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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 2/27/2024

Rotary Club of Pensacola - February Farewell with Fellowship!
February Farewell

Rotarians, our February meeting concluded with a flourish! As you entered the Pensacola Yacht Club, Olevia McNally greeted you, and hopefully, you snagged some raffle tickets from Kia Goldsmith and Benny Jeansonne.

In President Charles' absence, former President Ed Wonders led us through the Four-Way Test, with Terry Scruggs guiding the prayer and pledge.

Mark Your Calendars!

· Ballet Pensacola's "Sleeping Beauty" Fundraiser: Don't miss this enchanting performance on May 4th at the Saenger Theatre. A limited number of VIP packages offer exclusive access for only \$100 each.

· 22nd Annual "Ethics in Business" Award Luncheon: CROP hosts this prestigious event on March 29th. Consider nominating someone and attending!

· Thinking of Joining Rotary? While President Charles isn't offering free meals forever, come experience the spirit of Rotary! Invite your colleagues and see what Rotary is all about.

District Conference: The Club will sponsor 30 members to attend the District Conference from April 12th to 14th. Contact Chris for details.

Congratulations to John Shaffer!

John achieved a trifecta this week:

- Receiving his first Paul Harris Fellow award
- Winning the raffle – all \$2 of it
- Delivering Sunshine– a true overachiever John is!

Workforce Development Spotlight

Carolyn Fries from Career Source Escarosa enlightened us on their collaborative efforts with the Chamber of Commerce to address critical economic development needs. Career Source offers a wide range of services for job seekers and employers. Carolyn, focusing on the business side, helps companies find the right talent. Their services include job fairs, employee training, bonding assistance, and software support. While 75% of local businesses plan to hire soon, 45% of applicants lack essential interpersonal skills and 40% lack necessary technical skills. Interestingly, childcare and transportation weren't major concerns (under 15% for each). Carolyn highlighted employflorida.com as a valuable resource for both parties.

A lively Q&A session followed Carolyn's presentation, and the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Onward, Rotarians! See you next week!

Your Humble Scribe, Clark Merritt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, March 5 we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

This year our club will reimburse the registration cost of 30 members to attend the 2024 Rotary District 6940 Conference on Pensacola Beach. The district Conference will be held April 12-14th at **Hilton Pensacola Beach**, 12 Via DeLuna. For details and registration follow the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/8742b369-ca30-4714-a5d4-d5294e320728>. Following your registration contact Chris to let her know you have registered. You will be reimbursed following the event.

We will continue to stream our meeting using Microsoft Teams; however, changes will be made due to poor wi-fi reception at PYC. You will no longer receive visual video of the meetings but will be able to listen to the announcements and the hear the speaker. The link to join will be sent out in the same manner as before. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please let me know. 850-434-0684.

To increase the membership of our club, we will continue to offer three free lunches for potential new members.

Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter. Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card-sized ads are \$25.00, a 1/4 page is \$50.00, and a 1/2-page ad is \$75.00. To place your ad, send the prepared document to cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

To pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card go to <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment

2023-2024 Club Officers

•President	Charles Beall
•Past President	Bruce Partington
•President Elect	Henry Roberts
•Secretary	Randall Richardson
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Communications Officer	Betty Roberts

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Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	Pensacola Bay Center	Mon.	12:00 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends at Andrews Institute	Tues.	7:00 am
Milton	The Hangar Restaurant	Tues.	12:00 pm
Seville	Seville Quarter	Tues.	4:15 pm
Cantonment	St. Luke's United Methodist Church	Wed.	12:15 pm
Perdido	The Point Church	Wed.	7:30 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village Country Club	Thur.	7:00 am
Cordova	Gulf Coast Kid's House	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	Broussard's Cajun Restaurant	Fri.	12:00 pm
Pensacola North	Hancock Bank, Creighton Rd.	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

Kerry Anne Schultz
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of March 5 through March 11

William DiGiorgio – March 8 – born in Gonbad - e - Kavus, Iran, in Rotary less than one year

Joe Vinson – March 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 4 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Clark Merritt – March 10 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

March 5

Greeters: Laura Gilliam and Scott Grissett
Ticket Sales: Sigrid Rehrig and Charles Gund

March 12

Greeters: Leslie Halsall and Mark Harden
Ticket Sales: Hugh Hamilton and Sherry Hartnett

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 5

Prayer/Pledge: Jack Williams Sunshine: Ellen Vinson

March 12

Prayer/Pledge: Lisa York Sunshine: Stephan Wildish

Program Schedule

March

- 5 - Ramsey Lawrence, Embrace Florida Kids
- 12 - Julie Sheppard, IHMC
- 19 - Terri Jenkins, American Red Cross
- 26 - Joe Vinson & Tyler Bryant, Gero Japanese Sister City

Meeting Schedule

March

- 5 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 12 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 19 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 26 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

