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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

If anyone left the Downtown Rotary meeting at New World Landing on December 17 without feeling the Christmas spirit, that person must not have had ears! Just entering the dining room, one could hear beautiful Christmas music being played by our guest pianist, Blake Riley, from the UWF Music Department. John Schaffer greeted Rotarians warmly at the door as Mike Layton and Francis Yeo enthusiastically accepted "gifts" toward the holiday raffle. (Lucky Bob Hart won the \$60 prize.) President David Stafford announced that Innes Richards was in the hospital and expected to be released soon. Keep her in your prayers. David offered three additional ways to show holiday generosity. First, consider donating to the USO that serves our troops at the airport. Secondly, you could put money to good use in Rotary's "Tree of Remembrance" which is located at Cordova Mall. (An explanatory flyer with more information and yellow ribbons for loved ones' names were on the tables.) Finally, in consideration of our friends in the Philippines, David encouraged us to think about donations for Rotary shelter boxes. Of course, there are always Rotary ringers with red kettles that demand our attention to those less fortunate. (Thank you to those who rang,

and if you have time, consider filling the rest of the time slots by calling John Monroe.) As usual, Rotarians continue to generously give with love and money in many different ways.

Charlie Sherrill led us in prayer and pledge while Scott Grissett brought us holiday sunshine in his usual humorous way. Scott introduced many guests, including Blake Riley and April Boyett who would be performing with Rotarian Erin Sammis later in the program. No military guests were present, but many spouses of Rotarians honored us with their presence. Scott then led us as we sang "Happy Birthday" to the six special Rotarians present.

John Appleyard brightened our afternoon by historically catching us up on Santa Claus. Who knew the holiday tradition started in Holland with gifts to brides at Christmas? Thanks to John, all those in attendance know the *rest of the story*. Rotary Rooters blessed us with couplets of holiday songs including those about bells, Jingle and Silver, those about characters, Santa and Rudolph, those about trees, Christmas and rockin', as well as those about colors, blue and white. Talented tables of Rotarians helped with the final Rooter song, "Twelve Days of Christmas."

The lords a leapin' made the most outstanding, or should we say, out-jumping gift of all!

Spirits *really* lifted when Erin Sammis and April Boyett shared their beautiful voices with us, elegantly accompanied by Blake Riley. Together they sang "Jingle Bells," but individually the two talented high school classmates blessed us with "Oh, Holy Night" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." The standing ovation reflected our appreciation.

Celebrating with us were recipients of grants from our Rotary organization totaling over \$12,000. These included Pensacola State College, American Red Cross, Ballet Pensacola, Boy Scouts of America, Pensacola Opera, Council on Aging, Pensacola Kids' House, Head Start, Junior Achievement, Learn to Read, Pathways for Change, and the Pensacola Symphony. Yes, with over \$72,000 given over the last six years and an additional \$30,000 in giving for literacy initiatives, the Rotarians are a generous bunch. They *must* be filled with the spirit.

Merry Christmas to All!

Submitted by Beverly Patteson

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ When Auby Smith and Charles Michaels planned the annual Realtors Christmas Party they asked our Rooters to present the program. One part that drew BIG applause was the musical saw work of Morris Eaddy! He was GREAT on *Blue Christmas*.
- ❖ Sorry to report that Joyce Goldenberg, widow of former member Sam, has passed away. Her final days were in the Hospice Center which bears her name.
- ❖ When the Children's Chorus held a post-concert party, one of the soloists in an informal music gathering was Jack Fleming. For years he has rendered *Poor Little Jesus Boy* to appreciative audiences.
- ❖ Skip Furlong is making good progress following back surgery.
- ❖ Despite the great bell ringing of many members, Roger Windell's recent report said that Salvation Army receipts are below those of 2012.
- ❖ The holidays were well filled with the arts (symphony, ballet, opera, children's chorus). Courtney Dell and her ballet have been headliners. Credit Neal Goldsborough and his church for some fine musical presentations.
- ❖ Bob Rogers and Roger Windell and their organizations had full schedules, aiding the homeless over late December.
- ❖ As we enter 2014, our club history will record that – though our club was still a year away – our first big project was a Liberty Loan WWI drive.

## 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  
January 7th through January 13th**

**John Shaffer** – January 8  
born in Harrisonburg, VA, in Rotary 11 years

**Dick Sherrill** - January 10  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 53 years

**Ed Meadows** – January 10  
born n New Albany, MS, in Rotary 24 years

**Hugh Hamilton** - January 11  
born in Spartanburg, SC, in Rotary 16 years

**Julie Parker** – January 11  
born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 16 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### January

7 - Andrews Foundation - Chad Gilliland  
14 - Santa Rosa Island Authority - Buck Lee  
21 - SEC Football Official, Year in Review - Jay Vines  
28 - TBD

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### January 7

Greeter: Margaret Stopp and Al Stubblefield  
Ticket Sales: Leonard Swartz and Robert Switzer

### January 14

Greeter: Tommy Tait and Terry Terrell  
Ticket Sales: Malcolm Thomas and John Tice

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