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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

President John Schaffer called the meeting to order and led the 4 Way Test. He spoke to us about upcoming news regarding the Rotary Centennial Playground. There will be many opportunities for our members to become involved in this exciting project. We look forward to the upcoming presentation.

Morris Marx and Brian Masterson were cheerful greeters, while Trip & Jerry Maygarden did an awesome job of selling raffle tickets. Jean Silva was the lucky winner of the raffle. Rotarian Dale Jordan led us in the prayer and pledge. Rotarian Scott Grissett introduced our military guest -- Lt. Nathan Casper, who was presented with a mug and a large round of applause for his service. He also introduced our guests, Winn Boyles and Tan Nguyen. Scott also announced our members who were celebrating birthdays this week and led us in singing "Happy Birthday You All". Dr. Roberts was happy to announce that he has a new Great Granddaughter as of last week. A healthy 8 ½ lb girl named Harper Elizabeth Winn. Congratulations to Dr. Roberts and his family.

Rotarian Sandra Smith did an excellent job of introducing our guest speaker – Lois Benson. Her many credits include: Member of the Board of the Arts Council, Chair of the Pensacola Opera, Chair of the

upcoming FOO-FOO Festival (mark your calendars – it's in November). She is also a member of the Board at ECUA and was a key player in the decision to move the Water Treatment Facility from Main Street to the area near the Gulf Power Plant.

Ms. Benson spoke to us about some of the many problems that the ECUA has faced and will face in the future. She also told us about the ECUA's plans to address these problems. She led out by saying that not many people could go from FOO-FOO to POO-POO, which received much laughter. Her speech was then interrupted by a rendition of TAPS, coming from the adjoining meeting room. She gracefully resumed after the performance of TAPS, and discussed some of the many issues caused by Hurricane Ivan 10 years ago today. She also spoke about the many problems caused by the recent floods and the heroic efforts of members of the ECUA staff, who rescued a woman from a flooded car, and the ECUA members who went from roof top to roof top to assist people who had moved into their attics to escape the floods. Many of us were affected by the floods in one way or another. At this point, she was again interrupted by a very loud speaker from next door. She bravely continued – outtalking the other speaker until an adjustment was made in their microphone, which

caused yet another interruption. Again she continued and spoke about the recent fight between the ECUA and the DEP regarding tunnels for the protected mice on Perdido Key to cross the road. The tunnels would cost the ECUA approximately \$1 million dollars, which they believe could be better spent on other projects, including improving some of the 1000 miles of sewer line in the area. When a cell phone rang, she laughed and said "It's going to be that kind of speech". Kudos to Ms. Benson on her sense of humor and grace. She continued on and told us about the ECUA's efforts to improve their recycling system. The ECUA & County, along with the Private Sector have reached a tentative agreement to build a plant and recycle in Pensacola.

President John Schaffer then called the meeting to an end.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Longworth



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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
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of September 23rd through September 29th

Maria Goldberg – September 23 – born in Hopewell, VA, in Rotary 13 years

Trey Manderson – September 23 – born in Kosciusko, MS, in Rotary 6 years

Jorge Pelaez – September 27 – born in Lujan Argentina, in Rotary 4 years

Will Merrill – September 28 – born in Boston, MA, in Rotary 46 years

George "Ray" Fox – September 29 – born in Providence, RI, in Rotary 3 years

Innes Richards – September 29 – born in Washington, DC, in Rotary 16 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September

23 - District Governor, Dave Rauch

30 - Lakeview, Gary Bemby

October

7 - Navy League, Mark Harden

14 - Mayoral Candidates

21 - Circuit Judges

28 - UWF College of Business, Dr. Ed Ranelli

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

September 23

Greeters: Bryan McCall and Glenn McDonald

Ticket Sales: Rex McKinney and Norris McMahon

September 30

Greeters: Ed Meadows and Lori Menke

Ticket Sales: Collier Merrill and Will Merrill

PRAYER & PLEDGE/SUNSHINE

September 23

Prayer/Pledge: Shawn Brantley

Sunshine: Scott Grissett

September 30

Prayer/Pledge: Randy Jackson

Sunshine: Scott Grissett

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