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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

April 29, 2014

Clouds were gathering over beautiful Pensacola on the last Tuesday in April, but all Rotarians and guests were greeted by a firm handshake and warm smile by Rotarians Brad Butcher and Randy Butler. Raffle tickets were sold by Bo Carter and Handsel Butts. Once inside, President Stafford called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. President Stafford then called upon Rotarian Betty Gail Peters for prayer and to lead us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

President Stafford then reminded us that the combined Rotary of Pensacola (C.R.O.P.) would be meeting on Monday, May 5th and that there would be no regular meeting of the Downtown Rotary on Tuesday. Monday's meeting will be to recognize this year's winners of the Ethics in Business Awards. He also reminded us that there is still time to register for the district conference to be held May 9th and May 10th Friday and Saturday in Pensacola. Highlights will include a night with the Pensacola Blue Wahoos on Friday night with District Governor Ted Kirchaar throwing out the first pitch! Saturday morning, Quint Studer will put on a special program for attendees. Those seminars are priceless experiences in management. President Stafford also reminded members that our programs are generally available on YouTube. He then called upon Rotarian Nathan Kahn to

May 5, 2014

The Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola Twelfth Annual Ethics in Business Awards Luncheon was held under sunny spring skies at New World Landing on May 5, 2014.

Thanks to well coordinated efforts among the area's Rotary Clubs and the cooperation of the New World Landing staff, attendees at the meeting moved quickly through the doors and the buffet line. The room quickly filled with members of the local Rotary Clubs ready to honor the distinguished Ethics in Business awards. The awards are given in 2 categories – one for leaders of companies with less than 50 employees and the other for leaders of companies with over 50 employees.

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Ted Kirchaar who proceeded to welcome all guests and recognized all past District Governors, elected officials and past award winners. David Stafford was then called to the podium to lead the group in the invocation. Keith White then led the group in the pledge of allegiance and Jeremy Evans led the Four Way Test.

Ted Kirchaar and Ed Ranelli then introduced the 2013 award winners. Ron Gillette was the 2013 winner for small employers. Rone spoke to the importance of ethics, character and honesty as the cornerstones of success in life and in business. Ron then quoted Mark

introduce our newest Rotarian, Jonathan Griffith, Executive Vice President of the Pensacola Blue Wahoos.

President Stafford then asked Betty Gail Peters to draw for the raffle which was \$76 and went to Handsel Butts . . . hmm? Rotarian Scott Grissett was called to the podium for some sunshine and to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests. He also introduced our military guests, 2nd Lt. Matthew Wright and 1st Lt. Alexander Betzel (seems out of order?). Scott introduced our Rotarians with a birthday and after leading the club in a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday You 'all", Scott answered the burning question of, "why does a golfer need to wear two pairs of underwear?" That is in case he has a "hole in one." Fortunately, Scott did not request (or attempt) a mulligan!

President Stafford then conducted the club's annual business meeting which began by electing the following officers and directors for the 2014-2015 year: John Schaffer, President; Andrea Krieger, President-Elect; David Stafford, Past-President/Director; Claudia Simmons, Secretary; Donn Scott, Treasurer; Tim Kane, Sgt.-At-Arms; Brian Baumgardner, Jeff Lewis, Alison Rogers and John Trawick (directors). Hearing no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close nomination whereby the slate of proposed officers and directors was elected unanimously. President Stafford then advised that the club has two accounts. One in the

Twain with a great reminder of the importance of ethics – "if you never tell a lie then you never have to remember anything". Ron followed up with applicable quotes from Ben Franklin and Ross Perot that aptly summed up the essence of ethics and provided great reminders of the importance of honesty in your personal and business dealings. Ron relayed a humorous story about how his receipt of the award had impacted his business with one of his best customers subsequently calling him the "Ethics Man" as opposed to his proper name and a customer requesting preferential treatment from a person who was clearly superior in the area of ethics. Ron then provided a bible verse to put a bow on his presentation to the group, from Proverbs 22:1 –

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold".

Ed then introduced the 2013 award winner in the large company category, Gulf Breeze City Manager Buz Eddy. Buz thanked the members of his club who nominated him for the award and those who have inspired him to serve his community since joining the Gulf Breeze club several years ago. Buz stated that he has been fortunate to work for benevolent employers during his career and therefore it was a natural fit for him when he became a Rotarian. He was able to energize his

name of the Downtown Rotary Club currently has assets of \$270K and one in the name of the Rotary Club Foundation has assets totaling about \$329K while the club's annual budget is for \$159K.

President Stafford then recognized our new Paul Harris Fellows as Bob Hart (Retailer rather than Barrister), Hon. Charles Kahn, Jake Renfroe, Bob Palmer, Auby Smith and Doug Werber. Paul Harris plus 1 recipients are Lavaonne Agerton and Robert Mills; PH plus 3 recipient Hon. Roger Vinson and Jim Flournoy; PH plus 4 recipients Robert Larkin and Carol Law; PH plus 5 recipient Margaret Stopp; PH plus 6 recipients Chris Pate and Handsel Butts; PH plus 8 recipient Innes Richards. After a strong Rotary round of applause for their outstanding generosity, President Stafford then called upon incoming President Shaffer to share plans about the Rotary Centennial Playground at the Community Maritime Park. After discussing the concept and process, Rotarian John Tice related information about the design process and schedule hoping to finalize plans by July or August and to have permits and to begin construction by November.

After thanking all who made the meeting a success, President Stafford adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Lewis

Rotary service as he wrapped up his coaching duties as his children grew out of youth sports. Buz encouraged the Rotarians in the room to step up and be proactive in service to the community.

Ed and Ted then announced the winners of the 2014 awards. There were 10 very worthy candidates for the awards this year and truly a who's who of Pensacola community champions. After much deliberation be the awards committee, Andrea Krieger was chosen as the small employer winner and Ted Kirchaar was chosen as the large employer recipient. Ed commended both of these very worthy servant leaders and presented them with their award and certificates from Congressman Jeff Miller recognizing their achievement.

Special thanks to Ed Ranelli for his leadership in establishing this recognition of great leaders in our community. Please remember to attend the District Conference this weekend and also the Blue Wahoos game as the home team will be wearing special jerseys to recognize Rotary.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Blaise Adams

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
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Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of May 6th through May 19th

Trip Maygarden – May 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 4 years
Carol Powell – May 11 – born in Boston, MA, in Rotary 21 years
William Stafford – May 11 – born in Masury, OH, in Rotary 39 years
Earl Hutto – May 12 – born in Dale County, AL, in Rotary 18 years
Evon Emerson – May 14 – born in Houston, MS, in Rotary 11 years
John Monroe – May 15 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 25 years
David Bear – May 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years
David DelGallo – May 18 – born in Trenton, NJ, in Rotary 4 years
Hank Bell – May 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 30 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

May

13 - Supervisor of Elections, David Stafford
20 - Vital Communities, Jerry Maygarden
27 - Red Cross/Hurricane Readiness, Jerry Kindle

June

3 - UWF Football, Coach Sinnick
10 - Pensacola State College, President Meadows

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

May 13

Greeters: Blair Crooke and Vincent Currie
Ticket Sales: Madison Currin and William Davis, Jr.

May 20

Greeters: David DelGallo and Courtney Dell
Ticket Sales: Bill Dollarhide and Lewis Doman

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Rotary archives contained no storm details to equal what struck us April 29th. Many club members suffered damage, cancellations and expense, Hugh Hamilton's church, at the foot of Piedmont Street, was overwhelmed. Randy Jackson's major structures had damage, but Sunday services could proceed. Jock Mobley's car lots were under water, and Bob Rogers and the Waterfront Mission were flooded. Grover Robinson and the commissioners faced not only an army of families with problems but also a jail explosion. Jerry Kindle and Red Cross, along with our Salvation army members, were helping assist with basic family needs. Ted Nickinson's home was a refuge for neighbors. And there were so many more.
- ❖ With good news, David Stafford did a fine job as speaker for the Bar Society's annual Law Day Celebration. Charley Wiggins' dad, Mike, received the 2014 award. Margaret Stopp made the presentation.
- ❖ Friday, May 9th, will be Rotary Night with the Wahoos. The rooters will be presenting *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*.

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