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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 1/14/2025

In a galaxy far away – before snow – The Downtown Rotary met at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

Past President Charles Beall led us in the Four Way Test and called upon Laura Piovesana for Prayer and Pledge. Laura read a prayer from St. Francis of Assisi first in Italian and then in English.

Past Prez Beall made several announcements – please sign up for the Manna Food Bank event on February 15; we have one place still open for the Naturalization Ceremony this Saturday; also, Rotary is helping with recovery in the California fires.

Melissa Brody, Associate Dean from UWF Business Department, introduced her 19 German students in the exchange program.

Julie Parker brought us information on our new Guatemalan student, Lillian G.

The infamous “chance”/raffle is still available as Pam Smith had the winning ticket but did not select the joker.

Sunshine was provided by Rotarian Laura Piovesana who told us of Italian food myths. Does anyone really know what Italian wedding soup is?

Birthdays were Sally Fox – who received olive oil and egg pasta from our Italian chef, Laura, and The Song - and Mort O’Sullivan.

Our speaker was Dr. Kwan-Chen Ma from UWF on “invest Old” whose said the best stock market tip was not when to get in but when to get out. He discussed how to get tomorrow’s Nvidia and the rule of 30’s. He has a Monday Zoom class that might interest many in the audience. Most of us in the audience are over 30 but there are our children or grandchildren for whom we can invest.

Rotary was cancelled for January 21 due to snow. The next meeting will be at Pensacola Yacht Club on January 28.

Submitted by  
Lynne Tobin

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**TODAY, TUESDAY, January 28th we will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**Sign-up to Volunteer for Rotarians Against Hunger Manna Food Bagging Event.** This event will be held Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 3030 North E St. You can sign up for the first shift from 8:00am to 10:00am or second shift from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Sign up sheet will be available at the weekly meeting or send an email and we will get you on the list.

**Welcome New Member Greg Stonehouse.** Greg is a native of Omaha, Nebraska. He is a graduate of Iowa State University with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering and received his Masters of Business Degree from the University of St. Thomas. Greg is the Director of Business with HDR. He is transferring his membership with the White Bear Lake, Minnesota Rotary Club where he has been a member for 3 years. He is married to Julie Stonehouse and has 3 children.

**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](mailto: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       |
| •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. | 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

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### January

28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams  
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

### February

4 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams  
11 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams  
18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams  
1: 00 Board of Directors Meeting  
25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
January 21 thru February 3

**Chuck Michaels** – January 21 - born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 23 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**George Biggs** – January 23 - Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 25 years, Paul Harris Fellow + 1

**Al Coby** - January 23 - Muskogee, OK, in Rotary for 35 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Ron Jackson** – January 23 - Marianna, FL, in Rotary for 24 years, Paul Harris Fellow, + 1

**Ron Martin** - January 27 - Pensacola, FL - in Rotary for 24 years, Paul Harris Fellow + 3

**Leslie Mickles** – February 3 – born in Cherrypoint, NC, in Rotary 8 years, Paul Harris Fellow

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### January 28

Greeters: Lori Menke and Collier Merrill  
Ticket Sales: Clark Merritt and Chuck Michaels

### February 4

Greeters: Leslie Mickles and Lisa Minshew  
Ticket Sales: Cal Moore and Lori NeSmith

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### January 28

Prayer/Pledge: Frank Beall Sunshine: Ted Brown

### February 4

Prayer/Pledge: Vicki Campbell Sunshine: Al Coby

## Program Schedule

### January

28 - Howard Reddy - UWF VP - Rotary Scholarships

### February

4 - Mark Robinson - Credit Workshop  
11- Dr. Ed Meadows - PSC  
18- Nevin Shaffer - Intellectual Property Mistakes  
25 - Ronnie Cottrell - Football Coach