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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 11/14/2023

With the first cold snap and Thanksgiving ahead, the Pensacola leaders and servants who are the heart of THE Rotary of Pensacola arrived for another Tuesday focused on making Pensacola a better place to live, work and play. The raffle sat at a whopping \$77 as Auby Smith and Pam Smith tried to increase not only people's odds of winning but also the pot! We were warmly greeted by Charles Sherrill, III and Richard Sherrill and enjoyed a wonderful meal by the staff at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

Charles Bell rang the bell and we recited the 4-Way test as a consistent reminder of our purpose as Rotarians. Charles Kahn, Jr led us in a powerful prayer about wisdom and compassion followed by the pledge of allegiance. Charles announced the move to the Pensacola Bay Center featuring Paul Tobin. Randall Richardson introduced a new member, Daniel Joiner. Daniel is the Senior Market Leader at Community Bank and serves on the Board of Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts of Northwest Florida, WSRE/PBS Board. He is a graduate of the Leadership Pensacola Class of 2023.

The good new presentations continued with an award of Paul Harris +3 to Bruce Partington. This was a great reminder of the need for generosity in giving to the foundation drive. So far we have 61 pledges which is great, but we still have about 100 members to go. He continued with another ask for people to sign up for bellringing for the Salvation Army this year at Sam's Club. It is a great opportunity to help our with your family this holiday season.

Against Charles' better judgment, he called upon Dale Jordan to present Sunshine. No guest today but on birthday in the house, Randall Richardson who has been in Rotary for 5 years. The jokes fell flat but the effort was great!

Ed Wonders introduced our guest speaker, Kristy Craig, from Ready Kids. Founded in 2007, the mission of ReadyKids! (formerly ECARE) is to maximize children's potential through increased school readiness. Below is a description of their organization from their site:

"In October 2006, a planning group of community leaders including THE Rotary Club of Pensacola, Early Learning Coalition, Escambia County School

District, United Way of West Florida, Gulf Coast African American Chamber of Commerce, Drs. Bill and Nancy Maloy and Dr. John DeWitt published a Business Case supporting the creation of Every Child A Reader in Escambia (ECARE). ECARE was proposed to be community-wide, business-led coalition of representative from all segments of the community. They proposed the following Vision and Goals for ECARE:

Vision: To create a literate workforce that contributes to the economic growth and development in Escambia County.

Goals: All children entering Kindergarten in the Escambia County School District in 2011 will be ready for Kindergarten as measured by then current state standards.

All 3rd graders in the Escambia County School District will test as proficient on the reading portion of the FCAT by 2014 as measured by state standards.

In 2020, the ECARE team and Board came together to discuss opportunities for community growth, stronger impact among our children and families, and increased awareness. After a year of planning, deep conversations, ideas, and community and stakeholder input, ECARE officially rebranded to ReadyKids! on July 1, 2021 with the leadership of local branding agency, HatchMark Studio.

Today, ReadyKids! is an established leader in the early literacy space for prekindergarten students in Escambia County and an extension of support for their families. ReadyKids! continues its original mission to seek opportunities to collaborate, leverage and maximize existing resources and avoid duplication by working closely with community partners. Through Project Ready's three-prong approach, ReadyKids! continues to focus on mentoring students, engaging families in the education process of their prekindergartners, and supporting educators – all to maximize children's potential through increased school readiness. With a school readiness rate of 48% in 2020, our mission remains critical."

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO MEETING LOCATION

TODAY, TUESDAY, November 21, we meet at Pensacola Bay Center. November 28, we return to Pensacola Yacht Club

Our Annual Rotary Fundraiser Drive. Along with our Club Foundation, Rotary International EREY and Polio Plus, The **Hanwash Project** is collaborative national initiatives to provide and sustain clean water in order to promote prosperity and better health to the people of Haiti. This year we have added the **Rotary Youth Camp**. Supported by District 6940, this camp is for any child with disability and enables them to grow in self-confidence and to find success in physical activities and social relationships. The pledge forms will be available at the weekly meeting every Tuesday or you can request a pledge form at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

It Is Time To Sign Up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. The Rotary Club of Pensacola will ring the bell at Sam's Club every Friday and Saturday beginning November 24th through December 23rd. The goal is to have 2 individuals ring for a two-hour shift. You can sign-up at the weekly meeting or contact Chris via email.

Applications are available for the annual RYLA event held at Adventures Unlimited on the last weekend of February. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience for 10th graders organized by Rotary clubs and districts. Student will develop skills as leaders while having fun and making connections. Deadline for application is November 30th. <https://ryla6940.org/> Application: <https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/App/?ID=162>

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, at the most recent board meeting it was decided to extend the offer of 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.**

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

Bulletin Information

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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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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.

"Thank you to the following members for their annual pledge to The Rotary International Foundation and The Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation"

Marjorie Anders	Scott Grissett	David Lamar	Bruce Partington	Bill Stafford
Charles Beall	Leslie Halsall	Britt Landrum	Laura Piovesana	Mike Steltenkamp
Frank Beall	Sherry Hartnett	Fred Lindstrom	Sigrid Rehrig	Margaret Stopp
Bobby Behr	Allison Hill	Trey Manderson	Randall Richardson	Leonard Swartz
Aaron Bercovitch	Craig Hindsman	Jerry Maygarden	Stacy Robello	John Tice
Ted Brown	Kathy Horton Brown	Bryan McCall	Betty Roberts	Paul Tobin
Al Coby	Art Hufford	Norris McMahan	Henry Roberts	John Trawick
Vince Currie	Bennett Jeansonne	William A. Neuner	Bob Rogers	Joe Vinson
David DeGallo	Charles Ray Jones	Sheila Nichole	Scott Sallis	Jane White
Christina Doss	Dale Jordan	Jean Norman	John Shaffer	Ken Woolf
William Fleming	Charles Kahn	Susan O'Connor	Charles Sherrill, Jr	Brian Wyer
Sally Fox	Chris Kelly	Tom Owens	Auby Smith	
Nicole Gislason	Andrea Krieger	Julie Tippins Parker	Pam Smith	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
 November 21 through November 27

No Birthdays

Greeters and Ticket Sales

November 21

Greeters: Trey Sokul and David Stafford
 Ticket Sales: Mike Steltenkamp and

November 28

Greeters: Margaret Stopp and Charles Thornton
 Ticket Sales: John Tice and Lynne Tobin

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

November 21

Prayer/Pledge: Jerry Maygarden Sunshine: Nicole Gislason

November 28

Prayer/Pledge: Cal Moore Sunshine: Collier Merrill

Program Schedule

November

21 - Paul Tobin - The Best Team in America
 28 - Jon Miller - The Pensacola Lighthouse

What's Happening in Rotary

November

21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams
 28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams