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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

A taste of spring in the air made most want to play hooky but Downtown Rotarians gleefully strolled into the meeting to be greeted by John Trawick at the door.

President John brought the full house to order with a clang of the bell as Dale Jordan led all in the prayer and pledge. The big news of the day was that the club's actual, no kidding, 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was Monday 9 March. So, back in 1915, a group of local businessmen came together at dinner (costing \$1.00 each) to create only the 162<sup>nd</sup> Rotary Club in the United States. Happy Birthday Club!!

A few announcements included that the district meeting will be held in May at Calloway Gardens and that there are sponsorships available in addition to the opportunity to participate as a Rotarian. Election of club officers was completed and we will welcome our new leadership this summer at the change of command – thanks to those in Club leadership positions. There was a moment of silence for long-time club member Bill Whilshire who recently passed away after a long illness. One last comment

was that there are a few RYLA spots remaining for those who may have an interested high school student interested.

To really celebrate the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday means of course that the Rotary Rooters had to perform. To the delight of all, they did not disappoint and took to the stage post haste. Combining a little 1915 history with a few of the popular tunes of the day, Rotarians (many who had attended that first meeting in 1915 and are remarkably well preserved) thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excited about the future after 1915 which will include indoor plumbing, electricity, and air conditioning.

One of those not at the 1915 kick-off was Charles Beall but he was here to spread a little Sunshine expertly recognized our guests, birthday boys and girls, and our military guests.

The \$60 raffle was won by a very excited Francis Yeo who was sold tickets earlier at the door by the Turners – Hill and Paula.

Bob Larkin introduced our program – an overview of the Ronald McDonald House by

their director Judy Burns. Judy, who has been the director since 2011, discussed the mission the house which is providing assistance and accommodations to the families of those with children receiving critical care or emergency treatment by the medical community (most common cause was premature birth). Located directly adjacent to Sacred Heart hospital, the newly constructed (2010) facility assisted over 1151 families (2,443 people) in 2014 (up from 331 in 2009!!). As a video she played attested to, often these families stay for weeks or months as their children receive treatment. The actual house is a place where after an exhausting day of providing care at the hospital they can recuperate, enjoy a prepared meal, and rest. Each family has separate bedroom and bath with access to common areas and even a playground for siblings. The Ronald McDonald House is 100% donation funded. For additional information or to volunteer call 477-2273 or visit their website.

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

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ See where Bobby Switzer and family have joined David Bear's clan in making a handsome contribution to the building of the new YMCA.
- ❖ Maybe the club ought to have Gary Sammons as a speaker to detail Gulf Power's venture into solar power.
- ❖ When we sang Happy Birthday to Frank Beall recently, Frank was passing another landmark...EIGHTY!
- ❖ Didjaknow that Bill and Jim Dickerson's clan were BIG lumber mill operators when our club was chartered? Or...that our membership has added 116 men and women since 2000? How many are still with us?
- ❖ Brian Masterson reports that Jerry Pate Turf and Management has been given the national COLB CAR Award for excellence, a top recognition.
- ❖ See where Tom Owens has joined the board of Covenant Hospice.

## CENTENNIAL CLUB MEMBERS

John Appleyard/Appleyard Foundation, Brian Baumgardner, Charles Beall, Frank Beall, Robert Benz, Alexis Bolin, Alan Bookman, The Warren Ted Brown and Kathy Horton-Brown Family Foundation, Inc., Handsel Butts, Bo Carter, Vince Currie, Lew Doman, Roger Enzor, Bob Gaines, Donald Haferkamp, Earl Hutto, C.Ray Jones, Douglas Killinger, Andrea Krieger, Nell & Britt Landrum, Carol Law, Moore, Hill & Westmoreland, P.A., Jean Norman, Susan O'Connor, Chris Pate, Lyal C. Payne, Jorge Pelaez, Bill Phillips, Henry & Jane Roberts, Grover Robinson, John Shaffer, Jean Silva, David Stafford, William Stafford, Margaret Stopp, Roger Vinson, Doug Werber, Ken Woolf

## 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  
March 17th through March 23rd

*Andrea Krieger* – March 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 11 years

*DeDe Flounlacker* – March 17 – born in Blountsville, AL, in Rotary 3 years

*Wylie Hogeman* – March 20 - born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 17 years

*Lew Doman* – March 21 - born in Alton, IL, in Rotary 48 years

*Ric Nickelsen* – March 21 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### March

17 - Orthopedic Biologics, Adam Anz

24 - DECA, Carla Ross

31 - Catholic Charities, Chris Root

## GREETERS & TICKET SALES

### March 17

Greeters: Milton Usry and Roger Vinson

Ticket Sales: Doug Werber and Charlie Wiggins

### March 24

Greeters: Jack Williams and Denise Windham

Ticket Sales: Ed Wonders and Ken Woolf

## PRAYER & PLEDGE/SUNSHINE

### March 17

Prayer & Pledge: Earl Hutto

Sunshine: Grover Robinson

### March 24

Prayer & Pledge: Roger Vinson

Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

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