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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 02/21/2017

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing on a wet February 21, 2017. Members and guests were greeted at the door by father and son team, Bill Stafford and David Stafford. Tommy Smith handled ticket sales. President Sherry Hartmett called the meeting to order and led us in the four way test. In the spirit of President's day, President Sherry led us in the Star Spangled Banner and the Rotary Rooters performed a great rendition of God Bless America and America the Beautiful. President Sherry requested that all Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Pensacola stand together for a tribute from the Club and a group picture. Alexis Bolin led us in the prayer and pledge. Charles Beall provided some sunshine and welcomed our military guest, guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians. President Elect Paul Tobin won the jackpot of \$40. Birthday wishes went out to Ken Hill, Jimmy Jones, Bret Barrow, Lori Menke, Fletcher Tidwell and Frank Beall.

Betty Roberts introduced the speaker, Tad Ihns, founder and President/CEO of Avalex Technologies. Tad grew up in Pensacola and is a graduate of Tate High School and has a degree in System Science from the University of West Florida. Tad went on to work in the field of software development and returned to his roots of aviation and Pensacola to embark on the adventure of entrepreneurship. Tad has founded five companies, one of which is Avalex Technologies, named for two loves in his life, aviation and daughter Alexa. Avalex was formed in 1992 and over the past 25 years has grown from a small company with four employees and a single product line to offering seven distinct product lines and now employs over 70 highly skilled workers. Avalex has grown and expanded to become a lead innovator in the design and manufacture of rugged surveillance equipment and developed years of experience in the development and manufacture of smart displays, tablets, mapping systems, digital

video recorders, cockpit management systems and mission computers all custom designed and built to demanding customer requirements. Products are designed and manufactured at the Avalex headquarters located in Gulf Breeze and has a sales office in the Tampa area. Customers include all branches of the military and aviation companies worldwide. Displays and cockpit management systems are currently operating in Blackhawk helicopters and the F15 aircraft to name a few. Tad left us with a wealth of information regarding new technology designed locally and a wonderful, inspirational talk regarding the success of a local entrepreneur who chooses to operate his company in the local area.

President Sherry thanked all who served and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Simmons

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Governor Rick Scott appointed three people to Florida is Veterans, Inc., including our own Mark Harden. Mark is the Military Aid Director for the Navy-Marine corps Relief Society. He has 30 years of military experience and retired from the United States Navy in 2004. Harden succeeds Courtney Heidelberg and is appointed for a term beginning February 20, 2017 and ending July 14, 2020.
- ❖ Ed Roberts had one meeting following his Texans incident, but haven't seen him since. Hope all's well.
- ❖ UWF President Saunders hasn't let the UWF sports scene go cold. Have you noted the excellent results of the swimmers and basketball, with a 20 win season?
- ❖ Again, community thanks to the Bear Foundation. David & Family just presented a \$100,000 check to United Way. Super!
- ❖ Didjknow that John Clerk's Council on Aging has organized what's called Foster Grandparents, to provided monitoring in schools.
- ❖ For those who were in attendance Feb. 21, hope you found the new Rooters format interesting. Oh...they would welcome new voices, male or female.
- ❖ Looking back to 1917, the club's third year, at the beginnings of WWI all members were involved in Liberty Loan bond sales. (The club reportedly sold \$250,000 work...with member purchases high on the list.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Carlton Ulmer who currently serves as President/CEO West Florida Health Care. He is a native of Savannah Georgia and received his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State University and his master's degree in business administration from Troy State University. He and his wife have three children.

ROTARY AGAINST HUNGER

Please mark your calendars for March 4th and see Preston Forshee to sign up to work a shift that day. The even will be at Manna's new location: 3030 North "E" Street.

2016-2017 Club Officers

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| ◆ President | Sherry Hartnett |
| ◆ Past President | Andrea Krieger |
| ◆ President Elect | Paul Tobin |
| ◆ Secretary | Claudia Simmons |
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Clubs Available for Makeup

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| 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
www.rotary6940.org

Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of FEBRUARY 28th through MARCH 6th

Scott Sallis – February 28 – born in Springdale, AR, in Rotary 8 years

Bob Fargo – March 1 – born in Springfield, IL, in Rotary 37 years

Lou Ray – March 3 - born in St. Louis, MO, in Rotary 39 years

Mike Layton – March 5 – born in Walteboro, SC, in Rotary 17 years

PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

February 28

Prayer/Pledge: Jimmy Jones

Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

March 7th

Prayer/Pledge: Chris Kelly

Sunshine: Earl Hutto

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February

28 - UWF Strategies, Dr. Martha Saunders

March

7 - Rotary Rooters & Pathways for Change, Connie Bookman
14 - International Paper, Bretton DeJong, Mill Manager
21 - AppRiver, Michael Hamstra, VP of Marketing
28 - UWF Football, Coach Pete Shinnick

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

February (Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month)

28 Noon Regular Meeting

March (Water and Sanitation Month)

4 8:00 a.m. CROP—Rotary Against Hunger
7 Noon Regular Meeting
14 Noon Regular Meeting

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