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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. As the sun shined outside, an engaged gathering of Rotarians celebrated fellowship and service inside the walls of the New World Landing.

All comers were greeted at the door by Blair Crooke and Vincent Currie.

Ticket sales were facilitated by Madison Currin and William Davis, Jr.

In the spirit of John Winthrop standing before voyagers en route to the New World, President Stafford took the podium and led the membership in the Four Way Test and provided the agenda for the day. Jimmy Jones provided "sunshine," introductions and a small measure of humor. The vast collection of birthdays were noted including: Trip Maygarden (May 8), Carol Powell (May 11), William Stafford (May 11), Earl Hutto (May 12), Evon Emerson (May 14), John Monroe (May 15), David Bear (May 17); David DeGallo (May 18), Hank Bell (May 19). Additionally, Jones recognized two military guests (and two visiting Rotarians that were joining the membership for this meeting. The assembly expressed their tentative

satisfaction with the "Jones Sunshine Express" with a round of applause (uniquely expressed with a single, collective "clap.>").

President Stafford made a series of announcements, following the announcement of a \$55 raffle, including: 1) information about the recent district conference, 2) updates concerning the international project and 3) information and updates related to disaster relief.

Jerry Maygarden then, introduced the day's speaker. And he did not have to look far as President Stafford was stepping to the podium to deliver the keynote address. Speaking from his vantage point as Supervisor of Elections, Stafford provided a review of the history of elections in Florida including the dramatic developments stemming from the 2000 election (Bush v. Gore). The speech was not focused on politics, but process. For instance, the act of voting and the impact that a voting apparatus has on the process were featured in the presentation. Additionally, the changing landscape in terms of voter methods (absentee, early and election day) were addressed along with the variables that elections supervisors have addressed to

make it accessible. Multilingual voting options are critical in some areas of the State of Florida based on population density and the composition of the population.

Finally, Stafford noted the numerous electoral reforms that have emerged since the 2012 election cycle including: reduced ballot length, expansion of early voting (flexible hours and extended hours), changes in absentee balloting, automated voter check in at precinct location, and new technology.

Finally, Stafford opened up time to take questions from the audience. Despite the late hour, questions poured out from the audience. A deluge of inquires is generally a sign that the Rotarians were particularly interested in the program. At the end of the day, Stafford provided compelling presentation and education to the Pensacola Rotary.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan B. Kelly

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Ray Jones returned recently from an extensive visit to New Zealand, where he was much impressed by the people and the culture.
- ❖ Pity Alan Moore and Don McMahon, whose agencies have been besieged by insurance customers wondering how their coverage might stand after the deluge. Speaking of the Great Rain, a pat on the back to Malcolm Thomas for the way he and staff handled school closures and transportation when so many routes were disrupted. Malcolm also was one of our club's nominees for the Ethics Awards. Judy Bense was the other nominee. When Andrea Kreiger accepted the award, it could be noted that our club's past winners were Jean Norman, Jack Fetterman, Britt Landrum, Al Stubblefield and Morris Eddy.
- ❖ Bob Hart has been renewed in his role of president of the corporation at Randy Jackson's church.
- ❖ Looking to an interesting future, Ray Jones is proceeding with plantings, to become a vintner. (Will Ray have the first bottling as part of the club's centennial?)
- ❖ Morris Eddy wasn't with the Rooters on Tuesday 'cause again he was active in art circles. Morris is a fine teacher.
- ❖ As *Helicopter* went to press, it was learned that quite a number of club members had already sent cheques to a variety of flood relief agencies.
- ❖ President David is developing quite a folio of talk outlines. The fine presentation he gave to our club was quite different from the one he presented for the Bar Society on Law Day

## 2013-2014 Club Officers

◆ President	David Stafford
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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  
May 20th through May 26th

**Morris Marx** – May 21 – born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 14 years

**John Clark** – May 21 – born in Lewiston, Maine, in Rotary 6 years

**Donn Scott** – May 23 – born in Brewton, AL, in Rotary 17 years

**Art Hufford** – May 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years

**Chris Jensen** – May 25 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 2 year

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### May

20 - Vital Communities, Jerry Maygarden

27 - Red Cross/Hurricane Readiness, Jerry Kindle

### June

3 - UWF Football, Coach Sinnick

10 - Pensacola State College, President Meadows

17 - Attorney General's Office, Michael Dasinger

24 - Change of Command

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### May 20

Greeters: David DelGallo and Courtney Dell

Ticket Sales: Bill Dollarhide and Lewis Doman

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