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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

It was a sunny and beautiful spring day in downtown Pensacola outside, and Rotarians and guests were greeted with a warm smile and a firm handshake from Rotarian Dave Aronson who greeted all Rotarians and guests. Once inside, Bret Barrow sold raffle tickets.

President Shaffer was away so past President, Innes Richards, reprised her former position as club president in his absence and called our meeting to order. Innes led Rotarians in reciting the Four Way Test. She then called upon Rotarian Robert Mills to lead us in prayer. Thereafter, Robert led the club in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Innes then asked Rotarian John Tice to draw the winning raffle ticket which was worth \$55 and was won by Kathy Horton-Brown.

Rotarian Scott Grissett was then called to the podium to provide some sunshine and introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests of Rotarians. There were no military guests at the meeting this week. Rotarian Handsel Butts was the only Rotarian celebrating a birthday (and 52 years of ) who was in attendance and the club serenaded him with a rousing version of "Happy Birthday Handsel."

Rotarian Richards then called upon Rotarian John Tice to discuss the Centennial Park Playground project. Rotarian Tice told the club that the planning committee had met with the contractors to finalize and prioritize final

elements of phase one of the construction of the Centennial Playground Park. Projected funding for the playground is at \$600,000 which will mean that not all elements of the project will be included in the initial construction. Specifically, the clock tower and observation deck envisioned will add about \$200,000 to \$250,000 to the project cost. Instead, a simple clock tower without the observation deck and bridge will be constructed.

At present, current fund raising puts funding at approximately \$500,000 leaving approximately \$100,000 left to make the minimum goal for phase one of \$600,000. Several committees are seeking additional funding from different sources including individual donations (participation) by at least 100 club members (approximately 75 Downtown Rotary members have pledged at least \$1,000 each), contributions from other Pensacola area Rotary clubs, corporate participation from entities associated with the Community Maritime Park and the Pensacola Blue Wahoos and from various foundations and individual philanthropists.

At present, significant elements of the project will have to be left out unless additional funding in the approximate amount of \$400,000 can be identified. These elements include the area of the playground for children ages 2 - 5 and the clock tower and observation deck cannot be restored to the initial construction without

additional funding. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a major partner in the Centennial Playground, they should contact John Shaffer or John Tice for additional information.

Rotarian Innes then recognized Sherry Hartnet who briefed the club on the club's Community Grants Committee. As in past years, the committee has approximately \$10,000 in funds available for community grants. The committee is working hard to review the applications of various community organizations for grants which total \$80,000. The committee is working hard to fund these worthy requests, but clearly have some difficult choices.

Rotarian Innes then spoke about the Group Exchange Program and international projects of our club. She related the gratitude of the people of Gurdur India for the desks that were provided along with fresh water from a Rotary well. The Rotary Club of Gurdur partnered with our club to make these projects a reality. Rotarians Innes Richards and Jean Norman were able to visit the community and bring us pictures of the new desks and students who are using them as well as the benefits of clean water.

Rotarian Innes thanked all those Rotarians who helped make today's meeting a success, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Lewis

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Betty Roberts can feel proud that her broad-based blood service began in a simple Palafox Street store sixty-seven years ago.
- ❖ Ted Nickinson's making good use of spare minutes serving as a mentor for a toddler who's having trouble learning to read.
- ❖ The Club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary has some member links to years past:

Gary Sammons' Gulf Power Company was organized in 1925 (and began service a year later with just 6,700 customers across the panhandle.)

Randy Jackson's First Presbyterian Church had its birth in 1845...the year Florida became a state

And this month dates back to 1887 when David Stafford's department was created by state edict.

## 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, Wylie Hogeman; Earl Hutto, C.Ray Jones, Dale Jordan, Charles Kahn, Jr., Douglas Killinger, Andrea Krieger, Nell & Britt Landrum, Carol Law, Bryan McCall, Collier Merrill, Will Merrill, Robert Mills, Moore, Hill & Westmoreland, P.A., Jean Norman, Susan O'Connor, Mort O'Sullivan, Chris Pate, Lylal C. Payne, Jorge Pelaez, Bill Phillips, Henry & Jane Roberts, Grover Robinson, Bob Rogers, John Shaffer, Jean Silva, David Stafford, William Stafford, Margaret Stopp, Malcolm Thomas, John Tice, Roger Vinson, Doug Werber and 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  
April 14th through April 20th

*Henry Roberts* – April 14 – born in Selma, AL, in Rotary 7 years

*David Stafford* – April 16 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 8 years

*Ted Brown* – April 16 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 35 years

*Edwin Roberts D.C.* – April 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 29 years

*Scott Grissett* – April 17 – born in Atmore, AL, in Rotary 5 years

*Claudia Simmons* – April 18 – born in Tallahassee, FL, in Rotary 6 years

*Brendan Kelly* – April 21 – born in Flint, MI, in Rotary 1 year

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### April

14 - IMPACT 100, Cyndi Warren

21 - Centennial Playground Groundbreaking @ 10:00 a.m.

21 - ECARE, John Hosman

28 - Chain Reaction, Kristin Fairchild

## GREETERS & TICKET SALES

### April 14

Greeters: Scott Barrow

Ticket Sales: Brian Baumgardner and Charles Beall

## PRAYER & PLEDGE/SUNSHINE

### April 14

Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick

Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

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