



Rotary Club of Pensacola

Fellow Rotarians, as we approach the New Year and the mid point of the Rotary year the following is an update of the activities and plans of your club.

An overview of the Club Foundation activities:

Organizations we are supporting this year are as follows:

ECARE / Wee Read, in support of literacy initiatives. We have pledged and given \$4,000.00.

Manna Food Bank, in support of hunger initiatives. We have pledged and given \$3,000.00. In addition to this \$5,000.00 was raised during the Thanksgiving drive to provide meals during Thanksgiving.

Junior Achievement, in support of vocational initiatives. We have pledged and given \$3,000.00.

Ronald McDonald House, in support of health and wellness initiatives for youth. We have pledged and given \$3,000. We have also applied for a District Simplified Grant for the Ronald McDonald House, award is still pending.

Interact at WHS and PHS, in support of youth initiatives. We have pledged \$3,000.00. Both Schools have active Interact programs thanks to the able leadership of Ed Wonders, John Shaffer, and Scott Grissett. The two clubs have been busy, Manna Food Drive (over 1000 lbs, go WHS), Bell Ringing for Salvation Army, Gulf Coast Kid's House support, Preparing meals at Ronald McDonald House, making Christmas cards for Haven House and Bayside Manor residents, the list goes on!

Local Community Grants We have pledged \$10,000 for various causes that come to the committee during the year. To date the committee has recommend and the Board has approved the following allocations:

Lakeview	\$1,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$1,000.00
Gulf Coast Boy Scouts	\$1,000.00
Global Corner	\$1,000.00
IB Support Foundation	\$439.00



We have \$5,561 dollars left in this budget to allocate if you know of worthy needs in the community. The focus is preferred to be in the range of \$500 for each grant. Andrea Farage chairs this committee.

Polio Plus Gates Foundation Match Challenge We have pledged \$7,500 over a three year period and have given \$5,000 to date, ahead of our commitment. To learn more about this challenge grant see:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/HelpEradicatePolio/Pages/Contribute.aspx>

Rotary International Foundation

(RIF) We have committed to give at a level that will represent the EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) goal of \$100 per member. Based on current pledges by the membership to the RIF, another \$6,200 is needed to meet that goal. See also:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/AnnualProgramsFund/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Our **International Projects committee** is active. Cliff Payne recently traveled to Costa Rica with the Wheelchair Project. Sandra Smith, Kathy Horton Brown and Ted Brown have worked tirelessly to complete three separate matching Humanitarian grant projects in India. New projects have been identified in the Caribbean region and plans are being made to develop partnerships and apply for new humanitarian grants in that area. This committee is looking for volunteers to help grow our involvement in humanitarian projects and understand how the Rotary International Humanitarian Grants program works. Those with an interest should contact Sandra Smith.

We have well over 100 hours of Rotarians and Interact members ringing the bell for **Salvation Army** during the holidays, kudos to Earl Hutto for spearheading this effort

Andrea Farage and Ed Wonders are leading the charge for this year's upcoming **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** program.

Kathy Horton Brown and Julie Parker Tippins are active with our **District's Group Study Exchange program**. We will conduct an Exchange with District 2040 (Milan Italy). Look for notices of when the Italians will be in our area and be willing to volunteer to host candidates and participate in some of their activities when invited.

Julie Parker Tippins and Carol Powell are spearheading our **Rotary Youth Exchange Program** with a club located in Germany. This is a two week exchange for High School age students, applications are now due.



We are hosting Frederik Kehler from Denmark in a year long **student exchange program**. Kudos to Robert Mills, Scott Sallis and Scott Grissett for all of their support and efforts with this important Rotary program.

We have welcomed eleven **new members** to the club so far this Rotary year, they are Sally Cary, Greg Guzman, William Stafford, Scott Sallis, Thomas Frizell, Ed Meadows, Paul Tobin, Martin Small, Christina Littlejohn Issa Ephtimios and Chris Klotz.

We have had stellar year of **programs** thanks to a dedicated committee chaired by David Stafford and including Paul Young, Bryan McCall, Ellis Bullock, Grover Robinson, Innes Richards, Jimmie Jones, Jerry Maygarden, John Shaffer, Margaret Stopp, Richard Sherrill, Sherry Hartnett, Tommy Tait, Skip Furlong, Debbie Ford Ray Jones, and Jack Gray.

Our **Endowed Scholarship Fund at PJC** awarded 4 scholarships totaling \$5,000 for the Fall 2008 term. Our **Endowed Scholarship Fund at UWF** awarded three scholarships totaling \$5,000 for the 2008 academic year.. Our **Scholarship Committee** is formalizing recommendations to the Board to maximize our ability to provide scholarships from Rotary Club of Pensacola to deserving students.

Our club has assisted the **Honor Flight Program** through Past President Jerry Maygarden's efforts.

You have elected an excellent **class of Board Members** for the 09-11 years, they are Shawn Brantley, Henry Roberts, Andrea Farage and David Stafford. And you have elected Ray Jones as president-elect for the 09-10 year.

We have honored three new **Paul Harris Fellows**, Margaret Stopp, Ray Jones and Robert Mills. Club member Ron Richards designated club members Ed Wonders, Andrea Farage and Francis Yeo as **Paul Harris Fellows** in recognition of their service to Rotary. Additionally we have honored Bo Carter for his **Paul Harris Plus 5 status**, Carol Law for her **Paul Harris Plus 2 status** and Ron Richards for his exceptional giving to the **Rotary International Foundation**. And there are more to come!

The **long range planning committee** has developed a survey for the membership to provide the Board feedback. This feedback will allow the Board to focus the club's efforts in a manner consistent with the membership's preferences. Be sure to make your voice heard and complete the survey when it is offered in January.

Our fund raising goals for the year are ambitious to support all of the above programs and goals and yet the request amounts to less than a dollar a day for Rotary. With only 38%



of the membership having pledged thus far, we are with in 85% of our fundraising goal for the year. If we can encourage the remaining 62% of the membership that has not pledged or given to support our Rotary programs and goals in some way, we will certainly **meet our goals for this Rotary year.**

Rotary club members perform numerous other “behind the scenes” activities that occur routinely to keep our Rotary Club running smoothly from week to week. Hats off to these volunteers, you know who you are.

Aside from all the above, many in our club are tirelessly and actively working through out our community in volunteer capacity to help others, in keeping with our Rotary motto, **Service Above Self**, thanks for all you do.

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact your Board Members, they are: John Shaffer, Ray Jones, Carol Law, Robert Mills, Sandra Smith, Rex McKinney, Tommy Tait, Debbie Ford, Jerry Maygarden, past President, Tim Kane, Sgt. At Arms, Ron Jackson Treasurer, Innes Richards, Secretary Margaret Stopp, President Elect, and Keith Bullock, President.