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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The March 23rd meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held on a beautiful spring day, and members were greeted at the door by Leslie Halsall and Jerry Kindle. Ticket sales were handled by the cheery Sherry Hartnett and Brit Landrum who raised \$84 which was won by Norris McMahon.

Reverend Neal Goldsborough led members in thoughtful prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Before Scott Grisset's jokes hit the floor, he introduced Marine First Lt. Robert Binda and Navy Ensign Corry Jones who took time from their busy flying schedules to join Rotarians for lunch. Scott also introduced guests of members and visiting Rotarians, then sang Happy Birthday You All to members turning a year older this week.

Martin Harwood thanked Ed Meadows and other Rotarians for helping make the Rotary Leadership Institute held in Pensacola last weekend a rousing success. Leaders throughout the District enjoyed a good meeting.

Rotarian Grover Robinson presented President Margaret with a proclamation that was read into record on behalf of the Escambia County Commission congratulating the Pensacola Rotary on its 95th anniversary.

Bill Dollarhide introduced today's guests, Brett Barrow, Executive Director, and guest speaker Dr. Peter Rubardt, Music Director of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. Originally from Berkeley, Ca.,

Peter received is Doctor of Musical Arts from The Juilliard School where he was also the recipient of the Bruno Walter fellowship. After studying and participating in Master classes around the world, Peter landed at the Pensacola Symphony over 18 years ago. His wife Heidi Salanki is a professor of music at UWF. Peter congratulated Rotarians and Pensacolians for their support of the Pensacola Symphony, which is 84 years old, the oldest in Florida. The Symphony employs a staff of nine, including four full-time and five part-time, and is directed by a Board of 32 members, many of those being Rotarians.

The Pensacola Symphony generally holds five masterworks concerts each season, two pop concerts, one on New Year's Eve and the other on Valentine's Day, and several special concerts. The PSO also holds Music for Family concerts, has a "petting zoo" for kids to touch and play instruments, performs for 5th graders, and offers a program for kids called Santa Rosa Strings. Contractual obligations include relationships with Ballet Pensacola, the Pensacola Opera, and the Greater Gulf Coast Arts Festival.

Ticket sales provide 44% of the PSO's annual income, followed by 23% contributed by individuals, 12% from corporate support, 20% from special events and contract concerts, and only 2% from government funding. Peter lamented that the renovations to the Pensacola Saenger was one of the single most important events

to benefit the PSO. The stage was reconfigured to enhance orchestral sounds and performances, which allowed the musicians to concentrate more on their music and less on problems caused by workmanship of the early days of the Saenger. Most concerts since the renovation are sold out shows.

While recent months have been somewhat financially burdensome, Dr. Rubardt expects the PSO to finish the 2010 season in the black with a balanced budget. He looks ahead to continuing fiscal stability and audience development, and he and the Board are considering lowering ticket and membership prices to help build a stronger relationship with the audience and the community. The PSO is looking for other venues to perform in to attract a wider audience range and offer another "point of entry" for music enthusiasts who may not have been able to easily acquire seats at the Saenger.

Upcoming events include several special concerts including Ashley Brown beginning April 17th, and fall/winter Masterworks series with artists Zuill Bailey, Elena Urioste, Ran Dank, and Adam Golka.

After thanking Dr. Rubardt, Rotarians, and guests, President Margaret adjourned the meeting at 1:00. Don't forget to check the schedule for greeter and ticket sales duties!

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Renfroe, III

ROTARY WHEELS

- Frances Yeo has a new role, working with Special Ed programs at PJC. (She loves to teach.)
- Ted Nickinson was not in the recent Rooters cast because of a hospital stay. Too bad, 'cause Ted is a descendent of our chapter founding father, one of four we have.
- Frank Beall's about to assume an interim role on the clergy staff at Randy Jackson's church.
- Roger Vinson's to be the sitting federal judge in the BIG upcoming case related to the constitutionality of the national health care law.
- Didjasee the photo of Nathan Kahn as he participated in the Holocaust Memory March? Good picture...and something well worth the doing.

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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 30th through April 5th

Judy Bense - March 29
born in Morristown, New Jersey, in Rotary 1 year

Nancy Maloy - March 30
born in Saginaw, MI, in Rotary 15 years

Tommy Tait - March 31
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years

Nathan Kahn - April 1
born in Mobile, AL, in Rotary 34 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

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

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- The year 2011 will mark the 100th anniversary of Alan Moore's company, Fisher-Brown.
- Condolences to Ken Woolf. His Cornell team made it to the final 16...only to stumble there. However, it's been a long time since the fine university reached that level.
- All note that Mike Ferguson has been awarded the Order of Saint Maurice by the National Infantry Association. This is the highest honor given by the Association. Earlier recipients included General Colin Powell and Matthew Ridgeway.

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