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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The August 10, 2010 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on another beautiful but warm day. Rotarians John Monroe and Rex McKinney were fine greeters, and Robert Mills sold enough raffle tickets for President Ray to claim as a record for his term, which a very lucky Sherry Hartnett won – a whopping \$76!

President Ray Jones opened the meeting, and Charlie Sherrill led the group in thoughtful prayer and Pledge. Father Jack Gray had Sunshine duties, and he welcomed two Navy guests, a handful of guests of Rotarians, and Rotarians from other clubs having a Downtown New World lunch.

Ray thanked Downtown Rotarians for turning in their pledge forms, and he reminded members that ours is a club that does not hold fund-raisers, but relies on member contributions to maintain our level of giving year in and year out. If you have not done so, please remember all of the important work Downtown Rotary does for others, and return your pledge form asap.

Jerry Maygarden introduced today's guest speaker, our own Andrea Farage, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida. While very active in Downtown Rotary,

Andrea is also active in the community in other organizations such as Sertoma and LEAP, and is proud to be a Florida State grad.

Andrea gave a brief history of RMH of Northwest Florida, which was founded in 1981 and opened its doors to families in 1984. Since then, nearly 18,000 adults and children have found refuge in the home away from home. Opening with only 6 bedrooms, the original House expanded to 9 bedrooms over the years. Andrea was proud to report that the new House will contain 26 bedrooms and many new amenities for visiting families. The House will go from a capacity of only a few families to 26 families at a time, which means over 550 more families per year can be served over the former House, a 300% increase. The new House was built completely by donations, which involved over 800 donors, including every single RMH Board and Staff member. In fact, because of the commitment of the donors, the Board, and dedicated volunteers, the House is able to offer its services to families regardless of their ability to pay.

The new RMH includes bedrooms that rival any of the best hotels in the area, a conference and continuing ed room (that transforms into Santa's Workshop during

the Holidays), a gymnasium full of donated equipment, a "Nursing Nook" with equipment and freezers to help with new moms, and a Clothes Pantry complete with spare clothing for parents and families who didn't have time to pack when they came to the House. There are also upstairs and downstairs laundries, complete with donated laundry equipment, and a Quiet Activity Room for board games, reading, or other quiet activities. For adults who need to carry on day-to-day activities, there is a Family Office with computer terminals, desks, and a fax machine. And thanks to donations from Jerry Pate Design Company, there is a wonderful outdoor Courtyard of Caring playground, complete with a soft surface, climbing equipment, and even a putting green.

Andrea reminded Rotarians that the Downtown Rotary Club was a large part of seeing the new House through to fruition, and invited members to the Grand Opening Ceremony set for August 14, 2010 at 10am.

President Ray congratulated Andrea and thanked her for the informative discussion, and thanked everybody who contributed to today's meeting.

Respectively submitted by
Jake Renfroe, III

ROTARY WHEELS

- See where Paul Young has a new assignment, heading the Community Foundation.
- Hats off to Tommy Tait, who has been selected to head the Florida Bankers Association soon.
- Sherry Hartnett's role has been expanded at Baptist Health Service, to include heading their foundation.
- Andrea Farage and Company rolled out the red carpet for guests as the 26-unit Ronald McDonald House was dedicated August 13th. A host of folks helped raise over \$5 million for the worthy cause.
- Did you know that Reed Bell's father held the post of county clerk for over 35 years?
- Susan O'Connor's been named to the board of WSRE-TV.
- On August 15th Randy Jackson's First Presbyterian Church finalized a year of celebration of its 165th year. The Olde Tyme Radio Show telling the story included in the cast Bill Baxter, David Lamar, Frank Beall and Jeff Lewis. At the finale attendees received an extension of the printed church history that was printed in 1965.
- Northwest FL Blood Services New Donor Room Grand Opening will be August 17, 2010 until 6pm at 1999 East Nine Mile Road. All are invited to see the expanded 12 bed donor room with latest technological advances. Rotary has made several grants to blood center and many in our club donate!

2010-2011 Club Officers

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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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Assistant District Governor

Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of August 18th through August 24th

Roger Brown – August 17
born in Schenectady, NY, in Rotary 19 years

Ken Woolf – August 19
born in Scarsdale, NY, in Rotary 40 years

Ken Prest – August 21
born in Beaufort, NC, in Rotary 28 years

Roger Enzor – August 22
born in Crestview, FL, in Rotary 19 years

Bobby Kahn – August 22
born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 62 years

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

August 17th
Greeters: Clark Merritt and Charles Michaels
Ticket Sales: Ronald Martin and Morris Marx

August 24th
Greeters: Brian Masterson and Jerry Maygarden
Ticket Sales: Glenn McDonald and David Lamar

August 31st
Greeters: Carol Law and Kramer Litvak
Ticket Sales: Nancy Maloy and William Maloy

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

August 17th: Mick Breault, Waterfront Rescue Mission

August 24th: Sylvia White, District Governor

August 31st: Dan Shugart

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