

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 1/20/2026

The Greeters caught us all in the front hall with a hearty handshake. A notable sub was on hand to help out - thanks, Jerry Maygarden,

President Allison Hill called us to order and asked Judge Charles Kahn to lead us in Prayer & Pledge. He provided a most thoughtful prayer for our times..

President Hill then congratulated Betty Roberts and presented her with a Major Donor Level One Crystal and pin from the Rotary International Foundation. Betty gave a wonderful acceptance speech promoting all the good things that Rotary does.

President Hill then reminded us that there is still room for additional hands at Valerie's House serving dinner to families. See Laura Piovesana if you are able to assist.

Asher Kelly provided special Sunshine as an IU graduate. Indiana will be celebrating for a long time! Asher told us fun musical facts that happened "on this day" - January 20.

The winning ticket for a chance to draw the Joker went to Laura Piovesana who drew a 5 from the giant card pack so the game continues for another week.

Olevia McNalley introduced our speaker, Todd Thompson, from the Chamber of Commerce. Fun fact - the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce is the oldest Chamber in Florida, founded in 1889. He spoke of the good growth in Pensacola as well as the work force challenges. The impact of the military is about \$6 to 8 Billion a year. Support for Coast Guard training is a newer area for growth. One important job of the Chamber is to share information between the business community and the "trainers" (UWF, PSC, etc.) There were many good questions from the audience on such things as property tax reform (does the Chamber have a position on this?), oil and gas drilling in the Gulf (the Chamber is opposed to this and has sent a letter to the Trump administration as there was a moratorium until 2032 from the first Trump administration), land swaps, and the future of the Pensacola Bay Center.

Kindly stay safe and warm everyone until next week at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

Submitted by Lynne Tobin

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Today, January 27, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club**

**Sign-up to Volunteer for Rotarians Against Hunger, Manna Event.** This event will be held Saturday, February 21, 2026, 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.

**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 that a service charge will be applied to your payment.

## 2025-2026 Club Officers

• President	Allison Hill
• Immediate Past President	Henry Roberts
• President Elect	Judy Bense
• Secretary	Jane White
• Treasurer	Lori Nesmith

## 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 meets every other Tuesday	Tues.	5:15 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

Andre Boyd  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays for the week of January 27 through February 2

**Ron Martin** - January 27 – born in Pensacola, FL - in Rotary for 25 years, Paul Harris +3

**Sonya Nash** – January 28 - born in Pensacola, FL in Rotary less than one year



## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### January 27

Greeters: Brett Barrow

Ticket Sales: Dennis Barrow and Scott Barrow

### February 3

Greeters: Charles Beall and Judy Bense

Ticket Sales: Bobby Behr and Laura Piovesana

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### January 27

Prayer & Pledge: Olevia McNally

Sunshine: Chris Kelly

### February 3

Prayer & Pledge: Bruce Partington

Sunshine: Gary Dennis

## Meeting Schedule

### January

27 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

### February

3 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

10 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

1:00 - Board of Directors Meeting

24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

## Program Schedule

### January

27 - President Diaz - UWF

### February

3 - Vicki Campbell - ECUA

10 - Tricia Wessell - Just Pensacola

17 - Chip Simmons - Escambia Co, Sheriff

24 - Judge Charles Kahn