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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

You could somehow feel football in the air as first-string Norris McMahon greeted Rotarians at the door with a bright smile and a firm handshake. Hands were also extended for those dollar bets by Lou Ray and Lori Menke as starting rafflees. Birthday lady Kathy Horton Brown won that game with \$69 to buy the trophy of her choice.

President David Stafford started the pre-game buzz by leading us in the four-way test, followed by Al Stubblefield with prayer and pledge. The pep rally was led by Coach Grover Robinson who introduced our military guests. From Redding, California entered Ensign Gayle Smith who has a wife, two children, and a new player on the way. Also introduced from Madison, Wisconsin was Lieutenant Ransom Springer who is an instructor in Training Squadron 10 at NAS Pensacola. Coach Grover recognized our visiting guests and birthday honorees for the next week. Of course, John Appleyard led the "band" with "Happy Birthday, You All!"

Before the official kick-off, President David had some announcements for the home crowd. Please remember to make a donation to our Rotary Foundation, and don't forget the Rotary Leadership Institute at Pensacola State College scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2013. Our player Fred Sitten is recovering from surgery, so keep him in your thoughts and prayers until he can return to the game. Helmet stickers went to Andrea Krieger for her winning United Way Annual Meeting and to our own Gary Sammons who, at that meeting, received the United Way Service Award. President David urged us to contact Bromley Dyson to help him with the Interact Club at Washington High School and Pensacola High School. Come on, team!

Ellis Bullock, as the lead kick-off player, introduced the guest speaker. As our "Most Valuable Sports Journalist," Dan Shugart took to the field, I mean took the microphone, and led the charge into the 2013 football season. The pep squad surrounding him at the speaker's table somehow cheered him on with faces that looked remarkably like our speaker's. Mr. Shugart was so shocked, he predicted Tulane would win it all this year! (Just kidding!) No one was shocked when he began his gridiron lockdown with, who else but...

Alabama – They just need to remember what it took to take it all last year. Nick Saban sounds like Coach John Wooden when he says, "Success is... being the best you are capable of being." It should help that Alabama is first with their rushing and scoring defense and just dominating with their offensive line. Remember, however, the name Alejandro Maldonado and what a difference a field goal makes!

Florida –The Gators will miss Chaz Green who is out with an injury sustained last year. The big question is whether or not Jeff Driskel will develop as a leader. Are his receivers ready? The team has a ton of talent, but will the execution be there? We'll see. Defensively, they are better, but the schedule is tough, as opposed to that of the Crimson Tide.

Auburn – Can it get worse? The good news is that many of the players are back this year, but the bad news is that many of the players are back this year. Many questions are looming as last year's season didn't attract the best of recruits. Maybe Nick Marshall can lead them to some victories.

Georgia - Funny thing, the Bulldogs will face two quarterbacks who were kicked off their own Georgia team. Do you suppose they were

kicked off for being poor players? Probably not!

Florida State University –E. J. Manuel will certainly be missed, along with some of those good coaches, but both of the freshmen quarterbacks appear ready. Will Jimbo Fisher be willing to run a few risky plays to win? Let's see if the Seminoles pass the "Five-word Test" – "Can you win at Clemson?"

Troy State – Cory Robinson is back and looking better and better. With the loss of good receivers, maybe they can squeeze out five wins.

Star Speaker Dan Shugart went on to make a few predictions, even though he may have to live them down as he continues speaking at the many Rotary clubs in Pensacola. This weekend, he predicts Alabama, Ole Miss, probably South Carolina, and...oh, yeah, **LSU** –Les Miles probably should not have left Jeremy Hill's fate up to the players. Regardless of Hill's two arrests, the players want to win! We'll have to see how that turns out. Losing five juniors to the NFL draft will leave the team with growing pains, but Cam Cameron is better, so we'll see!

Locally, Mr. Shugart sees Catholic High School and West Florida Technical High School continuing on the winning trend. Despite the poor showing recently by PHS, they might be better than they appear. (Last week they probably did not want to show all of their cards to that Tallahassee team.) Stay tuned as Washington continues to "build" and Navarre shows the talents of their quick quarterback.

As the clock struck 1:00, we realized as long as Dan Shugart is on our team, we are all winners!

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Patteson

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Congratulations to Malcolm Thomas for the smooth beginning of a new school year. Also, applause to Ed Meadows, noting that PSC is adding more degree granting subjects to its roster.
- ❖ Andrea Krieger and United Way reported a plus in virtually every category for the year. At the UW annual meeting, special recognition went to Gary Sammons, John Clark's organization and several of our members' companies for their work and contributions.

- ❖ Wheels just unearthed a story dated 25 years ago when LewDoman and Nathan Kahn were aboard a fishing yacht which, coming home in darkness, struck the sunken *Massachusetts*. All hands survived, but they had a scary night.
- ❖ Didjknow that Roger Wendell's Salvation Army chapter here is to celebrate its centennial this coming month? And noting long years, our oldest member (in terms of age) Mac Miller will be 99 on September 4th.

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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		

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of September 3rd through September 9th

Mac Miller – September 4 - born in Baltimore, MD, in Rotary 53 years

Mike Ferguson – September 4 - born in Waycross, GA, in Rotary 23 years

Jake Renfro – September 5 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 6 years

Charles Beall – September 5 - born in Dublin, GA, in Rotary 17 years

Jim Flournoy – September 6 - born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary 21 years

John Tice – September 6 - born in Tazewell, VA, in Rotary 39 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September

3 - Jail, Recycling, Grover Robinson, IV
10 - Clerk's Office, Pam Childers
17 - State Attorney's Office - Bill Eddins
24 - District Governor Ted Kirchharr

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

September 3

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

September 10

Greeters: Charles Michaels
Ticket Sales: Robert Mills and William Mitchem

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

September 3

Prayer/Pledge: Roger Vinson
Sunshine: Chris Klotx

September 10

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill
Sunshine: Jimmy Jones

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