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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

It was a warm, summer day in sunny downtown Pensacola and Rotarian William "Bob" Hart of the merchant side of the Hart family was greeting all Rotarians with a firm handshake and warm smile. Raffle tickets were sold by Leslie Halsall and Tim Kane. President John Shaffer called our meeting to order and led Rotarians in the Four Way Test. Dale Jordan then delivered our prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

President Shaffer then asked our guest to draw tickets for the raffle which was \$38 and was taken home by Padre Randy Jackson. Five other Rotarians took home sets of tickets to the Blue Wahoos games for this week as there were no military guests in attendance. President Shaffer then called upon our "Court Jester" extraordinaire, Rotarian Scott Grissett, for some Downtown Rotary Sunshine. After introducing our Rotarians and guests of Rotarians, Scott led the club in a heartfelt rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Carl Mertins, our lone attendee with a birthday.

President Shaffer then called upon Sandra Smith to introduce our program speaker, Greg Strader of B.R.A.C.E. (Be

Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies). BRACE is the successor organization to the Escambia Long Term Recovery Committee, which helped over 800 families recover from Hurricane Ivan, the fourth most costly disaster in U.S. history as of 2004. The County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan indicates: "BRACE will coordinate social and support services utilizing local, donated and purchased resources from its membership and the community abroad to meet individual, unmet needs and manage and maintain social service casework where appropriate."

BRACE has many volunteers and corporate partners. Among the projects of the organization was a project to establish a safe Childcare for First Responders during the first 72 hours following an emergency. This allows all first responders with children to be assured that their children are being kept safe and secure as they go about their jobs of rendering aid to those in need after a disaster. Other programs include, Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Response - Homebound, Faith-Based Initiative, Mission Homeward Bound, Disaster Recovery and Citizen Corps. The Community Emergency Response

Team (CERT) Program educates people on preparing for and responding to disasters that may impact their area. Participants receive 19-21 hours of training in disaster preparedness, fire safety and suppression, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, terrorism, disaster psychology and team organization.

Greg told us that there are many ways to be involved in BRACE whether volunteering time, attending free CERT training, becoming a BRACE volunteer, donating in-kind, donating online, joining a committee or becoming a partner. You can learn more about this great organization at their website, www.bereadyalliance.org.

After thanking Greg for an informative program, President Shaffer thanked everyone who made today's meeting possible and adjourned the meeting. After the meeting, John Tice hosted an update on the plans for the Rotary Centennial Playground at the Community Maritime Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Lewis

ROTARY WHEELS

- ❖ Hugh Hamilton's church is nearing the end of great post-storm repairs. Having to remove all the sanctuary pews for carpet installation challenged even the strongest spirits. Billy Elebash's establishment also is all but through with repairs.
- ❖ Judy Bense has aired some more plans on UWF's economic future. To come, on property once called The Baroco Land, would be the site of apartments for retirees,

folks wishing to live near a university and a golf course.

- ❖ The military actions over so much of the world have Mike Ferguson and other military planners working hard. As Mike said, "We send a few hundred here, a few hundred there...and pretty soon you need some more."
- ❖ Nathan Kahn's practicing for a new role, civic club talks about Palafox Street.

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◆ Past President	David Stafford
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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
July 15th through July 21st

Terry Scruggs – July 15
born in Atmore, AL, in Rotary 22 years

Paula Turner – July 15
born in New London, CT, in Rotary 3 years

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July

15 - Port of Pensacola, Amy Miller
22 - ACE Art and Culture Festival, David Bear and Lois Benson
29 - UWF, Dr. Judy Bense

August

5 - BP Oil Spill Litigation, Andrew Kent
12 - IRIS, Jason Crawford

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

July 15

Greeters: Jim Hizer and Gerry Hoewing
Ticket Sales: Wylie Hogeman and Kathy Horton-Brown

July 22

Greeters: Marjorie Hudson and Arthur Hufford
Ticket Sales: Earl Hutto and Beverly Jackson

PRAYER & PLEDGE/SUNSHINE

July 15

Prayer/Pledge: Leonard Swartz
Sunshine: Chris Kelly

July 22

Prayer/Pledge: Peter Doyle
Sunshine: Bob Hart

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