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**The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248**

## WEEK IN REVIEW 2/10/2026

Past President Roberts convened the 10 February Rotary Club meeting at 12:15 p.m. at the Pensacola Yacht Club and opened with the Rotary Four-Way Test, reminding members to consider truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit in all that they do. Then Rotarian Innes Richardson led members in an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The weekly drawing for approximately \$420 was held however the joker remains elusive. Rotarian Collier Merrill warmed the room with sunshine. Guests and returning members were acknowledged, and Rotarians with birthdays were recognized and. Guests were acknowledged, along with member announcements and celebrations, including birthdays and visiting Rotarians.

Past President Wonders reminded about upcoming service opportunities, including food bank volunteer shifts on February 21, and were encouraged to coordinate with the volunteer lead after the meeting. Additional announcements included reminders about student-related communications and participation, as well as ticketing and event notes shared during the meeting.

The weekly program aligned with Rotary's monthly theme of peacebuilding and conflict prevention. Past President Roberts introduced the speaker, Dr. Tricia Wessell, lead organizer and executive director of Just Pensacola, noting the organization's partnership with First United Methodist Church, which provides facilities, support, and mentoring resources. Dr. Wessell shared her background as a former college professor of psychology and education in Wisconsin and described Just Pensacola as a relational, congregation-based organization focused on systemic change through organized community action. She explained that the organization's work is grounded in faith-based principles of justice, mercy, and accountability, and described how **Just**

**Pensacola** brings together 18 congregations to identify community concerns, research solutions, and engage decision-makers.

Dr. Wessell outlined the organization's annual process: fall house meetings to listen to community concerns, a community problems assembly to select a priority issue, and a research phase to identify actionable solutions and the leaders with authority to implement them. She reported that last fall the organization held more than 40 house meetings involving over 400 participants, culminating in a community assembly where members selected mental health as the focus area for the coming year. She noted that the organization is currently in the research phase, meeting with local professionals and agencies to better understand needs and identify practical solutions.

Members were invited to attend the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 28 at First Baptist Church of Warrington, with a goal of turning out 1,000 participants to advance solutions related to mental health. Dr. Wessell also shared a brief overview of the organization's structure and funding, noting that Just Pensacola is supported primarily through member and congregational investments, with a small staff and a large volunteer leadership base. She provided examples of prior work, including progress on affordable housing through a community land trust approach and ongoing efforts to monitor and improve the use of civil citation programs.

The meeting concluded with thanks to those who led the pledge, prayer, greeting, and other roles. Escambia County's Sheriff, Chip Simmons, will provide the briefing at the next meeting.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Today, February 17, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**Sign-up today 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 the 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 Members

**Nancy Kelly** is a native of Elizabeth, LA. She received her BA from Northwestern College and her MSW from Tulane University. She is a Rotarian for 20 years and was recently a member of the Rotary Club of Metairie. She is married to Ronald Kelly. Her sponsor was Henry Roberts.

**Rachel Hendrix** is a native of Pensacola, FL. She received her MA in Strategic Communication and Leadership from UWF. Her partner is Michael Lockwood. Her sponsor was Randall Richardson.

**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	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

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

## Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

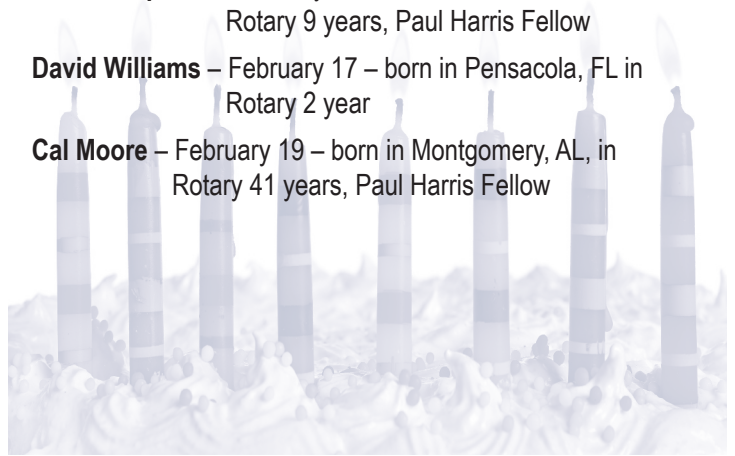
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
February 17 through February 23

**Vicki Campbell** – February 17 – born in Pensacola, FL in  
Rotary 9 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**David Williams** – February 17 – born in Pensacola, FL in  
Rotary 2 year

**Cal Moore** – February 19 – born in Montgomery, AL, in  
Rotary 41 years, Paul Harris Fellow



## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### February 17

Greeters: Meredith Bush  
Ticket Sales: Vickie Campbell

### February 24

Greeters: John Clancy, Anne Connoly  
Ticket Sales: Al Coby, Dennis Connoly

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### February 17

Prayer & Pledge: Randall Richardson    Sunshine: Leslie Mickles

### February 24

Prayer & Pledge: David Stafford    Sunshine: Martha Saunders

## Meeting Schedule

### February

17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club  
1:00 - Board of Directors Meeting  
24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

### March

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  
31 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

## Program Schedule

### February

17 - Chip Simmons - Escambia Co, Sheriff  
24 - Judge Charles Kahn

### March

3 - Marco Medici - 20 Year Immigration Adventure  
9 - TBA  
16 - TBA  
24 - Stacey Kostevicki, Gulf Coast Kid's House