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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held under bright summer skies on September 10, 2013. Rotarians and their guests were greeted at the door by Charles Michaels. Raffle ticket sales were managed by Calvin Moore and Robert (Go Dawgs) Mills. In keeping with the international scope of our mission, today's lunch featured a Tex-Mex theme highlighted by a taco-burrito bar. The vegetable of the day was a corn comfit with a Southwestern seasoning. The usual mixed green salad and dessert bar rounded out the menu. For those arriving before noon and after 12:15 the food was plentiful. For those who arrived in the shoulder period the pickings were slim.

President David called the meeting to order and led the Club in the Four Way Test. He then called Charles Sherrill to the podium to lead the Club in prayer and then the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our great country. Congressman Earl Hutto was then called to the podium to provide a solemn reminder of the tragedy that occurred on September 11 and the loss of life and fear that struck every American on that date in 2001. The Club then was led in a moment of silence in honor of the fallen. President David then reminded the Club of the upcoming RLI session and if interested contact Martin Harwood for additional details. Rotarians were reminded to finalize their commitments to the Rotary Foundation. Leann Todd was recognized for the success of the recent Junior Achievement banquet at which Rotarians Collier Merrill and Jim Reeves were recognized for their selfless contributions to our community. President David then recognized the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pensacola State College which is now led by Rotarian Ed Meadows who is

leading PSC into bigger and bolder educational initiatives and expansion of the school's academic mission. The initial classes for the school formerly known as Pensacola Junior College were held in the old Aiken Boarding House prior to securing the current campus on Ninth Avenue. The winner of the \$60 raffle was none other than your scribe, Blaise Adams, ending a rather long dry spell at the raffle pot.

President David then called RP Doyle to the podium for Sunshine. Rodger wisely deferred any effort at jocularity and introduced one visiting Rotarian and five guests of Rotarians. Rodger then lead the group in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday You All for all of the birthday boys and girls.

Paul Young was then called to the podium to introduce our guest speaker, Escambia County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, Pam Childers. Ms. Childers recently entered her current office after mounting a very energetic campaign to challenge an entrenched incumbent. The campaign provided an opportunity for Ms. Childers to display the professionalism, energy and enthusiasm that have been hallmarks of her years in public service with the City of Pensacola. Pam is a certified public accountant and certified government finance officer. She and her husband Bruce and their children are very active in the community giving freely of their time and talent. The family could be spotted walking neighborhoods, knocking on doors and waving at intersections during the highly contested campaign. As if winning an election against a longtime incumbent was not enough, Ms. Childers was then faced with the double challenge of being provided with no transition period and the exit of the top 6 members

of the prior administration. Additional staff losses were experienced as a result of a concurrent expansion of a local employer. Ms. Childers quickly went about the business of organizing her team to meet these challenges and several that would follow. The County takeover of the West Florida Library System quickly followed which required the Clerk's office to deal with additional personnel and budget issues. Next up was the audit and investigation of the BP travel card matter which ultimately determined that only a small fraction of the total dollars originally assumed to be unaccounted for were in fact not. Soon to follow was the jail transition which involves all of the Human Resources and budgetary issues that go with a 460 person operation, not to mention the 33 contracts for services, union, benefit and operational issues, etc. Ms. Childers provided kudos to Susan Woolf who joined her staff as legal counsel shortly after her election and has proven to be an invaluable member of her team in dealing with the plethora of issues that have come their way in rapid fire succession. Ms. Childers then provided information on numerous measures that have been implemented in order to maximize the efficiency of the Clerk's office which handles a broad array of functions including over 55,000 jury summons per year. Pam also discussed the importance of state training for Clerks in Florida that has proven to be very helpful in her first year of office. Paul thanked Pam for her service and leadership and provided her with a Rotary mug as a gift for her presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Blaise Adams

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Jerry Maygarden, whose career has opened many doors of activity, surely faces interesting days in his interim position at the Chamber. Perhaps he'll be looking back to the original chamber mission statement of 1889.
- ❖ With all the action in the Middle East, Mike Ferguson's army role is more active than ever.
- ❖ Credit Judy Bense with ongoing plans for the University that are exciting. If a football team is fielded by 2016 perhaps Earl Hutto might become the field announcer. After all, some will remember that Earl's early career saw him as an excellent sportscaster for WEAR and for channel 7 in Panama City.
- ❖ Bob Palmer and his firm have new quarters, on North Palafox Street above the Rex Theatre.

## 2013-2014 Club Officers

◆ President	David Stafford
◆ Past President	Innes C. Richards
◆ President Elect	John Shaffer
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
◆ Treasurer	Donn Scott
◆ 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

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

## Assistant District Governor

**Robert W. Schuster**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
September 17th through September 23rd

**Betty Gail Peters** – September 17  
born in Knoxville, TN, in Rotary 16 years

**William Dickerson** – September 19  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

**Randy Oliver** – September 20  
born in Morgantown, WV, in Rotary 2 years

**Susan O'Connor** – September 21  
born in Quincy, IL, in Rotary 11 years

**Maria Goldberg** – September 23  
born in Hopewell, VA, in Rotary 12 years

**Trey Manderson** – September 23  
born in Kosciusko, MS, in Rotary 5 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### September

17 - State Attorney's Office - Bill Eddins  
24 - District Governor Ted Kirchharr

### October

1 - Affordable Health Care - Amy Remington  
8 - State Representative Mike Hill  
15 - CO Blue Angels - CDR Tom Frosch  
22 - Preservation Architecture - Carter Quina  
29 - PNS Mess Hall - Megan Pratt

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### September 17

Greeters: John Mobley and John Monroe  
Ticket Sales: Alan Moore and Calvin Moore

### September 24

Greeters: Wright Moulton and William Nuener  
Ticket Sales: Rick Nickelsen and Eric Nickelsen

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