

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 01/16/2018

It was 55 degrees and mostly cloudy, with a forecast of a hard freeze during the rest of the week. In fact, bridges and roads were closed due to icy conditions later in the week. Fortunately for us, it quickly warms up here compared to our friends up North. Despite the cool weather, we were greeted with a warm welcome by **Terry Terrell** as we entered New World Landing. **John Tice** and **Fletcher Tidwell** offered a chance to win the split pot with the purchase of tickets.

Past President **Andrea Krieger** called the meeting to order. (**Paul Tobin**, our current President, is progressing well in his recovery but still out.) Following the Four Way Test led by Andrea, followed by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Lisa York**, Andrea recognized and thanked **Betty Roberts** for leading the Plant a Tree Project. Special announcements included notice of the Rotary Against Hunger Project with the Manna Food Bank on February 24<sup>th</sup> led by **Preston Forshee**. Last year's event was a great success, and with sufficient volunteers this year's event will also be a success. Please consider volunteering for this project. **Vicki Campbell** brought Sunshine into the room with a joke about an Alabama fan barber, a Seminole customer, the Pope and Italy. Vicki recognized and welcomed the four visiting Rotarians and seven guests in attendance. There were no military guests. Birthdays were also recognized

with **Trey Poirier** the sole recipient of the happy birthday song. The jackpot was \$56.

Andrea introduced the speaker, our very own **Mark Harden**. Mark is a 30-year Navy veteran and serves in many roles related to veteran activities, including the Southern Region President for the Navy League. (He's also the program chair for our club.) The subject of Mark's presentation was the Navy League of the United States, commonly referred to as the Navy League. It is a national association with nearly 50,000 members who advocate for strong sea services with all branches of the service, not just the Navy. It was founded in 1902 at the suggestion of Theodore Roosevelt. Open sea lanes are critical for many reasons, such as the main transportation mode for goods, National defense, and projecting strength internationally. Three of the national officers of the Navy League reside in Pensacola.

The Navy League, a civilian organization, has three missions: to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families, inform Congress and the American public of the importance of strong sea services, and support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy League Cadet Corps as well as Junior ROTC, Young Marines and STEM programs. Additionally, councils host many events in their local communities to support sea service members and their families. Local Navy

League Programs include the Sea Cadets' Independence Squadron, a chicken barbecue, an annual POW/MIA remembrance, a summer social, an enlisted personnel recognition event, inviting enlisted personnel to a luncheon hosted at the Admirals' Club. Mark emphasized the importance of family support and their sacrifices for those who serve. As such, he started the Spouse Appreciation Program in 2005. The organization also "adopts" ships and participates in ship commissioning. It is a very active organization.

We also learned that Mark is a singer. A tenor. He's sung in several venues. Despite multiple requests for him to perform for the group during the meeting, Mark declined. Perhaps he'll join the Rotary Rooters if encouraged enough. Even though Mark didn't sing for us, we were entertained by an opera singer in an event next door. Mark couldn't compete with that voice at times given the volume and notes sung. He simply paused his presentation for us all to enjoy the intruding voice. We even joined the other group with applause for the singer. Mark is available at our meetings for any follow-up questions or further discussion about the Navy League.

## ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Judy Bense has shifted working gears towards finishing another academic volume on archeology. AND...in addition to her recent football episode and award she's cheering for the UWF basketball quintet who're now 14-1...and very quick.
- ❖ Watching that team recently was Jon Griffith, the Wahoos guider, who brought two tiny very loud cheering daughters to the court.
- ❖ See where someone recognized Will Merrill's sweet tooth, having Santa bringing him a three pound Hershey bar.
- ❖ Bret Barrow's New Year's Eve symphony concert was a huge hit...with quality pop music.
- ❖ Word is that Frank Beall's to be the clergy for the wedding of John Appleyard's granddaughter.
- ❖ And be cautious the flu right now is serious, and we all need to beware that this doesn't grow in the terrible Spanish Flu epidemic of just 100 years ago.
- ❖ Best wishes to Bill Elebash and his staff and family in preparations for their jewelry company centennial operations, which should begin in eleven months.
- ❖ Good news: President Tobin says that his recovery is far enough along to permit his being part of the ROOTERS in the Valentine's Day program set for February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Condolences to Mike Leyton upon death of his father-in-law.
- ❖ Looking back to Pensacola's happenings in WWI, as of this date the first vessel was on the production ways in the new shipyard on Bayou Chico; and Lt. Kenneth Whiting had boarded ship, leading the first 100 trained aviators in route to Europe.

## 2017-2018 Club Officers

◆ President	Paul Tobin
◆ Past President	Sherry Hartnett
◆ President Elect	Betty Roberts
◆ 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

Lisa Broxson Weeks  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays for the week of January 23rd through January 29th

**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  
**David Aronson** - January 26 - Forest Hills, NY – in Rotary for 44 years  
**Ron Martin** - January 27 - Pensacola, FL - in Rotary for 18 years

## GREETERS/TICKET SALES

### January 23

Greeters - John Trawick and Hill Turner  
Ticket Sales - Carlton Ulmer and Milton Usry

### January 30

Greeters - Matthew Vinson and Roger Vinson  
Ticket Sales - Doug Werber and Charles Wiggins

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### January 23

Prayer and Pledge - Robert Palmer      Sunshine - Charles Beall

### January 30

Prayer and Pledge - Sally Fox      Sunshine - Lori Menke

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### January

23      Jena Melancon - Gulf Coast Diplomacy Council  
30      Susan Davis, CEO, Sacred Heart Hospital

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### January - Vocational Service Month

23      Noon      Regular Meeting  
         1:00      Board Meeting, New World Landing  
30      Noon      Regular Meeting

### February - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

6      Noon      Regular Meeting  
13      Noon      Regular Meeting  
20      Noon      Regular Meeting  
         1:00      Board Meeting, New World Landing

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