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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW OCTOBER 29, 2013

It was a beautiful October day in downtown Pensacola as Rotarian Claudia Simmons greeted all Rotarians, visitors and guests with a handshake and a warm smile. Rotarians Betty Gail Peters and Jeff Powell sold raffle tickets. President Stafford called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. He then called upon Rotarian Dale Jordan to lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

President Stafford then offered his condolences on behalf of the club to Rotarian Betty Roberts on the sudden death of her husband, Brad. President Stafford also asked club members to keep Rotarians Martin Harwood and Fred Sitten in thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from serious illnesses. President Stafford announced to the club that \$12,000 in community grants have been approved by the Community Grants Committee chaired by Courtney Dell with more worthy recipients being considered. He thanked and commended the committee for its hard and thoughtful work. Finally, he reminded members that Monday, November 4th is our CROP, Military Appreciation luncheon and that there would be no meeting of the Downtown Rotary Club on Tuesday, November 5th. The raffle was \$67 and was won by Bob Palmer.

President Stafford called upon Sally Bussell for sunshine and to introduce our visiting Rotarians, our guests of Rotarians and to introduce the military guests for this week. Our military guests were Ens.

Adam Balint and Lt. Jason Panos. Ens. Balint hails from the foothills of South Carolina and is a 2010 graduate of Winthrop University. Ens. Balint is currently assigned to VT-10 as a student and hopes to serve as a Naval Flight Officer upon graduation. Lt. Panos is from Modesto, CA. Lt. Panos served as a Petty Officer 3rd Class on the ballistic missile submarine, USS Florida. CPO Panos was selected for the "Seaman to Admiral" program. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Idaho and is currently pursuing an MBA through the University of Florida. He earned his "Wings of Gold" in 2008. After completing various operational assignments, Lt. Panos is currently an instructor at VT10 in Pensacola. After a warm Rotary welcome, both of these fine men were thanked for their service and presented with a memento of their visit to the Downtown Rotary Club.

Our program speaker was introduced by Program Chair, Jerry Maygarden. Dr. Megan Pratt comes from a well known community minded family and is a graduate of MIT. Dr. Pratt is a mother, serves on the City Council and works with the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. Her latest project is called "M.E.S.S. Hall" (**M**ath, **E**ngineering, **S**cience and **S**tuff). It is children's museum primarily aimed at upper elementary and middle school students and challenges the mind in fun ways to learn more about math, science and stuff.

She told us that one of her favorite thoughts about science and discovery came to her from the prolific author of science fiction, Isaac Asimov, who said that the most fascinating phrase to a scientist should not be "Eureka!", " but rather "that's funny!" The museum is located on Tarragona Street between Gregory and Chase Streets in downtown. The museum is already making waves around the country and has been ranked in the top 10 of children's museums. The museum has space and staff limitations so school groups are generally limited to one bus at a time. The admission is \$8.00 for adults and children 3 and up. As a museum, M.E.S.S. Hall relies in large part on donations from the community and businesses. The M.E.S.S. Hall is a good fit with the National Flight Academy and is a great way for grandparents to spend time with their grandchildren. During the school year, the M.E.S.S. Hall is open from 2 - 5 PM Tuesday through Friday and from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday. It is closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information, you can visit the museum website at www.pensacolamesshall.org. President Stafford thanked Dr. Pratt for a very informative program. After thanking all of those who worked to make today's program a success, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Lewis

WEEK IN REVIEW NOVEMBER 4, 2013

The combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola held their annual CROP Military Appreciation meeting at New World Landing on Monday, November 4, 2013. The room was filled to capacity with Rotarians, elected officials and representatives from all branches of our armed services. The meeting was called to order by former District Governor Bob Schuster who reflected on the importance of the military in our community. Bob called Ruth Knights to the podium to lead the group in the invocation. The McGuire's Irish Bagpipe Band then proceeded toward the front of the room followed by a Marine color guard for the presentation of the colors. Upon the completion of the presentation of the colors, Holly Shelton was introduced to sing the National Anthem. John Shaffer then led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Upon the completion of the pledge the

Bagpipe Band then entered into a medley of military anthems and led the color guard from the meeting. Dan Inns from Pensacola North then announced an upcoming 5K run to benefit Crimestoppers and fund scholarships to the National Flight Academy for children of wounded and active military members. Ferd Soloman of SubWest Rotary then recognized the military guests including 4 Pearl Harbor survivors including Bill Braddock, 91, a retired Marine Corps sergeant major and Cass Phillips, 93, a Navy radioman. Mike Denkler was then called to the podium to introduce the first guest speaker, Duane Thiessen, a retired Marine Corps lieutenant general who now serves as President and CEO of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. Thiessen then asked for those in the audience who served in a variety of military conflicts to stand and be

recognized as he listed a half dozen wars, one by one. Thiessen then provided a moving discussion on the nobility of service and the benefits we all share because of those who put on the uniform and do the service for our country. Thiessen noted that service is a bold statement of commitment. Bob Schuster then introduced Congressman Jeff Miller who represent Florida's First Congressional District. Miller serves on several critical congressional committees and as Chair of the Committee on Veterans Affairs. This is especially fitting since Miller's district is home to over 130,000 veterans.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
M. Blaise Adams

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◆ Past President	Innes C. Richards
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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
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Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of November 12th through November 18th

Britt Landrum – November 12 – born in Montgomery, AL, in Rotary 32 years
John Appleyard - November 14 – born in Chicago, IL, in Rotary 48 years
Robert Mills - November 15 – born in Atlanta, GA, in Rotary 15 years
Randy Jackson - November 17 – born in Murfreesboro, TN, in Rotary 8 years
Leslie Halsall - November 17 – born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary 23 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

November

12 - State Legislature - Representative Mike Hill
19 - Hospice - Dale Knee
26 - Chaplain Leggett

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

November 12

Greeters: Jake Renfroe and Innes Richards
Ticket Sales: Betty Roberts and Edwin Roberts

November 19

Greeters: Henry Roberts and Grover Robinson
Ticket Sales: Alison Rogers and Bob Rogers

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

November 12

Prayer/Pledge: Earl Hutto
Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

November 19

Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick
Sunshine: Bob Hart

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Bryant Perkins is originally from Columbus, MS. He is married to Tess Perkins and they have a son (21) and a daughter (24) and a granddaughter (4) and a grandson (11 months).

They relocated to Destin/Ft. Walton Beach in 2002, where he worked for McGuire's Irish Pub of Destin. In 2007 he began working for the Boy Scouts 2007. He is the Senior District Executive for the Pensacola Bay District of the Gulf Coast Council, which covers all Scouting in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

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