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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 12/05/2023

Past President Bruce Partington called the meeting to order and then ask the membership to stand and recite the Four Way Test. Past President Bruce gave a thoughtful prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Announcements made was a request for bellringers to cover the last few weeks at Sam's Club. The Foundation Drive continues with 72 members out of 166 making a pledge. Dr. Judy Bense was Sunshine. She provided some football humor and announced Birthdays. Next the raffle was held with two drawings. Lucky Rotarian Keith Carrington won both, drawing the joker he won the jackpot and the drawing for the "Lost Pensacola" 2024 Calendar provided by Joe Vinson.

Past President Bruce welcomed our speakers, Joe Vinson, UWF Associate Director Digital Strategy and Lost Pensacola Project, Robin Reshard is the executive director of the Kukua Institute and Ezra Gerry Museum and Research Center and founder of the Pensacola Network and Dr. Jamin Wells, UWF Associate Professor and Director

of Public History Program. Each shared talks about uplifting research of Pensacole people who were not honored with an obituary at the time of death because of their race or gender. The stories are appearing in the Pensacola News Journal and range from historical research from 1825 to 1941. Specific Obituaries that were not honored at the time of death due to discrimination because of race or gender included: John Sunday 1925, Reverend Croom 1905, John Brown 1920, Ezra Gray, Salvadore Pons, Viola Edwards, Mariah McQueen and William D. Noe- "Mr. Railroad" to name a few. Dr. Wells explained the process of selection, the research and findings of the historical obituaries. When completed a book will be printed to acknowledge with honor many who were leaders of our past.

Past President Partington thanked everyone that served at today's meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, December 12, we meet at 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.

Only Two More Weekends for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. The Rotary Club of Pensacola each Friday and Saturday are ringing the bell for Salvation Army at Sam's Club now 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.

Next Tuesday, December 19th will be our last meeting before the holiday break. On that day we will be entertained by Monika Durbin the harpist and Stephanie Riegle a flutist from the Pensacola Symphony. Please feel free to bring a guest. Also don't forget to bring a monetary gift for the wait staff at the Yacht Club. Every week they work very hard to see that our meetings run smoothly. Please RSVP if you are bringing a guest. Regular meetings will resume on January 9, 2024.

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. The application period has been extended. <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.**

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

Meeting Schedule

December

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

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of December 12 through December 18

Nicole Gislason – December 13 – born in Newbern, NC, in Rotary 4 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Bryan McCall – December 14 – born in Pasadena, Texas, in Rotary 18 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Richard Sherrill - December 14 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 24 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Ray Jones - December 15 - born in Rockingham, NC, in Rotary 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Scott Barrow - December 17 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

December 12

Greeters: Joe Vinson and Sigrid Rehrig

Ticket Sales: Jane White and

December 19

Greeters: David Williams and Jack Williams

Ticket Sales: Denise Windham and Brian Wyer

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

December 12

Prayer/Pledge: Kelsey Powell

Sunshine: Randall Richardson

December 19

Prayer/Pledge: Henry Roberts

Sunshine: Grover Robinson

Program Schedule

December

12 - Mike Bunn - Fort Stoddert

19 - Christmas Program with Pensacola Symphony members

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

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