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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 3/18/2025

Minutes of the Downtown Rotary, March 18, 2025

President Henry Roberts called us to order with the 4 Way Test and then called upon Rotarian Kia Goldsmith for Prayer and Pledge.

President Roberts had several announcements. He reminded us that March 22 is World Water Day. One in four people is challenged to obtain clean water. Rotary is helping to support the HanWash program in Haiti. He also brought us news of Rotarian Auby Smith. He is now in Olive Branch Nursing Home and guests/visitors are okay according to his wife Pam. President Roberts also introduced our new member Merco Medici – more introductions later with Sunshine.

The \$77 pot was won – proof that the Joker does exist.

Rotarian Nicole Gislason was our creative ray of Sunshine today. Happy Birthday to Teri Levin. There were also several guests including Steve Strohberger from the Perdido Key Rotary. PS there are 12 Rotary clubs

in our area.

Our speaker today was Terri Jenkins of the American Red Cross. She brought some happy personal news – her heart defect that she told us about last year was in actuality a misdiagnosis. Her joy spilled over into her presentation of all that the Red Cross is doing and where we could assist. An event on March 27, 2025, Dine for Disaster is an opportunity to help your community. Participating restaurants will donate a portion of their sales to the American Red Cross of NW Florida. Check online for restaurants. Lastly, the Red Cross has a free emergency app, providing real-time severe weather and emergency alerts with steps on what to do next. Search Red Cross Emergency in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Tobin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, March 25, we will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

To my Rotary Family, Again I would like to thank you for your kind words, cards, gifts, thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time following the tragic death of my husband David on March 4th. This has been painful beyond words. Through all your love and support, each day is a little more bearable, and I am looking forward to returning today and seeing all of you. A special thanks to Dr. Roberts ("President Henry") and everyone that kept the meetings moving smoothly in my absence; Jane White, Leslie Halsall, DaCotah Ledbetter, Betty Roberts and Ed Wonders. Again, thank you, Rotary Club of Pensacola. Chris Bridwell

The Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola along with the University of West Florida are looking for individuals who exhibit outstanding ethical practices. They are looking to identifying those persons who should be given community-wide recognition. That is why the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola, along with the University of West Florida College of Business, established an Ethics in Business Award. This year's recipients will be awarded during a luncheon meeting on May 8, 2025. Two awards will be given, one for an individual from an organization with 50 or more employees and one for an individual from an organization with 49 or fewer employees. The 2025 instructions and nomination forms can be found as attachment #5 and will be available soon on our website at: www.pensacolarotaryclub.org. Copies are available at our weekly meeting, or you can request a form by emailing Chris at: cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 28, 2025.

Rotarian Terri Jenkins is sharing an event on March 27th and is offering you the opportunity to participate in– Dine for Disaster for the American Red Cross Northwest Florida Chapter. Area restaurants have been invited to participate in this one-day event to benefit the local Red Cross Chapter. It began in GA 12 years ago by a board member and it has grown in the division and Terri has now brought it to Pensacola. If you own a restaurant or have connections to one and would be interested in supporting, please contact Terri at Terri.Jenkins@redcross.org. There will also be an online auction, and she has been working with her board in securing items of all kinds. If you want to donate an item, please also email Terri for further steps. The auction will go live on March 20th and March 27th, you will have many options of where to go to eat a delicious meal. All information will be up soon on the North FL Region event page. Terri would like to thank everyone in advance for any and all suggestions in ensuring the success of this event.

Welcome New Member Casey Capps. Casey is a native of Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, with a degree in Speech Communication. Casey has been with Landis Construction in Business Development for 8 years. His sponsor is Allison Hill.

Welcome New Member Marco Medici. Marco is a native of Sassuolo, Emilia-Romagna, Italy. He is a graduate of the Technical Institute in Italy with a degree in Industrial Chemistry and received his Doctors Degree from The University of Bologna. Marco has been a Rotarian for 13 years in Clarksville, Tennessee and is a Paul Harris +2. His sponsor is Laura Piovesana.

Welcome New Member John Huddleston. John is a native of Brentwood, Tennessee. He is a graduate of University of West Florida with a BSBA and a M.A. in Accounting and Finance. John is the Senior Vice President/CFO with Pen-Air Credit Union. His sponsor is Ed Ranelli.

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 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.

2024-2025 Club Officers

•President	Henry Roberts
•Past President	Charles Beall
•President Elect	Allison Hill
•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.	5:15 pm
	meets every other Tuesday		
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

Mike Tatem
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
March 25 thru March 31

Stacy Robello – March 27 – born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary 5 years

Judy Bense - March 29 – born in Morristown, NJ, in Rotary 16 years, Paul Harris Fellow

James Conner – March 29 – born in Rosemount, MN, in Rotary less than one year

Sophia Forsley – March 29 – born in Thessaloniki, Greece in Rotary less than one year

Greeters and Ticket Sales

March 25

Greeters: Charlie Sherrill and Richard Sherrill

Ticket Sales: David Del Gallo and Ron Martin

April 1

Greeters: David Stafford and Mike Steltenkamp

Ticket Sales: Robert Stephens and Jim Stohlanske

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 25

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins

Sunshine: Scott Grissett

April 1

Prayer/Pledge: Allison Hill

Sunshine:

Program Schedule

March

25 - Joyce Dove - Rotary Youth Camp

April

1 - Chris Martin and Rob Overton - UWF's Physical Footprint (Facilities and Historic Trust)

8 - Thomas "Shep" Coggin - Port of Pensacola

15 - Kim Wilson - Habitat for Humanity

22 - Rick Outzen - Inweekly

29 - Capt. Sterling Gilliam - National Naval Museum

Meeting Schedule

March

25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

April

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8 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

15 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

22 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

29 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams