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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW

The November 30th, 2010 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola took place on a warm fall day, and Gary Bemby welcomed members and guests. Blaire Crooke sold the week's raffle tickets, of which Betty Roberts was the surprised but grateful winner of \$70.

John Appleyard was promoting and signing his latest book, Mysteries of Pensacola, another local favorite that he graciously donates half of the proceeds to our local Rotary Foundation. The timing for publication is perfect as the book makes a great Christmas gift.

President Ray Jones opened the meeting, and Henry Roberts led the group in thoughtful prayer and Pledge. Bob Hart had Sunshine duties, and he welcomed two Navy guests, and introduced a handful of guests of Rotarians and Rotarians visiting from other clubs.

Ted Brown, a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, spoke briefly about the opportunity for Rotarians to make Holiday donations through a "Virtual Red Kettle" online for those who do not have a chance to donate through a Bell Ringer Kettle at a local store. Ted's *Brown Marine* website has a link to the Virtual Red Kettle on the front page of www.browmarine.com. He asked that we please consider making a donation through that link. Earl Hutto still seeks volunteer Bell Ringers for three weekends before Christmas. Please consider giving a two-hour shift to this worthy cause. Earl is

scheduling ringers for shifts at Sam's Club and at Walmart on Creighton Road.

Collier Merrill introduced today's guest speaker, Senator Don Gaetz. Senator Gaetz, first elected to the Senate in 2006, is a resident of Okaloosa County, and is married with two children including son Matt who is the newly elected State Representative of Northwest Florida. He is co-founder of VITAS Healthcare Corporation, and has served on the Okaloosa County School Board from 1994 to 2000, and was elected Superintendent from 2000 to 2006. At the State level, the Senator is Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee and the Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations Committee, and he serves on the Commerce and Tourism Committee, Health Regulation Committee, Rules Committee, and Rules Subcommittee on Ethics and Elections.

Senator Gaetz described the exciting but challenging times ahead for Florida where we will see a newly elected Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, and Commissioner of Agriculture, all of whom will be pushing to turn Florida's economy around. The Senator believes the key to a better economy is new private sector jobs, and State lawmakers will be challenged to create incentives to not only bring potential employers to Florida, but to offer tax credits and other incentives for new and existing employers to hire more workers. The Deepwater Horizon oil spill opened

Floridians eyes to the fact that we cannot rely on tourism alone to support our economy. Senator Gaetz is very aware of the importance of the five military bases in Northwest Florida, and is prepared to create incentives for the military as well. He is confident that we will learn a hard but valuable lesson from the oil spill, and Floridians will use BP grant money and federal funds to research and alleviate and overcome the physical and economic harm caused by the disaster.

The Senator believes the upcoming Federal healthcare plan will add millions of people to the Medicaid system, and has the potential to cost Floridians 20 billion dollars if not modified. Healthcare and insurance costs will continue to rise and hurt individuals and businesses. With regards to the continuing real estate downturn, the Senator Gaetz believes the way out of a bad market is to generate homebuyers and investors through jobs and an improved economy. While the Fed controls the banking and mortgage industry, he believes state lawmakers can help improve the real estate turnover by eliminating some governmental hoops and stumbling blocks, and by working with insurance companies to help overcome those costs and restrictions.

Senator Gaetz may be reached at his office in Destin at 850-897-5747, or by email at gaetz.don.web@flsenate.gov.

President Ray adjourned after thanking everyone who helped with today's meeting.

Submitted by Jake Renfroe

ROTARY WHEELS

Bob Rogers, his Waterfront Rescue Mission team and lots of volunteers helped to feed over 2,500 folks over Thanksgiving. The Mission this week will begin a campaign to fund a huge new headquarters north of the city.

Jean Norman and United Way backers will hold their 2010 Victory luncheon December 9th. Hope the numbers are BIG!

John Tice's staff are working with members of the Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution on a proposed memorial to be added to Veterans Park. John's people did the fine work on the WWII and Korean memorials.

Hats off to Alan Bookman and Terry Terrell for the program which shed a fine light on our judicial system. How important that system is, and how little we all know about how it functions.

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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

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Ted Kirchharr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of December 7th through December 13th

Glenn McDonald - Dec. 7

born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 36 years

Chris Klotz - Dec. 11

born in Portland, ME, in Rotary 7 years

Beverly Patteson - Dec. 12

born in Winston Salem, NC, in Rotary 1 year

GREETERS AND TICKET SALES

December 7, 2010

Greeters: Scott Barrow and David Bear

Ticket Sales: Howard H. Bell

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

December 7: Rotary Rooters

December 14: Choral Society of Pensacola

December 21: No Meeting

December 28: No Meeting

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

President Elect Elect: Innes Richards

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