



Rotary District 6940

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Message from DG Leon Hirsh



TREAT YOURSELF TO THE TAMS

Welcome to the 2016 District Conference. We will be stationed at the San Destin Resort on May 6-8. Registration is up on the district database (www.rotary6940.org) and ready to roll.

Who are The Tams? The Tams are one of the all-time great show bands of the South. You all know me well enough by now to know that I like to weave a story or two along the way. Well, I have a short story about The Tams.

The original Tams played my graduation ball from the Kentucky Military Institute. I usually drove my children to school in the mornings during the early-mid '80s, and we would listen to cassettes of The Tams and sing some of their songs.

Every once in a while, when we would stop for a red light, I would turn around to the kids and say, "Ya know, one of these days, The Tams are going to play a wedding reception for someone sitting in this back seat." Erin and Adam would just roll their eyes and give me the usual "Yeah...Right, Dad." Well, forty years later, to the very day from my graduation ball, The Tams played for Erin's

wedding reception at the Officers' Club at NAS Pensacola.

The Tams are from Atlanta, but their domain runs from Virginia Beach to Myrtle Beach to Jacksonville and several hundred miles inland. Many of our Rotarians, who attended college in the South, are quite familiar with The Tams from the thousands of gigs they played from Ole' Miss to Old Dominion and everywhere in between.

The Pensacola Club's Terry Scruggs, an Auburn graduate, has a couple of crazy stories to tell about The Tams playing gigs at his fraternity house in the early '60s.

Today's Tams are the second generation, and direct family members run the show. A third generation already is being trained. A couple of those youngsters actually might perform for us on Saturday night. The Tams travel with a group called The 14 Carat Gold Band. These musicians comprise a stand-alone show band in their own right but have always traveled and backed up The Tams for as long as The Tams have been together. They're a busy bunch, usually playing 10-12 gigs a month between April and October.

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You all know that I am bringing in Rotary's #1 fan, John T. Capps, for our conference. You all know that John has quite a soft spot for the Boys and Girls Clubs in North Carolina. Well...when Rotary would help kick off the fund-raisers for those Boys and Girls clubs, The Tams would come in and take over the show. So John T. and The Tams have been

friends for years as well.

Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. Take a MOM to see The Tams and enjoy the amenities of the Destin area for the weekend. I promise you a vibrant performance.

Yours in Rotary Service,
District Governor Leon



District 6940 'News for You'

Celebrate the Family of Rotary at the District 6940 Conference

**2016 Rotary International
District 6940 Conference**

May 6 - 7, 2016

Village of Baytowne Wharf at
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort



Be a gift to the world

Come celebrate the Family of Rotary!
Kids under 18 are free

Conference Registration: \$150

(Price increases to \$175 after March 15)

To register, visit the district
database at www.rotary6940.org

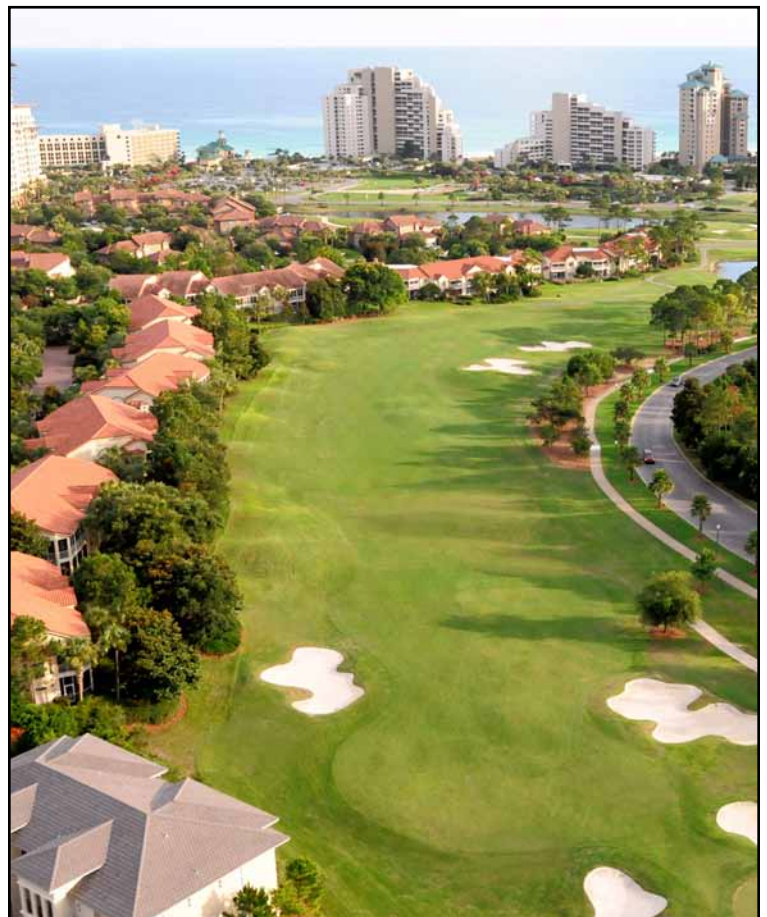
If paying Conference fees by check,
mail payment to:

Attention Johnathan Taylor
Pensacola North Rotary
P.O. Box 30066

Pensacola, FL 32503-1066

*(Make checks payable to
Rotary District 6940 Conference)*

Book your room at the group rate of
\$159 through Group Reservations at
1-800-320-8115 Group Code 23J1AP



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Tentative itinerary announced for 2015-16 District 6940 Conference

Friday

8:00 A.M.

Buffet breakfast for Rotarians who arrived Thursday night.

10:00 A.M.

DGE Roger Champion's District Assembly for his incoming AGs, officers and committee chairs.

12:00 P.M.

Council of Governors luncheon.

12:00 P.M.

Share committee meeting to approve 2016-17 grants.

2:00 P.M.

Official Kick-Off of our conference. Videos, programs, and speakers will take us to 5:30 p.m. John T. Capps, Costa Rica's Ruth Clowater, and our new RI President's Representative will be featured alongside our district Rotarians in the spotlight.

6:30 P.M.

Social hour before dinner.

7:30 P.M.

District Governor's dinner with our featured speakers. Presidential Citations awarded.

9:00 P.M.

Adjourn to hospitality suite.

Saturday

7:00 A.M.

Working buffet breakfast with John T. Capps.

8:00 to 11:30 A.M.

Speakers and the District Governor Awards along with the Club of the Year awards

12:30 P.M.

A sit-down lunch in the main ballroom

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Backpack stuffing community service project to benefit homeless students

4:30 to 5:30 P.M.

Kentucky Derby Party and the Ladies Best Derby Hat contest.

6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Buffet supper in the main ballroom

8:00 to 10:30 P.M.

Performance by The Tams from Atlanta, Ga.

10:30 P.M. until

Adjournment to the Hospitality Suite

The 2016 District
Conference
comes to a close.