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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Rotarians were greeted on this beautiful spring day by Bobby Behr and Phil Phillips. President Margaret called the meeting to order and led us in the four-way test. Prayer and pledge was led by R. P. Doyle.

President Margaret began today's full agenda by introducing Andrea Farage. Andrea announced that the next Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) training camp for 10th graders will be held at Wallwood Boy Scout Camp Thursday April 15 to Sunday April 18th, 2010 and application forms are now being collected.

The Rotary Rooters then serenaded the Club with songs that were on the top of the music charts way back in 1915. Henry Roberts and Fred Sitten sold quite a few raffle tickets today and the lucky winner took home \$80.

Mr. Sunshine, Fr. Jack Gray, started off with a St. Patrick's Day joke and then welcomed military guests including quite a number of Admirals that were in attendance today. He then welcomed visiting Rotarians from as far away as Traverse City, Michigan. With musical accompaniment by John Appleyard, Fr. Jack led the club in singing Happy Birthday to You All to

recognize Rotarians with birthdays this week.

Paul Young introduced today's speaker, Larry Hall, Director of Baptist LifeFlight Operations. Larry shared with everyone that when Pat Groner had the vision to bring LifeFlight to Pensacola in May 1977, it was the first hospital based air medical program in Florida and was only the third in the nation. Larry thanked the Rotary club for our financial support of Baptist LifeFlight over the years. Baptist LifeFlight now safely transports more than 2,000 patients a year and has four helicopters serving three states, with bases in Pensacola FL, Mobile AL, Hattiesburg MS and Evergreen AL.

LifeFlight is a program of Baptist Hospital and provides service to all the hospitals in the region. Baptist LifeFlight provides service to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Financial support is provided by insurance collections (at 33 cents on the dollar) and through community philanthropic donations. Baptist Health Care continues to fund LifeFlight's \$11 million operating budget, even though it historically operates at a loss each year, because it provides a needed service to the community. It saves lives.

LifeFlight has a long standing safety

record as a result of a company-wide safety and service culture, and has 1.4 million safe flight hours. They continually invest in technology that will improve safety such as night vision goggles (NVGs). These are recommended by the NTSB and FAA to decrease accidents during night operations because they dramatically improve the ability to see in low light conditions. They amplify available light up to 40,000 times. The investment in NVGs per aircraft is \$100,000. LifeFlight is the only program on the Gulf Coast using NVGs.

Baptist LifeFlight has been ranked #1 in the nation for 5 years in a row for customer satisfaction for air medical programs. Baptist LifeFlight's commitment to the community is to provide service to all regardless of ability to pay. If you would like to contribute to the LifeFlight mission, checks should be made payable to "BHC Foundation - LifeFlight" and mailed to: BHC Foundation, P.O. Box 17500, Pensacola, FL 32522. For more information call 850-469-7906.

President Margaret thanked all those that helped at the meeting, and "The future of Rotary is in your hands".

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Hartnett.

ROTARY WHEELS

- Credit John Clark and his organization with gradually turning the Council on Aging's magazine into a very worthy journal, with articles (some by John) directed to the core needs of seniors.
- Sorry to report that good member Fred Braden has been seriously ill.
- Rodger Doyle's now a director of the Sports Association.
- Susan O'Conner missed a few sessions because she and her husband (a Five Flags member) were with other McDonalds folks on a LONG and much deserved vacation.
- Didjaknow that from Day One Sandy Cesaretti Ray's been a board member of the Honor Flight program?
- Terry Scruggs took in some Nashville music sights as he visited there to watch his Auburn basketball team in the SEC Tournament.
- Roger Vinson's son, Joe, was a top winner in the recent Addy Awards competition. He was cited for his great television work!
- Earl Hutto's still rounding up sponsors for his annual golf outing. Interested?

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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		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

District Governor

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
March 23rd through March 29th

Shawn Brantley – March 24

born in Cocoa, FL, in Rotary 9 years

Richard Brosnaham – March 27

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 1 year

Bill Mitchem – March 28

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 5 years

Donnie McMahon – March 28

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 3 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

March 23rd

Greeters: Jules Kariher and Leslie Halsall

Ticket Sales: H. Britt Landrum and Sherry Hartnett

March 30th

Greeters: Susan Graf and Majorie Hudson

Ticket Sales: Scott Paul and William Hart

April 6th

Greeters: L. Horton-Brown and Mark Harden

Ticket Sales: Randon Jackson and John Klocke

April 13th

Greeters: Nigel Allen and Coy Irvin

Ticket Sales: Bryan McCall and Doug Werber

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