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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

Angry skies were overcome by the smiling faces of Trip Maygarden and John Shaffer welcoming attendees to the meeting with raffle tickets being offered by Rex McKinney and Brian McCall. Ellis Bullock, Jr. won the \$70 pot.

President David called upon Betty Gail Peters to open our meeting with a prayer and the pledge to our great Nation. Announcements followed noting the Seville Rotary Club "Steak Cook Off" will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Seville Quarter. We also welcomed Francis Yeo back to attendance. Ray Jones came up to discuss the Rotary Foundation and our push for EREY-Every Rotarian Every Year contributions. Forms were available on the tables and online to make contributions to the Foundation to advance all of the good causes funded around the world. Contributions made will also be credited towards Paul Harris Fellowships. Additionally the Gates Foundation will match 2 for 1 up to \$500 million in contributions. Filling in Scott Grissett's big shoes, Richard Sherrill introduced our guest, visiting Rotarians and lead in birthday song. Richard also showed us that a true comedian cannot be afraid of bombing out.

Jerry Maygarden introduced our program on the Emerald Coast Utility Authority given by Board

Member, Lois Benson. Having served on the City Council and in Florida House of Representatives, Lois understands the political process. With several issues pending with the ECUA that may result in legal action, her remarks were well scripted and edited by their legal counsel. The issue with the Main Street sewer plant began with its relocation after spillage during Hurricane Ivan in 2004. \$150 million in FEMA funds and other local and State funds enabled the relocation north of Pensacola. The new plant opened ahead of schedule and below budget in 2010. The use of the vacated site on Main Street became an important issued for the community.

With the offer of \$7.6 million from a potential buyer made in June 2013, the ECUA Board was interested as this offer would be at prime value but it was rejected after investigating the deal. The next offer also at prime value was approved 4 to 1 with Lois being the dissenting vote. Concerns arose of the investors past, concerns of "flipping" the property and articles on the deal in the Pensacola News journal brought the deal before the board and in the end, the deal did not go through.

Lois has concerns with the zoning being "Industrial" and suggests overlaying new zoning. There is an issue with the City zoning/developing plan that has

very narrow use guidelines with 6-pages of compliance. With the City meeting this Thursday, Lois request the citizenry contact their representatives to table the decision on the use until discussions can be held. The ECUA has also moved from a FSBO sign to having a local broker handle the sale to help find local and out of area buyers.

On recycling, ECUA started improving the process in 2009 and participation has been very successful. But a problem has arisen with the ability for the processor, West Florida Recycling, owned by Rainbow Environmental Services out of California, to keep up with the amount being taken in. Lois toured the site which has had several DEP warnings and has seen that a bigger plant is needed. Finding the correct, approved site has been a struggle. This is a great process with metals removed and most of the recycle material used as fuels. County land fill fees and new State mandates to close landfills are compounding the issue. With a fresh start on Main Street and the community embracing recycling, we need to move forward to improve our community.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Pate

## 2013-2014 Club Officers

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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

**Ted Kirchharr**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

**Robert W. Schuster**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Birthdays for the week of August 27th through Septmeber 2nd

**Jim Hizer** – August 27 – born in Frankfort, IN, in Rotary 10 years  
**Rex McKinney** – August 29 – born in Austin, TX, in Rotary 18 years  
**Dante Kahn** – August 29 – born in Charleston, SC, in Rotary 37 years  
**Kathy Horton Brown** – August 30 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 22 years  
**Milton Usry** – August 31 – born in Mineola, TX, in Rotary 26 years  
**Sandra Smith** – September 1 – born in Asheville, NC, in Rotary 12 years  
**Bob Benz** – September 1 – born in Philadelphia, PA, in Rotary 40 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### August

27 - Play Ball, Dan Shugart

### September

3 - PNS Mess Hall, Megan Pratt  
10 - Clerk's Office, Pam Childers  
17 - State Attorney's Office - Bill Eddins  
24 - District Governor Ted Kirchharr

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### August 27

Greeters: Donald McMahon and Norris McMahon  
Ticket Sales: Charles Meadows and Lori Menke

### September 3

Greeters: James Merrill and Willis Merrill  
Ticket Sales: Clark Merritt and C. Mertins

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### August 27

Prayer/Pledge: TBD  
Sunshine: Grover Robinson

### September 3

Prayer/Pledge: Roger Vinson  
Sunshine: Chris Klotz

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