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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The Rotary Club of Pensacola held its regular meeting on June 22, 2010 under threatening skies.

Rotarians and their guests were greeted at the door by Ron Richards.

Sandy Ray and Tim Kane handled raffle ticket sales.

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret who led the Club in the Four Way test.

Earl Hutto was called to the podium for the Prayer and Pledge.

David Stafford made an announcement regarding a new program called Precinct Partners and asked for volunteers to serve as poll workers in upcoming elections. Forms with details on the program were provided at each table.

President Margaret reminded everyone to sign up for the annual meeting/change in command event to be held at Heritage Hall on July 6.

The raffle pot of \$58 was carted off by Will Merrill.

President Margaret then called Sally Fox to the podium for Sunshine. Sally proceeded to tell not one, not two, but THREE jokes that elicited hearty groans from those in attendance. In between the

groaners, Sally introduced 2 military guests, 1 visiting Rotarian and 2 guests of Rotarians including young Hugh Sherrill who thought his father was taking him to Jerry's when he asked him to go to lunch. Sally then led the club in a rousing version of Happy Birthday You All.

Richard Sherrill then introduced the program which was presented by Professor Richard Snyder who serves as Director of the Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation at the University of West Florida. Professor Snyder presented extensive information pertaining to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico which is the most significant environmental mishap that has ever occurred in the United States. At the current flow rate, the spill equals the Exxon Valdez spill every 3 days. Professor Snyder used satellite imagery to show how the oil has migrated to the east and into the shallower waters of the Gulf due to the onset of the prevailing summer winds that blow to the southeast. These winds and the ocean currents have brought oil to the shores of the panhandle of Florida from Perdido Key to Panama City Beach. Professor Snyder provided information on the loop current which has the potential to carry the oil down

through the Florida Keys and up the east coast. A recent initiative of the CEDB was to place 4 monitoring stations on Santa Rosa Island in order to monitor the water for dissolved oil. Additional monitoring stations have since been established to the east and west of Santa Rosa Island. In a nutshell, the current state of the Gulf spill is unprecedented in its magnitude and the structures of the ocean currents are complex and unknown which adds to the uncertainty of the unfolding disaster. Professor Snyder provided the club with a primer on the manner in which elements of the leaking crude evaporate and experience photo degradation as it reaches the surface and becomes exposed to sunlight. He also discussed the effect of dispersants which are highly toxic. In the end, the weathering process results in the tar balls that we see on the beaches and will most likely see for years to come as many of them now rest on the floor of the Gulf only to wash ashore in the future. This was a very informative and timely program and we are fortunate to have such an excellent resource at our local University.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Presented by: Blaise Adams

## ROTARY WHEELS

- Word is that September 14<sup>th</sup> will be opening date for the trial in which Roger Vinson will hear pleas in the case involving the new national health care plan.
- MEANWHILE, as days pass and oil continues to pour into the Gulf more and more members are being affected. Realtors find price disruption for waterfront properties; older citizens have more health problems, thus John Clark's council has added case load, as does Dale Knee and Nigel Allen's Hospice. Accountants are helping

clients calculate losses from the spill, while attorneys (or some of them) are scrambling with all manner of new challenges. Bankers worry about loans where customers are increasingly at risk, while many in service businesses related to tourism see business erratic. And members who enjoy boating and fishing wonder what may happen IF the oil pool is really two billion gallons, oil which COULD continue to flow for years. Earle Bowden's column on our pure water and white sands was colorful...and perhaps prophetic.

## 2009-2010 Club Officers

◆ President	Margaret Stopp
◆ Past President	Keith Bullock
◆ President Elect	Ray Jones
◆ Secretary	Innes Richards
◆ Treasurer	Ron Jackson
◆ 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		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

**John Kuykendall**

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## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Change Of Command will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m. at Seville Quarter's Heritage Hall. There is no charge for Rotarians and guests are only \$15. There will be no Rotary meeting on this date at noon. If you have not already done so, please sign up for this event, by emailing [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net).

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

### June 29th

Greeters: Betty Peters and John Phelps

Ticket Sales: Janet Pilcher and Marshall Poppo

### July 6th

Greeters: Carol Powell and Jeff Powell

Ticket Sales: Robert Palmer and Bruce Partington

### July 13th

Greeters: Christopher Pate and Lyle Payne

Ticket Sales: Alison Rogers and Edward Nickinson

### July 20th

Greeters: John Nobles and Jean Norman

Ticket Sales: Susan O'Connor and J. O'Sullivan

### July 27th

Greeters: Thomas Owens and Alan Moore

Ticket Sales: Calvin Moore and William Neuner

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**June 29:** Brad Roberts-Update on Clean Energy Future for US

**July 13:** Allen Strum - WEAR ABC 3 TV Weatherman

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