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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 01/10/2017

Wow! It certainly felt like real winter for several days before this week's meeting, but the temperatures were on the rise and expected to be back up in the low 70's later in the week. After a warm welcome by our greeters, and a pass through the 50/50 ticket gauntlet, members enjoyed their lunch awaiting the official meeting start, which began about 12:15 following the second ring of the bell by President Sherry Hartnett.

Following the recital of the Four Way Test, Roger Vinson led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Early announcements included extending congratulations to Paul Tobin as the President Elect for 2016-17, the fifth year of the Ethics Awards to be held May 1<sup>st</sup> with nominations due March 31<sup>st</sup>, and a recognition of the "goodie bags" on member tables with an opportunity to provide service above self by supporting the Florida Mission of Mercy two day dental clinic March 24-25. This clinic provides free dental care to the underserved and uninsured. Numerous volunteer positions are available, including non-medical related opportunities to support this important event. For more information and/or sign up, call 800.877.9922 or go online at [flamom@floridadental.org](mailto:flamom@floridadental.org).

The 50/50 raffle had a winning jackpot of \$33. Mr. Sunshine – always a popular job – was Frank Beall. Frank introduced our two military guests, ENS Chris Dunlap and ENS Emily Garcia, both USN, visiting Rotarians, Dan Livingston and Bob Foster, and six guests. There were no new members introduced. Birthdays for those present, Hugh Hamilton and Julie Tippins Parker, were celebrated. Frank then educated us on a new age group entitled "seenager", slang for senior teenager. There are too many great attributes of this newly established identity group to list here. Suffice it to say seenagers have what teenagers wish they had at that age without the growing pains associated in getting them. One favorite that requires highlighting is that scientists have concluded the brains of older people are slower because there is more information in them to process, which also contributes to becoming hard of hearing due to the added pressure of a lifetime of information stuffed inside their heads putting pressure on their eardrums. Sounds reasonable to me!

Betty Roberts introduced Carter Johnson with the Florida Dept. of Transportation who then introduced the program and, in turn, introduced Brett Pielstick with Eisma & Russo,

Inc., as the guest speaker to share the current plans for the Pensacola Bay Bridge replacement. Known locally as "the three mile bridge," the bridge replacement is a 3.7 mile long project to replace the existing four lane bridge with six lanes, new roadway approaches, retaining walls, shore protection, a wishbone-tied arch supporting the adjacent paths to the main bridge span and an aesthetic lighting package. It will include 12-foot traffic lanes with a 10-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder separated with a concrete barrier designed for pedestrians and cyclists. It will also feature a new vertical height of 65-feet, which will be much welcomed by sailors with masts too high for the 50-foot current bridge. Completion is expected in 2020.

As always, participating in a Rotary meeting is a great way to stay connected with others in our community, make new friends and learn about important topics affecting our community, both local and globally. I, for one, always learn some new tidbit of information. For example, did you know that the current three mile bridge started operation in 1960, but the original started service in 1931!

Randy Ray

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Brendan Kelly will be leaving us February 3<sup>rd</sup> to take his chair as Chancellor of the University of South Carolina, Upstate. We'll miss him!
- ❖ Hear that Lavonne Agerton is well along in penning her memoirs, business and otherwise.
- ❖ Saw Tim Birdwell last week. Tom's getting some physical therapy at the new Y, and seems to be coming along well. Noting the Y, several our members now are on that organization's board: Tom Owens, Dan Haferkamp, Alan Moore – with Bill Phillips as special advisor.
- ❖ Mike Layton has been installed as a ruling elder in Frank Beall's Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ Word was heard that Scott Grissett has black bands on both arms following Alabama's last second fall. But...wait 'til next season.
- ❖ Looking at what club life was like a century ago, Sacred Heart Hospital had opened its nurse training program, women were staging Prohibition Rallies downtown; and within weeks of this date our congressman would approach Rotary leader Will Fisher, asking that club members head a War Bond Sales Drive. (And they did.)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Sheila Nichols:** Sheila Nichols currently serves as the Director of Marketing and College Information for Pensacola State College. She is a seasoned public relations professional with more than 35 years of public relations, marketing, branding, media relations, crisis communications and government affairs experience with non-profit and not-for-profit organizations. She is a graduate of Auburn University. She is married and has one son.

## 2016-2017 Club Officers

◆ President	Sherry Hartnett
◆ Past President	Andrea Krieger
◆ President Elect	Paul Tobin
◆ 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 - Check <a href="http://navarrerotary.org">navarrerotary.org</a>		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

**Roger Champion**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

**Innes Richards**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays for the week of JANUARY 17th through JANUARY 23rd

**Sally Fox** – January 17 – born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 23 years  
**Mort O'Sullivan** – January 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 33 years  
**Chuck Michaels** – January 21 – born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 17 years  
**George Biggs** – January 23 – Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 18 years  
**Al Coby** – January 23 – Muskogee, OK, in Rotary for 29 years  
**Ron Jackson** – January 23 - Marianna, FL, in Rotary for 18 years

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### January 17

Prayer/Pledge: John Trawick      Sunshine: Shawn Brantley

### January 24

Prayer/Pledge: Sally Fox      Sunshine: Clif Payne

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### January

17 - Community Maritime Parks and Recreation, Kim Carmody  
24 - Lakeview Center, Inc., Allison Hill  
31 - Gulfarium, Patrick Beery

### February

7 - Interact Costa Rica, Students  
14 - Florida West Economic Development, Scott Luth  
21 - Avalex, Tad Ihns  
28 - UWF Strategies, Dr. Martha Saunders

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### January (Vocational Service Month)

17	Noon	Regular Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way Office
24	Noon	Regular Meeting
31	Noon	Regular Meeting

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