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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The first meeting of 2011 of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held on Tuesday, January 4 under gray winter skies.

Rotarians and their guests were warmly greeted at the door by LaVonne Agerton and Dave Aronson.

Ticket sales were ably handled by Nigel Allen under the supervision of Tim Kane.

President Ray called the meeting to order and led the club in the Four Way Test.

Betty Gail Peters was called to the podium to lead the Club in prayer and the pledge to our flag.

President Ray then reminded Club members to peruse the latest edition of the Rotary Magazine and noted upcoming updates regarding Rotary Service and specifically information on Polio Plus to be provided by Scott Grissett. Kudos went out to all Club members who participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army over the holidays. Reminders were provided regarding RLI to be held in Panama City on February 19 - see Mark Harwood for further details. The Rotary District Conference will be held in Destin from April 28 to May 1 - mark your calendars

accordingly.

The raffle featured a pot of a whopping \$83 which was carted off by Roger Enzor - what a way to start the New Year!

Alan Bookman was then called to the podium for Sunshine who was standing in for Grover Robinson who was MIA. Alan kicked off with a great recession joke. Birthday wishes went out to 6 members with harmonica accompaniment. Alan then followed up with a joke about an encounter with a TSA employee that had half the club excited and the other half blushing - which half were you in? Hats off to Alan for a job well done.

Evon Emerson was then called to the podium to introduce our program. Pat Quinn is not stranger to the club having led safari tours (59 and counting!) over the last 20 years that have featured participation by many members of our club. Pat has been an ardent leader of local zoo efforts since the 1960's starting with the formation of the Zoo Society which eventually led to the start of a small zoo in Escambia County and ultimately the Gulf Breeze Zoo. Pat recognized former bankers Eric Nickelsen and Bo Carter who stepped up to support

the zoo in its early years. Bobby Switzer was also recognized for his leadership having served on the Board of the Zoo for many years prior to its recent change of ownership. Pat outlined the significant improvements to the Zoo infrastructure that have taken place recently and including new fencing, sidewalks, enhancements to the gift shop and a new train which is a major attraction. The recent Zoo Boo and Zoo Lights events were well attended and served to bring many visitors to the renovated facility. Pat also mentioned the Zoo Camps and Zoo Tots youth programs which have also been well attended. Future events include new exhibits to include those with Australian Walkabout and Rainforest themes. The Zoo plays a vital role conservation by providing a home for rare species of animals. In addition, the tours of locations in Africa and South America are prime examples of successful ecotourism. The Zoo has attracted over 1.5 million visitors since opening and is a key attraction for locals and tourists alike.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Blaise Adams

ROTARY WHEELS

Members looking forward to 2011-12 may be in for a year of humor. Alan Bookman is setting the scene. His Sunshine is going far beyond what the founder of that role did more than fifty years ago.

Credit Bill Maloy with much of the "push" which led to the library groundbreaking on January 7th. Bill's roles did much to keep the various agencies focused.

Collier Merrill's Jackson's Restaurant was so busy New Year's Eve that the poor man had trouble sitting down to eat.

Dale Jordan is filling a variety of roles in his church, including chairing the Worship Committee position. He continues to be a teacher, too.

It appears that the date's been set for the reappearance of

Seaplane, Jack and Carolyn's stage musical about the early days of naval flight. Last week in September is the working date, for three performances.

John Appleyard's having fun providing lectures for visiting naval personnel, reviewing the years of our Navy Yard, and the first decade of flight.

Richard Brosnham graduated in December 2010 from UWF with a Doctor of Education, specializing in Social Science.

Congratulations to Mark Harden who has been selected as President of the Navy League. This is a prestigious and memorable year to hold that position as we will be celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation in the community. Call Mark at 452-2620 for information about League membership.

2010-2011 Club Officers

◆ President	Ray Jones
◆ Past President	Margaret Stopp
◆ President Elect	Alan Bookman
◆ Secretary	Innes Richards
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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

Sylvia White

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Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Birthdays for the week of
January 11th through January 17th**

Hugh Hamilton - Jan. 11

born in Spartanburg, SC, in Rotary 11 years

Julie Parker - Jan. 11

born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 12 years

Joe Maloney - January 14

born in Indianapolis, IN, in Rotary 3 years

Sally Fox - Jan. 17

born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 16 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Jan 11: County Administrator Randy Oliver

Jan 18: Alex Lincoln, The Eagle Fund At The Andrews Institute

Jan 25: Ken Prest, The New Face Of Florida DEP

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

Jan 11:

Greeters: Marshall Adams and LaVonne Agerton

Ticket Sales: Nigel Allen and David B. Aronson

Jan 18:

Greeters: Charles F. Beall, Jr. and David M. Bear

Ticket Sales: Robert Earl Behr and Brian Preston Bell

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rotary Leadership Institute announces February 19th classes in Panama City. Register online now at www.rlitraining.org. Classes one, two and three will be held. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about Rotary and effective leadership. If you have questions email me at rotaryjohn@gmail.com or call me at 386-755-9018. Look forward to seeing all of you in Panama City. **There will only be one more opportunity in 2011 to train for RLI in our district.** Sign up now. (Special Pre-Pets for all President-elects will be held at noon on the 19th.) Register for RLI now!!

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