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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held under gray winter skies on January 26, 2016 at New World Landing.

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea who led the group in the Four Way Test. Jean Norman was called to the podium to lead the group in prayer and the pledge to our flag.

Andrea then announced that community grants are open and directed members to the club's Facebook page and website for additional information. The deadline for submission of requests is March 1. The group was informed that the Rotary Against Hunger effort needs 40 volunteers to assist in the February 27 event at Manna Food Bank.

The drawing for the raffle pot was then carried out for a pot of \$37 and the lucky winner was Sherry Hartnett.

Andrea then called Richard Sherrill to the podium for Sunshine. Hats off to Richard for valiantly accepting a last minute "invitation" to handle this challenging duty. Richard

performed flawlessly on 2 jokes although at the expense of NCAA National Champion coach Nick Saban and offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin. Richard then introduced 1 guest of a Rotarian and 2 visiting Rotarians. He then led the group with harmonic accompaniment in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday You All.

Andrea then recognized letters of appreciation from the University of West Florida and Gulf Coast Kid's House for recent grants received from our club.

Scott Grissett was then called to the podium to introduce our program, Randolph Russell, who recently authored a book entitled "American History in No Time". In addition to penning this great book, Randolph is also an accomplished musician and historian and has presented to over 40 Rotary clubs. Randolph explained that citizens must understand our history in order to appreciate the liberties that we enjoy. Lack of knowledge of fundamental American history

is profound and widespread throughout all age and income brackets. This has been verified through surveys of college students and random polls. These studies indicate that 70% of those polled/surveyed do not know that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land indicating that our connection to our heritage is fading. Randolph stated that the history of our country is a fascinating story that can enrich our lives and that a better understanding of our history makes us better citizens and voters. The group was then treated to Randolph's exquisite musical skills as he wowed us with his saxophone and played a jazzy version of America the Beautiful – what a treat!

President Andrea thanked Randolph for his presentation and honored him with a sample of our fine club china. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
M. Blaise Adams

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Mike Ferguson's passing through some interesting Army times (as are leaders with ranking naval backgrounds). Changes in our military would make a highly interesting club program.
- ❖ When the club heard the program concerning Nemours physicians and Pensacola our own Dr. Jimmy Jones didn't get the mention he deserves. Jimmy's been a cornerstone of the service for a long time.
- ❖ When the club passed into 1916 the president, William Fisher, continued on, being the only one in 100 years to have a consecutive two year term. Once other, Max Bear, had TWO terms, but some years apart.
- ❖ When the Freedom Foundation presented its annual awards January 26<sup>th</sup> club members Jack Fleming, Collier Merrill and John Appleyard were among the recipients.

## WHATS HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### February

2	Noon	Regular Meeting
2	1:00 p.m.	Literary Committee Meeting (if needed)
9	Noon	Regular Meeting
9	4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office
16	Noon	Regular Meeting
23	Noon	Regular Meeting
27	8:00 a.m.	CROP –Rotary Against Hunger

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Rotary Club of Pensacola Community Grants Request form for 2016 is now online at [http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/page/community\\_grants/](http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/page/community_grants/) The application deadline is March 1, 2016.

## 2015-2016 Club Officers

◆ President	Andrea Krieger
◆ Past President	John Shaffer
◆ President Elect	Brian Baumgardner
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
◆ Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
◆ 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

**Leon Hirsh**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

**Innes Richards**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
February 2nd through February 8th

**Leonard Swartz** – February 3  
born in Brooklyn, NY, in Rotary 29 years

**Brian Masterson** – February 3  
born in Pensacola, in Rotary 12 years

**Gary Lee** – February 5  
born in Greensboro, AL, in Rotary 9 years

**Norris McMahon** – February 5  
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 10 years

**Ed Ranelli** – February 8  
born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 15 years

## GREETER/TICKET SALES

### February 2

Greeters: John Shaffer and Judy Shelton  
Ticket Sales: Charlie Sherrill, Jr.

### February 9

Greeters: Charlie Sherrill and Dick Sherrill  
Ticket Sales: Richard Sherrill

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### February 2

Prayer/Pledge: Clif Payne  
Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

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