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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on a beautiful Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Susan Graf and Peit Hudson greeted members and guests at the door. Scott Paul sold raffle tickets. The winning ticket and \$66 was claimed by Nathan Kahn. President Margaret Stopp called the meeting to order with the Four Way Test and a reminder that anyone with applications for RYLA should see Andrea Farage as soon as possible. President Margaret sent out a request for those interested in planning the next Family of Rotary event which is scheduled for Mid –May, to meet after the meeting next week, April 6. Leonard Swartz led the way with the prayer and pledge. Charlie Blackwell brought sunshine into our lives once again with tales of Red Level, Alabama. Scott Paul presented the newest member of Downtown Rotary, Tony Basel to the club. Charlie welcomed our military guests, Assistant District Governor Ted Kircharr and other noted guests. Birthday greetings went out to Judy Bense, Nancy Maloy, Tommy Tait and Nathan Kahn. Evon Emerson introduced the guest speaker, Executive Director of Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) Steve Sorrells who provided a response to the recent report by EWG – Environmental Working Group regarding the quality of drinking water in our area and an update on the progress of the construction of the

Central Water Reclamation Facility- the new treatment plant replacing the downtown facility. The Environmental Working Group, EWG, an entity that is not a governmental agency or a regulatory agency but a not-for profit environmental advocacy group issued a report on the quality of water from many areas of the country. In this report, Pensacola and Escambia County were identified to be among the worst in the nation regarding levels of "Impurities" in the water. EWG's report summary indicates that ECUA did 74,897 test samples over a five year period and that 45 different impurities were found in the drinking water. EWG labels these impurities "contaminants" even though they are unregulated by Environmental Protection Agencies at the national or state levels and are reported in trace amounts such as parts per million and parts per billion. During this same five year period, as noted in the report, ECUA was not issued a single citation by the EPA. As Mr. Sorrells explained ECUA takes the issue of water quality very seriously and always has, their usual procedures are to test the water in their own labs at a much higher rate than the national average and a water quality report is mailed to all ECUA customers annually as well as available on line. Richard Snyder, Professor and Director of the Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation (CEDB)

at UWF was engaged by ECUA to review the science behind the report and provide an analysis of the report and its conclusions. According to Mr. Sorrells, the findings of the CEBG were that the EWG report was in error because the tests were flawed, the report was misleading and the conclusions were incorrect. Emerald Coast Utilities Authority water is safe by all regulatory standards.

The construction of the new Central Water Reclamation Facility – CWRF on the property purchased from Solutia in Gonzalez is ahead of schedule and below budget. Start up of the new facility is expected for August, 2010. At that time, the two facilities – the downtown Plant and the CWRF will operate simultaneously until the transition can be made to the new facility and the shut down of the downtown facility will occur. The summer of 2010 should be the last one for the old downtown treatment facility. ECUA plans to use the funds available at the end of the construction to upgrade approximately 27 lift stations in use throughout the system. Anyone interested in a tour of the new facility should contact Nathalie Bowers at nbowers@ecua.org to arrange a tour.

President Margaret thanked all those who needed thanking and closed with "The future of Rotary is in your hands".

Respectfully submitted by Claudia Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROP (Combined Rotary Of Pensacola) will have the Ethics in Business on Monday, May 3 at the New World Landing at Noon. We will not have our regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4

Rotary Club of Pensacola , in combination with the Five Flags and Cantonment Rotary clubs, is hosting the next wheelchair trip to Costa Rica in May. The dates are May 15-22, 2010. This project was competitively selected by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for a Matching Grant which funded the purchase of the chairs. The trip is a great way to be involved with a very meaningful project and to experience firsthand the great humanitarian benefits that Rotary provides worldwide. A team of six Rotarians is desired. If you are interested, please contact Clif Payne, 433-8732, or Carl Dickerson, 291-3379, for more details.

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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
April 5th through April 12th

Charles Sherrill Sr. (Charlie) – April 6
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 41 years
Bob Gaines – April 6
born in Daytona Beach, FL, in Rotary 46 years
Handsel Butts – April 8
born in Natchez, MS, in Rotary 47 years
Chris Kelly – April 8
born in Landstulhl, Germany, in Rotary less than 1 year
Barry Cole – April 8
born in Jackson, MS, in Rotary 2 years
Joe Miller – April 9
born in Chicago, IL in Rotary less than 1 year
Mark Tuzo – April 11
born in San Diego, CA, in Rotary 24 years
Dick Dickerson – April 11
born in Oxford, NC, in Rotary 42 years
Clif Payne – April 12
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

April 6th

Greeters: Kathy Horton-Brown and Mark Harden
Ticket Sales: Randy Jackson and John Klocke

April 13th

Greeters: Nigel Allen and Coy Irvin
Ticket Sales: Bryan McCall and Doug Werber

April 20th

Greeters: William Phillips and David Stafford
Ticket Sales: Oliver Soule and Frances Yeo

April 27th

Greeters: Paul Young and Betty Roberts
Ticket Sales: Wanda Cross and William Mitchem

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