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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

What a gorgeous sunny day for Rotary fellowship. Guests were greeted with a welcoming smile and handshake from Bob Hart and Sherry Hartnett.

President Keith opened the meeting with the four-way test and Robert Mills delivered the prayer and pledge. President Keith reminded everyone that the installation banquet will be July 7th. Roger MacDonald read a poem and recognized Vince Currie for recently receiving an honorary Doctor of Canon Law degree from Sewanee: The University of the South. John Appleyard shared with the group that the Rotary Club of Pensacola was presented the 2008 Bell Ringer Award from the Salvation Army, having raised more than \$10,600.

Ron Richards received his 4+ Rotary pin in recognition of his dedication to Rotary. Ron informed everyone that the paperwork for the new Rotary Club of Pensacola Seville was submitted with 60 charter member applications. The club will meet Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at Lili Marlene's in Seville Quarter. The purpose of the new club is to introduce younger people to Rotary as well as to provide all area Rotarians an evening club to attend.

Rex McKinney was the winner of \$57

as a result of the fine ticket sales by Ed Wonders and Richard Sherrill. The Rotary Rooters then entertained everyone with their rendition of three Stephen Foster songs. Ms. Sunshine, Sally Fox, welcomed guests, military guests and visiting Rotarians, told a few jokes, and led "Happy Birthday to You All" accompanied by John Appleyard on piano.

Leonard Swartz introduced today's program speaker, Sheriff David Morgan. Sheriff Morgan acknowledged the challenges faced by the nation, state, and local area, but is confident that we will come through these tough times. He discussed some areas of focus over the past four months he has been in office. The department has been restructured to shift more staff onto the street. Now only 30% of the staff are in administration while 70% are on the street. They have focused on differentiating between wants and needs in the department and as a result have found \$4 million in savings for next year's budget.

The traffic division is up and running. Sheriff Morgan cautioned the group against moving violations as his department has significantly stepped up the number of tickets written. In December they wrote 29 or so. From January to now, they have

written nearly 4,000. They wrote so many tickets they had to re-order them

Another area of focus has been aggressively working across the county to reduce street level crime and drug dealing, making 512 arrests. Sheriff Morgan said that gangs are an issue in our market, and 15 have been identified. Of those, four have been recognized by Florida statute, meaning that an additional 10 years can be added their sentence if convicted of a crime. The preeminent gang here is the west-coast affiliated Bloods. Sheriff Morgan said these gangs are very mobile and brutal. He said citizens need to unite with law enforcement. One of the most important things we can do is form neighborhood watch groups and get to know our neighbors, letting them know when we are out of town, etc. The Sheriff's department needs citizens to call them when they think a crime is being committed.

President Keith wrapped up the meeting, thanking everyone for their service.

ROTARY WHEELS

Hats off to Ted Brown for making his new Beck's Lake fishing grounds available to Salvation Army for a tournament! If you haven't seen the lake area, take a ride. Great place.

Morris Eaddy, our sawsmith, continues to rate high praise for his art instruction.

Bob Hart (our Walmart Bob) says that the local stores gave away over 700 fishing kits to kids on May 16th as part of a tournament which taught environmental lessons.

Our Change of Command program at Jack Williams's Heritage Hall will provide excellent acoustics for the special program.

On May 17th Randy Jackson began his Presbyterian service by marching down the church aisle behind a superb Scottish piper! Randy reminded his congregation that when he played college football his team ran onto the field...behind a piper!

Jack Fleming and Ted Nickinson changed their St. Johns Cemetery May function from the cemetery to Perry House. That's May 24th at 1:00.

See where Collier Merrill's already in the state political mix as major offices prepare for November 2010.

Credit Earl Bowden for some pointed cartooning as he aims at some local political abuses that should have all Rotarians angry.

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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
Perdido	Triggers Restaurant	Wed.	7:30 am
Cantonment	Scenic Hills Country Club	Wed.	12:15 pm
Cordova	Varona's	Thur.	6:50 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	Cocodries Restaurant	Thur.	12:00 pm
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

District Governor

Ron Richards
www.rotary.6940.org

Assistant District Governor

Ed Boywid

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
May 27th through June 2nd

Ed Strong - May 27

born in Havre de grace, MD, in Rotary 2 years

Rodger Doyle - May 28

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 17 years

Martin Harwood - June 1

born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 6 years

Phil Phillips - June 1

born in Orlando, FL, in Rotary 4 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Salvation Army is having a Fishing Tournament at Becks Lake Fish Camp located on Becks Lake Road about 3 miles east of Cantonment. It will be held on May 30 and starts at 7 am. A fried fish lunch will be served by the Salvation Army free to contestants and \$5 to visitors. It's the first fishing tournament the fish camp has hosted since Ted Brown reopened it last year and the first that the Salvation Army has had there. All proceeds will go to the Salvation Army programs in our area. More info will be available on www.beckslakefishcamp.com or call Yvonne Warthen at the Salvation Army office.

DATE CHANGE

The Change of Command Dinner will be at Heritage Hall, Tuesday **July 7**. It will begin with a Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. and program at 7:15 p.m. There will be no noon meeting on this date.

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