suited to perform.

Today, Baptist Healthcare is able to offer 12

students training in skills which include resume writing, interviewing skills and job training at two locations in Escambia County and another 6 clients at a location in Gulf Breeze. Donna then introduced one of Project Search's very successful clients, Robin. Robin described the confidence and training she received through the program and the great satisfaction she has enjoyed with her employment opportunities. Robin was employed and given responsibility to transmit medical information on cancer treatments to the CDC in Atlanta. Her job involved data entry, clerical responsibilities and protecting patient confidentiality. Through her training, Robin was able to improve the accuracy rate from 70% to over 90% and completed the assignment in significantly less time than anticipated! A separate internship working with the laundry department at Baptist Hospital allowed Robin experience with a different method of data entry further adding to her list of job skills.

After thanking Donna and Robin for presenting an informative program, President Innes awarded both with a piece of fine china and our thanks. After thanking all of those who worked to make today's program and the year ended a success, the meeting was adjourned.

Kind regards,
Jeff Lewis

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS JULY 9, 2013

Rotarians gathered at 5:30 PM at the Heritage Hall of Seville Quarter for the installation of new officers. Scott Grissett was our Master of Ceremonies and regaled Rotarians as only he can. After a social hour, Rotarian Scott began the gathering by leading Rotarians in the Four Way Test. He then called upon Rotarian Henry Roberts to lead us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Rotarian Scott called upon the Rotary Rooters to entertain us with their original work committing the Four Way Test to music, a stirring rendition of "God Bless America" and ending with our National Anthem.

After Rotarians had enjoyed a wonderful dinner, Rotarian Scott Grissett called upon Rotarian Richard Sherrill to give us the "Top 10 List" of things we might not know about incoming president, David Stafford. Before introducing this year's incoming officers and directors, president Innes addressed the group and took time to thank the board and members who made this past year such a great year for the Rotary Club of Pensacola. The list was long

and impressive. The result of the hard work was our club being awarded the "Presidential Citation" and "The Governor's Citation." This is an extremely rare feat!

Rotarian Collier Merrill was then called upon to introduce this year's winners of the Sandra Robinson award given to non-Rotarians to recognize outstanding contributions to the community and who embody the values of service over self. This year, the award was presented to two well-known Pensacolans who make a difference every day in the lives of many, many charitable organizations, Lewis and Belle Bear. In accepting their award, the surprised couple related how they accepted an invitation to attend the installation ceremony at the request of Collier Merrill with the understanding they would see him receive an award. This rouse was suggested by Rotarian Maria Goldberg who suggested this approach be used. Then, president Innes called upon Judge Roger Vinson to introduce this year's winner of the Grover Robinson award

presented annually to an active Rotarian who embodies the qualities of service. With Judge Vinson's introduction, Rotarian Goldberg's plan was a "fait accompli"! A surprised Collier Merrill then accepted the award realizing that he was not only a participant, but the object of a clever plan to keep the identity of the award winners a secret.

President Innes then introduced the incoming officers: president David Stafford, president-elect John Shaffer, secretary Claudia Simmons, treasurer Donn Scott and immediate past president. The incoming officers are Al Coby, Andrea Krieger, Britt Landrum and Trip Maygarden. After passing the president's pin, president David Stafford was administered the oath of office and addressed the club with enthusiasm with his thoughts and plans for the coming year. Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned.

Kind regards,
Jeff

2012-2013 Club Officers

◆ President	Innes C. Richards
◆ Past President	Alan B. Bookman
◆ President Elect	David Stafford
◆ Secretary	Leslie Halsall
◆ Treasurer	Ronald E. Jackson
◆ Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
◆ Historian	John Appleyard

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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 July 9nd through July 22nd

Carl Mertins Jr. – July 10 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 40 years

Jean Norman – July 12 – born in Raleigh, NC, in Rotary 22 years

Terry Scruggs – July 15 – born in Atmore, AL, in Rotary 21 years

Paula Turner – July 15 – born in New London, CT, in Rotary 2 years

Vince Currie – July 22 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 40 years

Paul Young – July 22 – born in Panama City, FL, in Rotary 24 year

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July

16 – Kenyan Naturalists, Francis Lenyakopiro

23 – National Parks, Suzanne Lewis

30 – Scrimming Project, ARC

August

6 – Landrum Health Care Talk

13 – The Jail, etc., Sheriff Morgan

20 – ECUA, Lois Benson

27 – Play Ball, Dan Shugart

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 16

Greeter: Tim Kane

Ticket Sales: Chris Kelly

July 23

Greeters: Dale Knee and Andrea Krieger

Ticket Sales: David Lamar and Britt Landrum

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

July 16

Prayer/Pledge: Leonard Swartz

Sunshine: Chris Klotz

July 23

Prayer/Pledge: Martin Harwood

Sunshine: Bob Mills

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