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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

Rotarians received a cheerful greeting today from Joe Rosenbaum and Martin Harwood. Gary Sammons and Marty Longworth sold many raffle tickets. President John called the meeting to order and kicked off the meeting with the Four-Way test. Shawn Brantley led the prayer and pledge. President John began announcements by congratulating Erin Sammis on her new job with Opera Philadelphia. RYLA is filling up quickly for the Spring retreat. He also mentioned that the Rotary Club of Pensacola Community Grants process is open, and the grant deadline is Monday, March 2, 2015. This year's *Rotary Club of Pensacola: Community Grant Guidelines and Application for Support* form will be emailed to everyone in the Club. Please share the application with any charitable 501(c)3 organization that may wish to request our support.

Ed Ranelli announced that the committee is accepting nominations for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual CROP Ethics in Business Awards. Nomination deadline is April 1, and the luncheon will be May 4. Innes Richards encouraged Rotarians to attend the January 31 Rotary Leadership Institute event here in Pensacola. The Club will pay for ten members to attend. President John announced that plans for

Centennial Park are coming along well, and the City Council is considering a grant for \$48K for landscaping.

Today a fortunate Rotarian won the \$59 raffle. Mr. Sunshine, Richard Sherrill, amongst a few jokes, welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians. He then announced those with birthdays and led the club in singing Happy Birthday, accompanied by John Appleyard on harmonica.

Collier Merrill introduced today's keynote speaker, Rick Outzen. Mr. Outzen is publisher/owner of the Pensacola Independent News, reporter, author of the book "I'm That Guy", and writer of Rick's Blog. He is passionate that words matter. He shared with the audience that there is much optimism today in the city and county. However, he warns, we were in the same place four years ago, and over the next three years, it imploded. His question to the audience was "Can we learn to circle the wagons and not shoot at ourselves in the circle?"

Last year the area had a tremendous amount of announcements about forthcoming new jobs; 8000 jobs were promised. Now the area needs to deliver those jobs and have the people with the

skills to fill them. He also mentioned the United Way research that shows that 40% of households in the county are working hard but are barely making it. Mr. Outzen spoke of the development in the City at the airport, port, and fish hatchery (10 jobs). He said the County has the youngest county commission in years, and they are working toward solutions for issues such as storm water. The Escambia County school system is planning for booming growth near Navy Federal. Moreover, ECUA and the City are dealing with decaying infrastructure. Mr. Outzen advised that our role is to keep our eye on community leaders and make sure these important topics stay in the forefront of discussion. He is excited about seeing what doing on downtown – growth and development.

Mr. Outzen closed his remarks saying, "I'm going to be writing more. Be warned." There being no further business; President John adjourned the meeting thanking everyone for his or her service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Hartnett

## 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

- ❖ Didjknow that humorist Scott Griffith is much involved with Little League baseball here?
- ❖ Jack Fleming is one of the latest of our club members to sport a walking stick. "An ounce of prevention" the doctor has often told patients.
- ❖ Looking ahead six months to when she will be club president, Andrea Krieger hopes to generate more actions that will allow members to know one another better. "We're a large membership," she said. "And it's important to do a better job of personal communicating."
- ❖ Ed Meadows is viewing national hopes for community colleges in light of all our PSC is doing today. Meadows is the latest in the unbroken string that has seen every local college president as a member of this club.
- ❖ Publicity says that Erin Sammis and the Opera will add even more fun this year with some Gilbert & Sullivan presentations.
- ❖ Something to remember: NAS Pensacola was just fourteen months old when our club was chartered.

## 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 20th through January 26th

*Chuck Michaels* – January 21 - born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 15 years  
*George Biggs* – January 23 - Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 16 years  
*Al Coby* - January 23 - Muskogee, OK, in Rotary for 27 years  
*Ron Jackson* – January 23 - Marianna, FL, in Rotary for 16 years  
*Courtney Dell* – January 24 - Birmingham, AL – in Rotary for 6 years  
*David Aronson* - January 26 - Forest Hills, NY – in Rotary for 42 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### January

20 - Arc Gateway, Charles Brewer  
27 - Club Meeting, John Shaffer

### February

3 - Real Estate Trends, Al Muller  
10 - Humane Society, Sara Hunile  
17 - Chamber Foundation, Jerry Maygarden  
24 - Global Corner, Lee Hanson

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### January 20

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

### January 27

Greeters: Judy Shelton and Roger Sherman  
Ticket Sales: Charles Sherrill, Jr. and Charles Sherrill, Sr.

## 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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