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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

A warm and muggy August day was in full swing as Downtown Rotarians strolled into the meeting to be greeted by Jimmy Jones and Charles Kahn as Dale Jordan and Dante Kahn sold a few raffle tickets.

President-elect Andrea Krieger was getting some podium practice as she stood in for President John and expertly brought the meeting to order with a bang of the bell. Scott Grissett led all in the prayer and pledge.

Andrea reminded the membership that RILA youth camp applications can be submitted so if you have a worthy 10<sup>th</sup> grade student please consider applying – the Club provides scholarships.

The \$44 raffle was won by Alan Moore and a gaggle of members won some tickets to the upcoming Wahoo's baseball game.

Always reminding us that Louisiana is just a few states away Sally Fox delivered a dose of Sunshine expertly recognizing our guests, military, and birthday boys and girls.

Bob Larkin introduced our program – Andrew Kent and attorney and advisor with Saltmarsh, Cleveland and Gund, who gave us an update on the progress (or lack of progress actually) on the business economic loss (BEL) settlements coming as a result of the BP Deep Water Horizon accident in April 2010. Unfortunately, BEL claims make up 102,000 of the 282,000 claims and only 10,600 have been paid to date for approximately \$2.2 billion. Over 66,000 claims remain totaling a possible \$4-4.5 billion. The problem is the process to pay those claims has just recently restarted per court order but, as Andrew reported, continued litigation and appeals of the process is expected from BP. There is plenty of blame to go around – from the failed and overwhelmed initial claim process started by BP, to the one that followed which was even more of a PR nightmare... Mr. Fineberg's Gulf Coast Claims Facility which at one time employed thousands of claim adjusters but was completely subjective and non-transparent. The current "new" claim program started in 2011 and is administered by Mr. Juno in New Orleans. It was supposed to be

transparent and formula based – but BP soon became frustrated with paying claims to large law firms and other groups who could provide the onerous paperwork in order to get their claims paid when many small business were struggling with providing the documentation. The formulas were a problem too. By fall of 2012 and into 2013 the process was completely off track again and the process stopped in October 2013 and it was off to the courts again. BP was ordered by the court to start the process again in May 2014 under what now is called Policy 495 – Andrew says we have now come "full circle" with the BEL claims process as 495 is very subjective and not transparent (think the Fineberg plan). Basically, what you have is a hot mess and all claimants are going to suffer Andrew opined.

We adjourned shortly after 1:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt.

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Planning for the new Y appears to be proceeding, which means Bill Phillips will be having busy times ahead. Bill's career, from boyhood, was with YMCA.
- ❖ As we get ready for the club's centennial here are some statistics out of our past: a) Seven current members are descendents of charter members. b) The club has had seven men who became district governors, and c) In 100 years we've had twenty-two men and women serve as club secretaries.
- ❖ And you might remember this: The official club emblem is a gear wheel of six spokes or arms and 24 teeth or cogs. The rim supporting the cogs is intended to symbolize a common interest in community life. The 24 teeth are symbolic of trade and commerce, the arts and sciences, domestic and social life. The wheel revolves upon the axle of brotherhood.

## 2014-2015 Club Officers

◆ President	John Shaffer
◆ Past President	David Stafford
◆ President Elect	Andrea Krieger
◆ 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

Dave Rauch  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**Charles Gund** – August 12  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years

**Randy Butler** – August 16  
born in Century, FL, in Rotary 12 years

**Don Rushing** – August 16  
born in St. Petersburg, FL, in Rotary 37 years

**Roger Brown** – August 17  
born in Schenectady, NY, in Rotary 23 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### August

12 - IRIS, Jason Crawford  
19 - Baptist Health Care, Mark Faulkner  
26 - Football Predictions, Dan Shugart

### September

2 - Club Meeting  
9 - Lionfish, Rick O'Connor

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### August 12

Greeters: Nathan Kahn and Tim Kane  
Ticket Sales: Brendan Kelly and Chris Kelly

### August 19

Greeters: Gene Killinger and Jerry Kindle  
Ticket Sales: John Klocke and J. Klotz

## PRAYER & PLEDGE/SUNSHINE

### August 12

Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick  
Sunshine: Chris Kelly

### August 19

Prayer/Pledge: Betty Gail Peters  
Sunshine: Scott Grissett

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