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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

Happy New Year! The January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Downtown Rotary should have put you in the spirit for a great 2015 with sunshine and blue skies overhead and Mike Layton giving you warm greetings at the door. As we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the meeting served as a poignant reminder of our purpose – service above self.

Increasing your chances for a lucky year, Tim Kane and Claudia Simmons sold raffle tickets with Roger McDonald taking home the \$50 jackpot. Following the delicious meal, John Shaffer called us to order and made certain that we did not forget the four-way test over the long holiday break. Afterward, Dale Jordan led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. (Thanks to Leonard Swartz, the flag was upright and steady.)

Announcements included a celebratory cheer for the \$307,000 that was raised by our ringers for the Salvation Army. Thanks go to all who shook those bells for such a worthy cause. Innes Richards reminded us of the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute in Panama City on January 17 and encouraged our participation. Reminding us of our commitment to service, Jerry Maygarden gave us the Rotary Minute in which he paid tribute to the many years of service his father rendered and the values he instilled in his son – “Roll up your sleeves, find your place, bring a friend, and

get busy!”

Bringing us spiritual sunshine again in this new year, Grover Robinson introduced Kevin VanBatavia, a Naval flight officer from NAS and led us in the birthday song for the January celebrants. Keeping us in the upbeat mood, President Shaffer introduced our speaker, Paula Shell, president of “Big Brothers, Big Sisters.”

What better way is there to give service than to positively impact the life of a child! Paula told us of her experience running into an attorney in Atlanta whose life had been turned around by a *Big*, a name for the mentors giving service. In the words of the *Little*, “In the absence of a male role model in my home, he taught me how to be a man and how to look people in the eye and give them a firm handshake.”

Paula then turned the microphone over to a successful *Big/Little* team that stole our hearts. Jared Moore, a businessman and former teacher from Tate High School, introduced us to his friend of over eleven years, Fernell Gardner. Together they have forged a relationship that inspires others to serve. Having both grown and matured over those eleven years, Fern has learned from Jared’s example the value of a strong work ethic and dedication to improvement. Supplementing the voice of Fern’s devoted mother, Jared has

motivated Fern to work hard at his job while pursuing further education in college. The strong relationship continues to this day. There are currently 200 *Littles* on a waiting list in our area. Paula would like us to not only consider being a *Big*, but also spread the word so those 200 don’t have to wait very long. Young citizens like Fernell can’t help but improve our community.

With continued service in mind, John adjourned the meeting.

Respectively submitted,  
Beverly Patteson



## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Bob Stott: Bob served a short stint on active duty in the Navy and then went on to retire as a Surface Warfare Officer in the Naval Reserve. He enjoyed and treasured his time with the Navy and has some great sea stories!

He also retired from a 28 year career as a commercial banker in Hawaii. He joined the bank when it only had about \$350 million in assets and saw it grow to a \$5 billion institution. He generally worked with individuals and small businesses to find the right bank products for them.

Now he is mostly retired, but still oversees a large real estate portfolio here in Florida, and, to exercise his brain, he also does tax work as an Enrolled Agent. This work includes tax consulting, audit representation and tax preparation.

He moved to Pensacola in August from Hawaii primarily to be closer to Europe and Mexico, where he would like to travel to more often. He lives in the Blue Angel Lake area of Pensacola and is looking for ways to get more involved in the community.

He first joined Rotary in 1998 and is a past president of his most recent club, the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu. He looks forward to joining the Rotary Club of Pensacola.

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ When Nathan Kahn won the lottery for the SEVENTH time, he proudly displayed the collection of prior winning tickets, kept in his wallet. Roger MacDonald may be challenging that record.
- ❖ Jonathon Griffith says that the planning for the WAHOOS season is well advanced. Play begins April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Hats off to Dave Del Gallo for his role in building the new Suter School. It looks like a classic.
- ❖ Give Jerry Maygarden three cheers for his meeting opener on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The combination religious-service theme set the scene for our year.
- ❖ Frank Beall’s “final sermon” this month was much applauded. Parishioners hope he may reconsider and keep preaching.
- ❖ As the club begins its centennial year, one historical note from 1915 was that then – instead of aldermen – we had THREE city commissioners. Adolph Greenhut was our mayor.

## 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  
January 13th through January 19th

*Abe Singh* – January 15 – born in Honolulu, HI, in Rotary 4 years  
*Sally Fox* - January 17 – born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 21 years  
*Leanne Todd* – January 17 – born in Dothan, AL, in Rotary 6 years  
*Mort O'Sullivan* – January 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 31 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### January

13 - Local Topics, Rick Outzen  
20 - Arc Gateway, Charles Brewer  
27 - County Administration, Jack Brown (tentative)

### February

3 - Metro Market Trends, Al Muller  
10 - Humane Society, Sara Hunile  
17 - Pensacola Chamber, Jerry Maygarden  
24 - Global Corner, Lee Hanson

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### January 13

Greeter: Joe Rosenbaum  
Ticket Sales: Scott Sallis and Erin Sammis

### January 20

Greeter: Gary Sammons and Donn Scott  
Ticket Sales: Terry Scruggs and John Shaffer

## CENTENNIAL CLUB MEMBERS

John Appleyard/Appleyard Foundation, Charles Beall, Frank Beall, Robert Benz, Alan Bookman, The Warren Ted Brown and Kathy Horton-Brown Family Foundation, Inc., Handsel Butts, Bo Carter, Vince Currie, Lew Doman, Earl Hutto, C.Ray Jones, Andrea Krieger, Nell & Britt Landrum, Carol Law, Moore, Hill & Westmoreland, P.A., Jean Norman, Susan O'Connor, Jorge Pelaez, Bill Phillips, Henry & Jane Roberts, Grover Robinson, John Shaffer, William Stafford, Margaret Stopp, Roger Vinson, Doug Werber

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