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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Downtown Rotary Makes the Editorial Page!

Well, let's just say that the editorial master made the meeting!

Rotarians in attendance were greeted warmly at the door by Jack Williams and Ed Wonders and then immediately propositioned by Charlie Wiggins to purchase raffle tickets. The lucky winner, Jerry Kindle, took home the \$60 pot. President David led the group in the 4-way test and made several announcements. Highlighting the recent successful Manna event, President Stafford thanked Dee Dee Flounlacker, Andrea Krieger, and Alan Bookman for their efforts in organizing the packing of over 10,000 meals last Saturday. In addition, President Stafford reminded Rotarians of the District Conference to be held in Pensacola May 9-10 and the Ethics in Business nomination deadline. Former President Jean Norman introduced our newest member, Jean Silva, who is the Executive Director of United Ministries. Henry

Roberts led the prayer and pledge, asking us to keep the family of former member Ted Crane in our thoughts and prayers. He recently passed away and will be buried in Birmingham. The *sunshiny* Bob Hart welcomed Ensigns Zach Fisher and Mike Perry as our military guests and asked our own John Appleyard to lead the singing of Happy Birthday to Lou Ray, Scott Sallis, Bill Dollarhide, and newest member Jean Silva. Afterward, John and his Rotary Rooters helped us celebrate Presidents' Day as they sang Yankee Doodle, Dixie, and the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Program Chair Jerry Maygarden introduced our speaker, Editor Emeritus of the Pensacola News Journal, J. Earle Bowden. Wondering why we would invite a "Messenger Worthy of Extinction," Mr. Bowden helped our members understand recent changes in our local paper as only a historian of his distinction could do. With the population apparently moving into a digital eternity, somehow our newspapers have to move from uncool to super cool in order to keep the watchdog of the world alive and well. As the Pensacola News Journal celebrates its 125th

anniversary, we are reminded of the important role it plays in respecting civil discourse, protecting the heart and soul of our community, and deepening our love for political rights. The paper has championed many enterprises from the renovation of the Saenger Theater to the establishment of Gulf Islands National Seashore. Mr. Bowden assured us that newspapers will survive as part of the local web stitching the community together, but changes will continue as they shrink more, offer more and more cyberspace platforms as a multimedia system, and probably sell off more properties. It must continue to reflect the heart of the region and be a watchdog of public power. As the lines between news and entertainment are blurred, we depend on the newspaper to spread democracy and continue the *crusade for integrity*. We are comforted with Mr. Bowden's last words to our group, "Keep the faith."

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Patteson

ROTARY WHEELS

❖ When Earle Bowden mentioned Frank Mayes as an innovator in early Pensacola daily newspapers he was talking about the man who created the business that John Phelps still operates. That covered a span of more than a century. And noting 1914...our many member bankers might remember that it was just 100 years ago that the huge First National Bank had to close, bringing about half a century of depressed business locally.

❖ Glad to see that Carl Mertins now is driving again. Carl's broken arm slowed him down for several weeks.

❖ Auby Smith, who is commander of the local Sons of the Confederacy, may have that group moving towards a cemetery memorial for famed Gen. (and Governor) Edward Perry, whose home already is a landmark here.

Next month the Rooters will be saluting Irish happenings, and may also have a new brief concert...at a local nursing home.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Capt. Bob Cornett: Capt. Bob Cornett is the officer in charge of the Pensacola Salvation Army Corps. As with all Salvation Army officers, he's an ordained minister and is responsible for all Salvation Army programs in the Pensacola, Milton and Navarre areas. He was transferred to Pensacola in the early Summer of this year.

Marty (Martha) Longworth: Marty (Martha) Longworth grew up in the Pensacola Area, but lived in Hartford, CT for many years, before moving to Memphis TN and then Laguna Niguel, CA before moving back home to care for her father. She has been in the hospitality business for over 30 years and is currently the General Manager at The Suburban Extended Stay Hotel on Barrancas Avenue. She has been in her current position for more than 12 years and enjoys the many aspects of her job. She works with the USO, MWR, Marine Corp League and many others in the area. She is a member of the Pensacola Yacht Club and enjoys sailing, traveling and reading. She is married to Charlie Longworth (retired) and between them both, they have six children and 7 grandchildren living in CT, GA, Chicago, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

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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

Ted Kirchharr

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Assistant District Governor

Robert W. Schuster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
March 4th through March 10th

Mike Layton – March 5 – born in Walteboro, SC, in Rotary 14 years

Fred Sitten – March 7 – born in Albertville, AL, in Rotary 13 years

Clark Merritt – March 10 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 11 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March

4 - LEAP, KC Etheredge

11 - Early Childhood, Alisa Ghazvini, PhD

18 - Pensacola Museum of Art

25 - James Madison Institute, David Azzerad

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

March 4

Greeters: Ed Wonders and Ken Woolf

Ticket Sales: Frances Yeo and Paul Young

March 11

Greeters: Blaise Adams and Scott Adams

Ticket Sales: LaVonne Agerton and John Appleyard

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