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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/29/2025

President Henry Roberts welcomed us all and led the membership in reciting The Four Way Test.. Rotarian Stephania Streit provided the Prayer and Pledge.

Reminder that next week May 6 there will be no meeting as the combined Rotary clubs from District 13 will meet on Thursday, May 8 at the Pensacola Yacht Club in order to honor two individuals recently recognized as Ethical Business Leaders in Pensacola.

The Salvation Army is having an Open House & Reception on May 13, 2025, 6-7:30. Of note, our Rotarian team at the Pensacola Salvation Army has been tapped to move on to Mississippi. You have done a great job for our community and we wish you all the best in the future.

President Henry announced new/additional Paul Harris Fellows. Nicole Gislason is now a Paul Harris Fellow plus 1 and Fred Levinson is a Paul Harris Fellow plus 7. Thanks to you both for continued support.

Chris Kelly, Sunshine, introduced our several guests including a former governor of District 13, Carmen Cunio. And the drawing for the jackpot eluded everyone once again. However, Carmen Cunio did draw the winning ticket and then a card that at least repaid some

of her ticket purchases - we do try to treat our guests very well.

Our speaker today was Captain Sterling Gilliam, USN (Ret), Director of the National Naval Museum, who gave us an enthusiastic description of the museum. His aviation career includes over 4600 flight hours in a variety of naval aircraft and more than 1300 arrested landings on 12 different aircraft carriers. There are 33 government employees and 250 volunteers. The museum is a 501C3. It is an educational resource for incoming officers and students. The Naval Aviation Hall of Honor is vital to naval history.

Locally, he serves as a Board member of the WSRE Foundation. He is beginning his second stint as a Director of Visit Pensacola, Inc. where he previously served as the Chairman of the Board. Capt. Gilliam answered many questions from the audience.

President Roberts closed the meeting and reminded us all to come to the meeting on Thursday.

Respectfully submitted

Lynne Tobin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, May 13, we will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

At today's meeting, joining us will be eight leaders from the Ukraine. Our Ukrainian visitors are brought to us by the Congressional Office for International Leadership program, an arm of the U.S. Congress. It enables elected officials and emerging leaders to observe the U.S. democratic system firsthand. Gulf Coast Diplomacy is the host organization that brought these Ukrainian leaders to Pensacola. Julie Tippins Parker and Jean Norman are on the Board of Gulf Coast Diplomacy.

RSVP by Wednesday, May 14th, if you would like to attend the next Naturalization Ceremony. This event is scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the United States District Courthouse located at One North Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida.

RSVP now for the Change of Command Installation Banquet. This year our banquet will take place on Tuesday, June 17th at Heritage Hall located at 130 E. Government Street. Doors open at 5:30, and the program starts at 6:15.

Please note the change of venue for the May 27th meeting. PYC will not be available and we will be meeting at **Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview, 1110 West Lakeview Ave.**

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.

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.

2024-2025 Club Officers

•President	Henry Roberts
•Past President	Charles Beall
•President Elect	Allison Hill
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•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
May 7 thru May 19

Matt Vinson – May 7 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 9 years

Trip Maygarden – May 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 16 years, Paul Harris Fellow

William Stafford – May 11 – born in Masury, OH, in Rotary 50 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

John Monroe – May 15 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 37 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

David DelGallo – May 18 – born in Trenton, NJ, in Rotary 15 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 13

Greeters: Frank Yeager

Ticket Sales: Charles Beall and Bobby Behr

May 20

Greeters: Judy Bense

Ticket Sales: Laura Piovesana and George Biggs

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 13

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Beall

Sunshine: Leslie Mickles

May 20

Prayer/Pledge: Olevia McNally

Sunshine: Susan O'Connor

Program Schedule

May

13 - Capt. Newman - NASP

20 - Kendrick Doidge - HCA - West Florida

27 - David Brinkley - WUWF

Meeting Schedule

May

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

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

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

27 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifview and MicroSoft Teams