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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/2/2024

The April 2nd meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Charles Beall called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. His father, Frank Beall, led with prayer and pledge. President Beall made some announcements.

Margaret Stopp's service committee has done work with the rescue tubes, manna, and more. On Sunday April 14th, the service committee has signed up for the "Men Who Cook" competition for the Pace Center for Girls. This year it's outside the stadium. The club's goal is 10 total volunteers, and as a bonus volunteers may be able to sample Charles Beall's mushroom ragu.

Community grant applications are still available until April 15th online or through Chris Bridwell. Members can also donate to the grant through the club's foundation. District retreat is coming up April 12th to 14th at the Pensacola Beach Hilton. The Club is paying for the first 30 people who sign up. So far 11 members have signed up.

Andrea Krieger was recognized for achieving her Paul Harris +2.

At 12:20pm Laura Piovesana was called up for sunshine. Guests were:

- Kevin Lacasse
- Tarah Wattenburg
- Patrick Elebash
- Lane Harper
- Frank Yeager

Laura is cooking for an upcoming fundraising dinner event with Ballet Pensacola. The prosecco will be donated by Ray Jones. Guests get a backstage tour. Contact Laura for tickets.

Birthdays:

- Laura Gilliam, April 2nd
- Charles Sherill III,
- Chris Kelly, April 8
- Barry Cole, April 8th

Ed Wonders was then called up to introduce the speaker Kathryn Daniels, a volunteer puppy raiser with the nonprofit Canine Companions. Her and her husband and children have raised three Canine Companion dogs since they began in 2019. Kathryn grew up in Mayo, FL. She graduated from UF with a degree in telecommunication. She received her meteorology degree from Mississippi State. She moved to Pensacola in 1998, and now works as a freelancer for Channel 3.

Kathryn's father was president of Rotary when she was growing up. His club let her practice her FFA speeches, and she got college scholarships

from Rotary.

Canine Companions is the largest and oldest service dog provider in the world. Founded in 1975, and the first campus was funded by Charles Schulz, creator of Peanuts (Snoopy). Now there are six different campuses. All dogs are always free.

Canine Companions cover 67 different disabilities. Veterans are currently the largest recipients of these dogs. These dogs know how to turn on lights, help with night terrors, and know how to push on proper pressure points. Many people who are recipients become volunteers who help raise puppies.

They also have a program working with inmates. Canine Companions works with eight correctional facilities around the country, including one in Tallahassee. About 50% of dogs raised by volunteers graduate to service dogs. Puppies raised by inmates have an 80% graduation rate to become service dogs, and many of the inmates go on to work in the dog industry after their sentences. Several ex-inmates now work as dog trainers for Canine Companions.

Volunteer puppy raisers get their puppies at eight-weeks. The puppies are bred in California, and then flown to the volunteer puppy raiser. The breeding program goes back to 1975, and overseen by veterinarians who specialize in genetics to minimize health issues. Only 1% of the puppies get cancer or hip dysplasia.

Puppy raisers are expected to introduce their dogs to as many different environments as possible. Service dogs have to be good with cats, even if the cat is vicious. The dogs cannot interact with any other dogs while in their vests, but they can when they're out of their vests. Service dogs cannot have prey drive or chase balls whenever they see them. Volunteers take their puppies to work as often as possible and introduce them to elevators and stairs. Escalators and fireworks training is saved for the professionals.

Canine Companions has lots of puppy social media influencers. There's a 450% higher interaction when puppies are in the social media feed. Professional teams partner with Canine Companions. They want to partner with UWF to put together a team of college student puppy raisers. UCF has a team.

To get selected to become puppy raiser volunteer there's an application process that includes a home visit, and three references associated with the local Canine Companions chapter are required. Application can be up to a two-year process.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, April 9 we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

Welcome New Member Lane Harper. Lane is a Pensacola native and a graduate of Pensacola State College and the University of West Florida. He is the Vice President of Community Affairs for CPC Office Technologies. He is married to Jill and has 2 children. Lane has been a member of Rotary for 8 years and his sponsors are Madison Currin and Dr. Ed Meadows.

The Rotary Club of Pensacola Community Grant applications are now available. If you know of a worthy 501c non-profit that meets the requirements, let them know by sending them to our website: www.pensacolarotaryclub.org. If you have any questions, please reach-out to Randall Richardson at: rc1.myflorida.com or 912.690.2664. The grant application process opens March 15, 2024, and the deadline to submit an application is April 15, 2024. Applications will be available at the weekly meetings.

This year our club will reimburse the registration cost of 30 members to attend the 2024 Rotary District 6940 Conference on Pensacola Beach. The district Conference will be held April 12-14th at **Hilton Pensacola Beach**, 12 Via DeLuna. For details and registration follow the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/8742b369-ca30-4714-a5d4-d5294e320728>. Following your registration contact Chris to let her know you have registered. You will be reimbursed following the event.

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

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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

Kerry Anne Schultz
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of April 9 through April 15

Charles Thornton – April 11 – born in Dothan, AL in Rotary 4 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Clif Payne – April 12 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 31 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Ed Wonders – April 13 – born in Newton, KS, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Henry Roberts – April 14 – born in Selma, AL, in Rotary 17 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Sarah Horne – April 15 – born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary less than one year

Greeters and Ticket Sales

April 9

Greeters: Dale Jordan and Asher Kelly

Ticket Sales: Tim Kane and Chris Kelly

April 16

Greeters: Andrea Krieger and Britt Landrum

Ticket Sales: David Lamar and Teri Levin

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

April 9

Prayer/Pledge: Vince Currie Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

April 16

Prayer/Pledge: Al Coby Sunshine: Vicki Campbell

Program Schedule

April

9 - Laura Gilliam, United Way of West Florida

16 - Ed Meadows, Pensacola State College

23 - Bart Hudson, First City Art Center

30 - Debi Janea, Pensacola Ballet

Meeting Schedule

April

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

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

1:00 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

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

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