

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place at New World Landing on an historical Mardi gras, March 8, 2011, 96 years after the formation of the Rotary Club of Pensacola on March 8, 1915. President Ray commemorated the birthday by reading selected minutes from club meetings held in 1922. Cake and ice cream were provided by President Ray and enjoyed by all. Bill Elebash presented the newly refurbished Club Bell to President Ray. After careful restoration by Bill the inscription revealed that the Bell was originally presented to the Downtown Rotary Club in 1927 to ring in the first of many meetings held in the San Carlos Hotel. President elect-elect Innes Richards recognized and thanked Bill for his efforts in restoring the Club Bell to the better than new condition after all these years of use. President Ray presented Andrea Farage, Director of the Ronald McDonald House, with a donation of \$3000 to further support the great work of their organization. A moment of silence was observed in support for Julie Tippins Parker for the recent loss of her son.

Members and guests were greeted at the door by Vince Currie and Madison Currin. Billy Guy Davis and David DelGallo assisted with the ticket sales. The winning ticket for \$88 was

claimed by Courtney Dell. President Ray Jones called the meeting to order with the Four Way Test. Randy Jackson provided prayer and pledge. Al Stubblefield provided Sunshine and recognized the two military guests, the guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians in attendance. Birthday greetings went out to Susan Graf, Clark Merritt and Doug Werber who were all present.

David Stafford introduced the Speaker, W.A. "Buck" Lee, Executive Director of Santa Rosa Island Authority, member of the Five Flags Rotary Club and spokesperson at large for Pensacola Beach. Buck Lee, who needed no introduction, has appeared in interviews on most major TV channels regarding conditions on Pensacola Beach in good times and bad. This year was not to be the usual state of Santa Rosa Island speech. Buck delivered an entertaining retrospective on the horrific events of the past summer that began on June 23, 2010 when oil from the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill first appeared on the white sands of Pensacola Beach from the surf to as much as 50 – 60 feet on shore.

2010 began with great expectations for Pensacola Beach. Two new hotels were being completed, one of which was Jimmy Buffett's

first Margaritaville, increasing room availability on the island. The opening of the Grand Marlin Restaurant also was another encouraging sign that the business forecast was improving after the effects of the economic recession. The outlook changed drastically after the events of April 20, 2010 when the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Drilling Platform exploded in the Gulf of Mexico killing 11 workers and oil began pouring into the Gulf waters and eventually on to Pensacola Beach.

With a mixture of straight talk and humor, Buck recounted the frustration and reality of dealing with the myriad of State, Local and Federal Agencies to get the beach cleaned and keep the beach cleaned; the struggles with BP, the responsible party, who is financially responsible for the cleanup and restoration of the beach economy and will be for some time to come; and interesting facts he learned along the way as Buck and Santa Rosa Island became favorites for "photo opportunities" for politicians from around the Country.

President Ray adjourned and thanked all who served.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Simmons

ROTARY WHEELS

On March 7, Roger Vinson again made the Wall Street Journal's editorial page as the business daily quoted from his opinions on the health care law. The Journal's language continues to be a pat on the back for Roger's logic and language.

Carol Law has received another accolade from her national peers in the field of Drug Free Workplaces. And Terry Terrell likewise has a new honor on his wall recognizing his community work.

Former member Winston Arnow is to have the renovated federal building (Chase at Palafox) named for him. Dedication ceremonies will be in May.

Frank Beall and Randy Jackson paired in a beautifully performed funeral for the son of Julie Tippins Parker.

When Billy Elebash engineered repairs to the club's historic bell, he noted that the bell had been presented just after the club moved to the San Carlos Hotel, following the hotel's enlargement which included the second floor ballroom.

President Judy Bense has obviously set her sights on a distant horizon for UWF. Sports...mission...finances...academic additions all appear to be in her crystal ball.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Tommy G. Smith joined Shell, Fleming, Davis & Menge in 2010. He is a member of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. Mr. Smith received his Juris Doctorate from Liberty University School of Law in Virginia. He also received an MBA from the University of West Florida and a Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Technology from North Carolina State University. Prior to joining Shell, Fleming, Davis & Menge, Mr. Smith was the business administrator at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church after working in various management and technical capacities with American Cyanamid, Cytec Industries, and Sterling Fibers, Inc. Mr. Smith and his wife, Debbie, have been active in church for many years. They are members of Hillcrest Baptist Church, and they have one son, Zack, who is finishing his first year of law school at the University of Florida.

Cont.

2010-2011 Club Officers

◆ President	Ray Jones
◆ Past President	Margaret Stopp
◆ President Elect	Alan Bookman
◆ Secretary	Innes Richards
◆ Treasurer	Ron Jackson
◆ Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
◆ Historian	John Appleyard

Bulletin Information

Betty Roberts, Editor 572-4136

Web Site: www.pensacolarotary.org

E-Mail: rcopens@bellsouth.net

Krista Murzin, Executive Secretary
Office, Room 323 Brent Building

P.O. Box 528 Pensacola, FL 32591-0528

Phone: 434-0684 Fax: 434-6471

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

Sylvia White

www.rotary6940.org

Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
March 15th through March 21st**

Charlie Sherrill Jr. - March 15
born in Lawton, OK, in Rotary 18 years

Andrea Farage - March 17
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 8 years

Wylie Hogeman - March 20
born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 15 years

Lew Doman - March 21
born in Alton, IL, in Rotary 45 years

Rick Nickelsen - March 21
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 10 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March 15: Christopher O'Grady - Cuba

March 22: To Be Announced

March 29: UWF Baseball

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

March 22:

Greeters: Courtney Dell and Jim Dickerson

Ticket Sales: William K. Dickerson and Bill Dollarhide

March 29:

Greeters: Lew Doman and Pete Doyle

Ticket Sales: Rodger Doyle and Buster Dulion

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Cont.

Charles R. "Randy" Oliver has more than 20 years of government experience and he has held a variety of management and financial positions. He is the County Administrator of Escambia County. Prior to moving to Escambia County he was the City Manager of Surprise, Arizona. He has been Chief Executive Officer in organizations with up to 2,700 employees, budgets in excess of \$1 billion and serving jurisdictions with 480,000 citizens. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University in Building Construction, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a Master of Science in Business Administration (MBA) from Frostburg State College. Mr. Oliver is a Registered Professional Engineer (PE) and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Pensacola, FL 32591-0528

P. O. Box 528

The Rotary Club of Pensacola

