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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing on September 8, 2015 under warm summer skies.

Rotarians were greeted at the door by Tim Kane taking him away from his watchful eye over raffle ticket sales which were ably handled by Chris Kelley and Brendan Kelly.

President Andrea called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test. Earl Hutto was called to the podium to lead the club in prayer and the pledge to the flag. Andrea then provided updates on the travels of District Governor Leon Hirsch. Innes Richards was then called to the podium and announced the Rotary Foundation seminar to be held at PSC this coming Saturday. President Andrea then called Trudy O'Brien to the podium. Trudy serves as the Executive Director of Capstone Adaptive – a Rotary grant recipient. Trudy mentioned the specific equipment that her organization will purchase with the proceeds of the grant – more evidence of the good deeds carried out thanks to the generosity and giving spirit of club members.

Gary Sammons was then called to the podium to introduce our newest member, Verdel Hawkins. Verdel and his family relocated from Mississippi where he was employed with Mississippi Power. He has held various positions with Gulf Power and its affiliate to the west and now serves as Customer Relations Manager. After accepting his official club membership packet Verdel was asked to meet members at the door at the conclusion of the meeting.

The attendance of several Gulf Power employees was just the ticket to announce the winner of the Sandra Robinson award. Award recipient Stan Connolly has made a tremendous impact with his service to the community at the local, regional and state levels. The Gulf Power executive has been running hard since he relocated to Pensacola 3 short years ago. Stan truly lives service above self in a manner similar to the late Grover and Sandra Robinson.

Madison Currin was then called to the podium to deliver a strong dose of Sunshine. Madison bravely tackled his assignment and jumped into 2 jokes with an Irish spin which were well received by the group. He introduced Harold Paul and members of his family. Harold and his wife recently traveled to Pensacola from their home in Bozeman, Montana which is a 2,280 mile journey as Harold informed the group. Harold and clan were in town for the recent 60th anniversary of his company – congratulations Harold! Madison then led the club in a rendition of Happy Birthday You all with harmonic accompaniment from John Appleyard. The raffle pot of a whopping \$83 was carted off by Skip Furlong. Apparently Skip has been a frequent recipient of raffle proceeds recently and calls were made from the floor for further investigation by our police chief who was in attendance.

DeeDee Flounlacker was then called to the podium to introduce today's program – newly appointed Pensacola Police Department Chief David Alexander. Chief Alexander has enjoyed a 32 year career as a law enforcement officer which equips him well for the challenge of

running a sizeable law enforcement agency. David stated that his goal is to run a 21st century organization and maintain a successful equilibrium between the public's safety needs and their expectation for the delivery of the service necessary to protect them. David feels it is his task to keep his force up to speed with the tools required to carry out their responsibilities juggling that need with applicable budget constraints. His officers must be aware that any encounter with the public could well be saved for posterity and posted on social media thanks to current technology. He stresses the need to evaluate and re-evaluate all interactions with the public in order to continue refining their skills via training and knowledge of procedures. Chief Alexander noted the disturbing trend of society treating violence as entertainment which creates the occurrence of more violent encounters. He also stressed the importance of citizens and neighborhoods to take responsibility for personal and community safety – things as simple as locking car doors and placing identification on personal belongings can go a long way to deter criminal activity. Getting to know your neighbors before you have a problem is always a good idea. David then fielded several questions from the floor which were dutifully answered.

President Andrea thanked Chief Alexander and presented him with a token of the fine club china. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Blaise Adams

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., Ellis Bullock, Jr., Handsel Butts, Bo Carter, Vince Currie, Lew Doman, Roger Enzor, Ray Fox, Bob Gaines, Scott Grissett, Donald Haferkamp, Robert D. Hart, Sherry Hartnett, Wylie Hogeman, Earl Hutto, C.Ray Jones, Dale Jordan, Charles Kahn, Jr., Chris Kelly, Douglas Killinger, Andrea Krieger, Nell & Britt Landrum, Carol Law, Jeff Lewis, Brian Masterson, Jerry Maygarden, Trip Maygarden, Bryan McCall, Lori Menke, Collier Merrill, Will Merrill, Robert Mills, Moore, Hill & Westmoreland, P.A., Eric J. Nickelsen, Jean Norman, Susan O'Connor, Mort O'Sullivan, Bruce Partington, Chris Pate, Lyal C. Payne, Jorge Pelaez, Betty Gail Peters, Bill Phillips, Innes Richards, Henry & Jane Roberts, Grover Robinson, Bob Rogers, John Shaffer, Judy Shelton, Dick Sherrill, Richard N. Sherrill, Jean Silva, David Stafford, William Stafford, Jim Stolhanske, Margaret Stopp, Terry Terrell, Malcolm Thomas, John Tice, Roger Vinson, Doug Werber, Jack Williams and Ken Woolf

2015-2016 Club Officers

◆ President	Andrea Krieger
◆ Past President	John Shaffer
◆ President Elect	Brian Baumgardner
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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

Leon Hirsh
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Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
September 15th through September 21st

Tommy Smith – September 16
born in Fayetteville, NC, in Rotary 4 years

Betty Gail Peters – September 17
born in Knoxville, TN, in Rotary 18 years

William Dickerson – September 19
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years

Susan O'Connor – September 21
born in Quincy, IL, in Rotary 13 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September

15 - Tallahassee Rotary Club, Larry Kubiak, PhD
22 - The Future of Civic Engagement in America, Stephen Black
29 - Hot Topics & Members in the Know

October

6 - Studer Properties, Andrew Rothfeder

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

September 15

Prayer/Pledge: Roger Vinson
Sunshine: Jimmy Jones

September 22

Prayer/Pledge: Randy Jackson
Sunshine: Charles Beall

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Bob Palmer's daughter, a Navy chaplain and ordained minister, presided at a family wedding over the Labor Day Weekend. Everyone was proud!
- ❖ Nathan Kahn is actively trying to solve The Mystery of the Two Red Books, volumes of Ordon's advertising. He will appreciate any help anyone might give.
- ❖ Sorry to report that Ken Woolf was hospitalized briefly from a minor accident. He's now doing fine.
- ❖ When our club was formed Pensacola's government was via a three-man commission. The three rotated roles annually, one always being "the strong mayor". That system remained in place for eighteen years.

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