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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 10/11/2016

The Rotary meeting on October 11th occurred on a beautiful 75 degree day with low humidity and wall-to-wall blue sky. Rex McKinney welcomed members and guests at the entrance to the New World Landing with a warm reception. Tim Kane, Claudia Simmons and Hill Turner offered lucky feeling members a chance to win the day's 50/50 jackpot. Each ticket came with a guaranteed outcome: one among all the tickets sold would be a winner and, regardless of winning or not, the opportunity to purchase a chance to stuff your wallet with cash was going to a good cause. Kerry Langley provided her normal "behind the scenes" support to ensure the meeting was off to a good start. It was a cheery day with lots of smiles and friendly greetings between members as lines formed for the luncheon buffet.

Our meeting was called to order by President Brian Baumgardner who then led us in reciting the Four Way Test. Hugh Hamilton led us in prayer and the Pledge of Alliance. We welcomed our newest member, Daniel ("Danny") Bozart. Danny is the Vice President of Sales with Central Wire Industries. New to the area with roots in North Carolina, he and his wife Amelia currently live in Milton. He would like to become involved in local business development and pursue a philanthropic path in the community. In addition to his varied professional background, being an author and trainer, and his volunteer activities in the past, he is an avid cyclist. As we also learned, he is a closet comedian. His

comments during his introduction immediately qualified him as a future sunshine speaker! Speaking of which, Madison Currin brought a bit of sunshine into the room for the day's meeting. He was in a jovial mood having won the \$43 jackpot even though he received the typical "enthusiastic" applause bestowed on whoever serves as the sunshine speaker.

Madison welcomed our four guests for the day: Dona Usny, Ken Fagan, Peter Heckathorn and Sheila Nichols. There were no military guests or visiting Rotarians. Madison attempted a bit of humor with a few remarks about the current national political scene and then a story about Little Johnny attempting to use the word "fascinate" in a sentence during his school class. After several attempts, Johnny finally got close with the punch line of "...she could only fasten eight of the 20 buttons on her sweater." You had to be there to catch the humorous context in which the phrase was used! Birthdays were recognized and – for the first time in quite a while thanks to the return of John Appleyard and his travelling harmonica – we all sang happy birthday on key.

The guest speaker for the day was Dr. Ed Meadows. Dr. Meadows has been the President of Pensacola State College (PSC) since 2008. He began his overview of PSC by recognizing several of the many Downtown Rotarians who have contributed to PSC's success by serving in numerous roles to support the College. Dr. Meadows also noted that the Downtown Club's donations to PSC

have provided 22 student scholarships to date. PSC originally began in 1948 as Pensacola Junior College located in the Aiken boarding house at the corner of Palafox and Cervantes streets. It had an initial enrollment of 136 students. Now, with six campuses throughout the Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, PSC's current enrollment is about 14,000 students.

PSC is nationally ranked in the top ten percent of affordable tuition, has earned six national accreditations and is well above the national average graduation rate for a college in its category. It offers many undergraduate degrees in a wide array of majors and broad fields of study. This includes a variety of Bachelor and Associate degrees plus corporate professional training, e-learning, collegiate high school, adult basic education, GED and continuing education programs. Seventeen of PSC's programs are nationally recognized. Roughly 60% of all students are part time and about 20% of total enrollment is connected to the military in some way, either as active, veteran or family members. Top enrollment programs include general studies (liberal arts), business, nursing, education and computer programming and analysis. Within the last area of study, Cyber Security is a fast growing, high demand degree resulting in graduates earning local starting salaries in the \$75,000 to \$80,000 range. PSC is truly one of Pensacola's "treasures" that we can all be proud to have in our community.

Randy Ray

NEW MEMBERS

Danny Bozart: Danny Bozart recently moved to the Pensacola area after living 17 years in Bradenton, FL. He is originally from Charlotte, NC. He is the Vice President of Sales for Central Wire Industries, LTD. He and his wife, Amelia, are excited to now call the Pensacola area home and are eager to be active in this wonderful community.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October

- 18 - SHINE, Tom Smith
- 25 - Special Events @ Maritime Park, Erik Wortendyke

November

- 1 - Economic Update, Dr. Rick Harper
- 7 - CROP Military Appreciation Luncheon
- 15 - MANNA, DeDe Flounlacker

2016-2017 Club Officers

◆ President	Brian Baumgardner
◆ Past President	Andrea Krieger
◆ President Elect	Sherry Hartnett
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
◆ Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
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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 - Check navarrerotary.org		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

District Governor

Roger Champion
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Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
OCTOBER 18th through OCTOBER 24th

Tom Owens – October 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years
Paul Tobin – October 24 – born in Detroit, Michigan, in Rotary 9 years
Gene Killinger – October 24 – born in Perry, FL, in Rotary 40 years

GREETER/TICKET SALES

October 18

Greeters: Collier Merrill and Will Merritt
Ticket Sales: Lori Menke and Clark Merritt

October 25

Greeters: Carl Mertins and Chuck Michaels
Ticket Sales: TBD

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

October 18

Prayer/Pledge: Clif Payne
Sunshine: Charles Beall

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

October (Economic and Community Development Month)

18	Noon	Regular Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office
25	Noon	Regular Meeting

November (Rotary Foundation Month)

1	Noon	Regular Meeting
7	Noon	CROP Military Appreciation Luncheon
8		Regular Meeting Cancelled due to CROP on 11/7
15	Noon	Regular Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office

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