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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 03/14/2017

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean...the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." – Mother Teresa, 1975.

Was it cloudy, partly cloudy or sunny when we last met, March 14<sup>th</sup>? It seemed to be all three throughout the day! Upon arrival each participating Rotarian was confronted with a test to find out where the meeting would be conducted. Fortunately, no one got lost on the way to the next-door banquet room, where **Claudia Simmons** and **Tim Kane** greeted us with warm smiles.

Our meeting was called to order by President **Sherry Hartnett** who then led us in reciting the Four Way Test. **Collier Merrill** led us in prayer and the Pledge of Alliance. Our two visitors and two military guests were recognized and welcomed. Birthdays were also recognized, and **John Appleyard** provided musical support with his magical harmonica. **Al Colby** won the \$30 split ticket jackpot. We also welcomed our newest member, **Carlton Ulmer**. Carlton is the President and CEO of HCA's West Florida Healthcare. Carlton has served in Rotary since 1997 in several roles, and he is now transferring from the Panama City Downtown Rotary to our Club. He immediately qualified to serve in the Sunshine role when he made his remarks as a new member since he

clearly has a good sense of humor. Carlton is married with three children. Please make sure he has a warm welcome by introducing yourself.

**Betty Roberts** introduced the guest speaker, one of our own, **Cliff Payne**. Cliff's topic was the International Wheelchair Project: Service in Action. The Project's purpose is to provide custom fitted wheelchairs for often profoundly disabled children and young adults to improve their mobility and the quality of life for them and their care givers. Seventy-six clubs and 195 participants, both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, have provided 437 chairs since 1995. Funding sources are general funds PRR, Benefactor and matching/global grants. Recipient locations have been Jamaica, Peru, El Salvador and Costa Rica. The focus of the project has been shifting to include sustainability by encouraging the creation of local clinics to handle this activity on their own, literacy education and mobility and vocational training.

Another trip to El Salvador is in the works. Volunteers are welcome to participate either in the local collection and loading of supplies and/or to go on the trip to El Salvador to help with the onsite fitting and related activities. There are basically four steps in the process: local collection of supplies including chairs, walkers, etc.; taking an inventory; local loading of supplies into shipping containers; and, production of the customized chairs

onsite at the recipient location plus related onsite activities. Contact Cliff to see how you can help in this tremendous project. It certainly meets the Rotary objectives of providing the advancement of international understanding and the building of goodwill and friendships.

Special announcements included a notice by **Bruce Partington** that the Community Grants application period ends March 15 and **Ed Ranelli** informing us that the Ethics in Business nominations will close March 31. Two nominations can be named by each club, one for over 50 employees and one for under 50 employees. Please contact Ed if you have any questions or suggestions. Sherry called the meeting adjourned a few minutes before 1:00. Great time management!

So...what is the point of the quote from Mother Teresa? It seems directly applicable to us. Each of us is a "drop." Coming together we can make an "ocean," and the resulting waves therein can make a significant difference to the lives around us. Whether it is your time, your talents, and/or resources (such as financial contributions, etc.), Rotary offers multiple opportunities for us each to reach out and help improve the quality of life for an individual, not just locally but internationally. What a great mission!

"Service Above Self"

Randy Ray

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Make note: Hugh Hamilton has – from somewhere – obtained a new joke book. Hugh's efforts even drew some smiles!
- ❖ See where John Tice's firm has gained a contract on a BIG community project.
- ❖ DeeDee Flounlacker's press comments on the success of the new MANA headquarters illustrates how much the community needs that service.
- ❖ UWF grads and others, get ready: late summer brings the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first university classes. According to new president Martha the enrollment now is twelve times what it was the first year.
- ❖ Maybe Jimmy Jones might be willing to be spokesman telling of the new Studer Children's Hospital, to become part of Sacred Heart system.
- ❖ Looking back almost a century: the Elebash Jewelry Company was among the early sponsors of gifts in school competitions, to encourage scholarship. (That was in 1919.)
- ❖ If we'd been around 100 years ago this month one news item would have been the concern among physicians that almost one fourth of the area's MDs would soon be called into the military.

## 2016-2017 Club Officers

◆ President	Sherry Hartnett
◆ Past President	Andrea Krieger
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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**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

**Innes Richards**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
**MARCH 21st through MARCH 27th**

**Lew Doman** – March 21  
born in Alton, IL, in Rotary 50 years

**Shawn Brantley**– March 24  
born in Cocoa, FL, in Rotary 15 years

**Judy Shelton** – March 25  
born in Ardmore, OK, in Rotary 4 years

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### March 21

Prayer/Pledge: Dale Jordan

Sunshine: Madison Currin

### March 28

Prayer/Pledge: Alvin Coby

Sunshine: Chris Kelly

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### March

21 - AppRiver, Michael Hamstra, VP of Marketing

28 - UWF Football, Coach Pete Shinnick

### April

4 - Dave Hoxeng, Community Radio, Cat Country

11 - Achieve Escambia Executive Director

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### March (Water and Sanitation Month)

21 Noon Regular Meeting

4:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting @ United Way

28 Noon Regular Meeting

### April (Maternal and Child Health Month)

4 Noon Regular Meeting

11 Noon Regular Meeting

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