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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

Clouds were gathering over beautiful Pensacola on the last Tuesday in May, but all Rotarians and guests were greeted by a warm smile by Rotarian Betty Gail Peters. Raffle tickets were sold by Marty Longworth. Once inside, President Stafford called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. President Stafford then called upon Charlie Sherrill to offer a prayer and to lead Rotarians in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

President Stafford announced that Rotarian Robert "Bobby" Kahn, Jr. had passed away on Sunday. David asked the club to rise and join him in a moment of silence. Thereafter, President Stafford requested that John Appleyard prepare a resolution commemorating the life and service of Robert "Bobby" Kahn, Jr. for inclusion in the club's official records. President Stafford then reminded us that the change of command banquet would take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> and would be held at Palafox House on the corner of Palafox and Gregory Streets. He reminded us that nominations for the Grover and Sandra Robinson awards are due, as well.

President Stafford called on Rotarian Al Stubblefield for some sunshine. There being no military guests, the club celebrated the week's birthdays with a "Happy Birthday to You" to the only celebrant present, Rotarian Martin Harwood. Our program speaker, Jerry

Kindle (Executive Director for the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida) drew Kathy Horton-Brown's name as the winner of \$47. Five other Rotarians won tickets to upcoming Blue Wahoo games.

Jerry Maygarden then introduced our program speaker and Rotary Club of Pensacola member, Jerry Kindle. Jerry is the Executive Director of the Red Cross here in Northwest Florida. He is a native of Gainesville retired from the Navy after 31 years of service. Jerry's final tour was as Command Master Chief at Naval Air Station, Pensacola.

Jerry spoke about both hurricane preparedness and provided an update on relief efforts following extreme flooding experienced by Northwest Florida on April 30<sup>th</sup>. With regard to hurricane preparedness, Jerry talked about the American Red Cross Ready Rating program. The Ready Rating program is a free, self-guided program designed to help businesses, organizations and schools become better prepared for emergencies. Members complete a 123-point self-assessment of their level of preparedness and have access to tools, tips and best practices to help improve their level of preparedness. More information is available at [www.ReadyRating.org](http://www.ReadyRating.org).

An update on relief efforts since the flooding experienced in northwest Florida at the end of April was on everyone's mind.

Jerry explained how the areas' non-profit agencies all work well together to meet the needs of the community in times of disaster. Jerry contrasted the needs found "post-hurricane" with those of "post-flood" emergencies. With hurricanes, supplies can be pre-positioned while the April flooding was unpredictable. Damage from hurricanes is widespread with power, water and food shortages over large areas. With the flooding, damage is severe, but tends to be very localized meaning vital services were maintained in large areas. After Hurricane Ivan, 70 emergency response vehicles were utilized, where only 6 were used after recent flooding. Escambia County experienced the most damage of the five western most counties in the panhandle. Jerry told us that groups of volunteer relief workers from out of town are generally coordinated by Emergency Operations in the county. He added that Rebuild Northwest Florida is available to help with remediation after the floods. The raffle may have been a bit anemic, but the our program certainly was not!

After thanking Jerry for an informative program, President David thanked everyone who made today's meeting possible and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Lewis

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ There are still oncoming tales about "the flood." Bill Dollarhide's musical theatre took much damage, and Elebash's took on water and lost carpeting. Ted Nickinson and Will Merrill narrowly escaped residential damage when "a river" swept nearby, totaling substantial homes and driveways.
- ❖ Didja remember that Tom Birdwell once was part owner of the Pensacola Zoo? Or that Ted Brown was the author of the idea for the weekly lottery? Ted's bride, Kathleen, was our first lady member.
- ❖ Nathan Kahn, often given the title of Mayor of Palafox Street has relocated his office...to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- ❖ As we look at historical trivia approaching the club centennial, you might note that in 100 years two men have served more than one term as president, three had short terms, and one was about to be installed when death claimed him. And we've had fourteen secretaries, the longest serving being Roland Gessert (1963-77).

## 2013-2014 Club Officers

◆ President	David Stafford
◆ Past President	Innes C. Richards
◆ President Elect	John Shaffer
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
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◆ Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
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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  
June 3rd through June 9th

**Erin Sammis** – June 4  
born in Florence, SC, in Rotary 2 years

**Charlie Wiggins** – June 6  
born in Great Lakes, IL, in Rotary 11 years

**Bob Hart Jr.** – June 7  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 39 years

**Blair Croke** - June 7  
born in Tallahassee, FL, in Rotary 19 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### 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

### June 3

Greeters: William Elebash and Evon Emerson  
Ticket Sales: Roger Enzor and Robert Fargo

### June 10

Greeters: Michael Ferguson and Jack Fleming  
Ticket Sales: DeDe Flounlacker and George Fox

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