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# Press Release

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## **Sixth Ever Arrogant Steak Cook Raises over \$24,000**

**Pensacola, FL, November 9, 2016:** Seville Rotary's Sixth Ever Arrogant Steak Cook Off was held on Friday, October 14th at Seville Quarter in Downtown Pensacola. The event raised \$24,000, with all proceeds being distributed locally to Manna Food Pantries, Capstone Adaptive Learning Center, AML Kids, First Tee of NWFL, Epilepsy Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Pensacola, Independence for the Blind of West Florida, ECARE and Ray of Hope. Most of the charities were also involved in the event by selling tickets, entering cooking teams and attending the event. DeDe Flounlacker, Executive Director at Manna Food Pantries, was surprised and caught off guard by the donation announced at the November 1 regularly scheduled Seville Rotary Club meeting, "We are very grateful, and surprised by the generosity of Winn Dixie and Seville Rotary. This donation of \$4,200 will enable us to provide food for a day for 800 people in need, the equivalent of 2,400 meals."

During the event, 22 four-person teams treated over 500 attendees to their mouthwatering steak creations with more than 900 New York Strip steaks courtesy of Winn Dixie. As part of the \$30 entry price, attendees also received complementary beer courtesy of Goldring Gulf Distributing, wine courtesy of Southern Wine and Spirits and were treated to a mashed potato and salad bar from Seville Quarter. Teams participated to win awards in many categories. "I love competing for this event with my team Hiles McLeod, not only is it fun to run around and eat steak but also to test out your own Grill Master capabilities. As a chef, it is especially rewarding when you actually win for Most Creative. It is a rewarding experience getting to do things that benefit the community while enjoying those around me. I hope next year to go back and defend the title. We look forward to bringing new creations to the Arrogant Steak Cook-off in 2017" Keith Hoffer, member of Hiles McLeod, winner of Most Creative. The rest of the winning teams were:

**First Place – Most Arrogant Steak Champion:** Fairhope Sunset Rotary

**Second Place – Most Arrogant Steak Champion:** Rosewood Healthcare

**Third Place – Most Arrogant Steak Champion:** Pensacola 5 Flags Rotary

**People's Choice Award:** Team Beau Knows

**Most Creative Award:** Hiles McCleod

**Best Rotary Club Award:** Fairhope Sunset Rotary

"This is our signature event and it wouldn't be possible without sponsors like Henry Chiropractic, Winn-Dixie and Goldring, great partnerships with companies like Seville Quarter and people like Marty Stanovich who always keep things moving. I am proud of our club for making this one of the signature events in Pensacola each year," said Jon Pytynia, Seville Rotary's President.

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Seville Rotary Club of Pensacola is the only evening Rotary Club in Pensacola. Chartered in 2009, the club is made up of primarily young professionals in the Escambia and Santa Rosa County area. Since inception, Seville Rotary and its members have remained very active in the local community providing not only monetary support (\$27,000 in donations to local non-profit organizations in 2015), but also a physical presence by volunteering for many organizations such as United Way's Day of Caring, Ray of Hope wheelchair builds, Manna Food Pantries, Ronald McDonald House and many other programs at the club's adopted school, West Pensacola Elementary.



**Best Rotary Club and First Place – Most Arrogant Steak Champion: Fairhope Sunset Rotary**  
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Manna Food Pantries DeDe Flounlacker, Executive Director receiving a check for \$4,200 from Seville Rotary. Presented by Jon Pytynia, Seville Rotary President (right) and Blake McConkey, Winn Dixie Store Manager (left).

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