



# the HELICOPTER

The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Rotarians and guests were greeted by Edwin Roberts and Sandy Ray. President Margaret Stopp called the meeting to order and after leading the Four-Way "Pledge" introduced Roger Vinson who led us in the prayer and pledge. Charlie Blackwell provided Sunshine.

Robert Mills was the lucky winner in the raffle aptly managed by Grover Robinson IV who did a great job on ticket sales. Military Guests Lt. James Allenburg, USN and UWF graduate and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Bender USMC were warmly welcomed. They are both in advanced flight training at NAS Pensacola. Phil Avarez, guest of Rotarian Phil Avarez Sr. and Andy Stubbelfield, guest of Rotarian Al Stubbelfield were welcomed.

Trey Manderson introduced the newest member, Bob Larkin, former naval aviator to the Downtown Rotary.

Birthday Wishes were sung without the accompaniment of John Appleyard to Brooks Champlin and Neal Goldsborough.

Sandra Smith introduced the Speaker Mr. Blair Simmons, Plant Manager for the General Electric Wind Turbine Plant in Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Simmons who has been with General Electric for 34 years and served in many parts of the County and the world provided a history of the General Electric Operations at the Pensacola Plant. Mr. Simmons has been in Pensacola as the Plant Manager of the facility on Scenic Highway since 2000. In the 9 years since General Electric took over the facility from Westinghouse the Plant and its workforce have had major changes in the Plant Operations that include three different product types; power plant turbine generators, blades for wind turbines and eventually wind turbines and two Plant "closings" for re-

tooling.

A new product, the 2.5 MW Turbine, will be in production in 2010 at the Pensacola Facility which has approximately 250 employees. The GE Plant has maintained the majority of the workforce throughout the 9 years and Mr. Simmons cites the expertise of the workforce as the major reason for the success of the operation in Pensacola. The worldwide production of wind turbines is 10,000 units and 5,000 of those have been produced in Pensacola. The outlook for the industry is stable in 2010. No growth in the industry is expected in the next 2 years.

President Margaret thanked the Program Committee, Mr. Simmons and all those we needed to be thanked and closed with "the future of Rotary is in your hands".

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Simmons

## ROTARY WHEELS

BOOKS are Rotary news. Jack Fleming's recent offering called *Thinking Places* is about to be placed in a Japanese edition! And John Appleyard's 2009 edition of *Fifteen Mysteries in Pensacola in 1900* is out.

Hear that Jerry Maygarden's son has announced his engagement. Jerry is making copy with his views on a possible city charter change. Meanwhile, Blaise Adams and Evon Emerson are putting a new face on the Chamber's future.

Hear that Al Stubblefield's son, a budding musical light, has a new CD out that his age peers like.

Sorry to report that Bill Noonan, who has not been with us for some years, does not show improvement.

And the walls are going up on Andrea Farage's new Ronald McDonald haven along Brent Lane.

## SPEND 3 WEEKS IN GERMANY THIS SUMMER

Rotary Youth Exchange offers students the opportunity to spend 3 weeks in the home of a new friend in Germany & have that new friend spend 3 weeks in your home. This is open to all students whether or not they are affiliated with Rotary or Interact. Cost: Airline ticket (about \$2000), insurance, spending money & provide room and board when your new friend stays in your home for 3 weeks. Dates 2010: Germany July 16-August 6; Florida August 6-August 27. Download and print application from website [www.rotary6940.org/youthexchange](http://www.rotary6940.org/youthexchange). Application deadline is January 1, 2010. Submit application to Carol Whitcomb Powell, 3926 West Madura Rd., Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

## 2009-2010 Club Officers

◆ President	Margaret Stopp
◆ Past President	Keith Bullock
◆ President Elect	Ray Jones
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◆ 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**  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
October 21st through October 27th

**Morris Eaddy** - October 20

born in Bushnell, FL, in Rotary 30 years

**Hal Minnich** - October 21

born in Boiling Springs, PA, in Rotary 48 years

**Tom Owens** - October 23

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years

**Paul Tobin** - October 24

born in Detroit, MI, in Rotary 1 year

**Gene Killinger** - October 24

born in Perry, FL, in Rotary 33 years

**Malcolm Williams** - October 26

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 9 years

## GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

**October 20th:**

Greeters: Alison Perdue Rogers and Bob Rogers  
Ticket Sales: Scott Sallis and Donn Scott

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**CROP Combined Rotary of Pensacola**

Join us on Monday, November 2 at 12 pm for Military Appreciation. This meeting will be open to Rotarians only. We will not have our meeting on Tuesday, November 3.

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