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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/9/2024

The April 9th meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Immediate Past President Bruce Partington called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and led the club in the Four Way Test. Madison Currin followed with prayer and pledge. The Rotary Rooters then entertained the Club with a song selection.

Announcements:

New member announcement: Lance Harper of Copy Products is introduced by Madison Currin.

Community grant applications continue to be available and will be available through April 15th. If you know of a worthy non-profit, encourage them to apply.

The 2024 Rotary District 6940 Conference event is coming up on April 12th-14th on Pensacola Beach. The Club has agreed to pay for the first 30 members to attend this year and there is still availability. Contact Chris for details.

If you know of anyone who might need to join this Club, please bring them. The Club continues to offer the first three meals for free for prospective members.

\$549 in raffle money today. Winner pulled a 3 card. Pot continues to grow.

Henry Roberts is holding a meeting of the Program Committee after our regular meeting today.

Sunshine: Chris Kelly. Mr. Kelly introduces 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian. Then, the Club sang happy birthday to those present.

Ed Wonders introduced the program – Laura Gilliam with United Way of West Florida. Here are some highlights:

- Mrs. Gilliam is the President/CEO of United Way of West Florida.
- She is here today to provide an update on what United Way of West Florida is doing in the community.
- Big announcement: United Way of West Florida is celebrating 100 years of service to the community.

Then...

- Started in 1924 by Agnes Weis.
- Originally known as the Community Chest.
- Provided fundraising for a small group of health and human service agencies.
- Allowed agencies to focus on program services.

Now...

- No longer the sole fundraiser for non-profits.
- Shifted from funding agencies to funding programs.
- Moved from funding outputs to outcomes.
- Manage and implement programs—no longer simply a program funder
- Work collaboratively to solve complex community problems

Internal programs:

- 211/988/Veterans Support Line
 - 211 received 38,000 calls last year. Top three requests were for help with rent, utilities and finding food.
 - Veterans Support Line connects veterans with veterans to help transition them into civilian life. Call 1-844-MYFLVET for support.
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)
- Get Connected volunteer platform
- RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Programs)
- Community events such as Stuff the Bus, Day of Caring
- Partnerships like Achieve Escambia and NWFL Mental Health Task Force

Do you know ALICE?

- It stands for **A**sset **L**imited **I**ncome **C**onstrained **E**mployed.
- These people make too much money to qualify for benefits but they do not make enough money to make ends meet.
- Federal poverty level thresholds:
 - Single household: \$12,880
 - Family of 4: \$26,500
- Escambia Co unty poverty level thresholds:
 - Single household: \$27,744
 - Family of 4: \$64,440
- Median rent for 1 BR apartments is \$1,091 and for 2 BR apartments is \$1,361.

Ways to Get Involved:

- Go to our website—uwwf.org
- Click the volunteer button on our website for volunteer opportunities in the community.
- Tell a friend what you learned today.
- Join us at Glitz & Gallop on May 4th.

Bruce Partington adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, April 16 we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

Welcome New Member Frank Yeager. Frank is a native of Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton with an MBE and the University of Southern California where he received his MBA. Frank is the Chief Executive Officer of Eckert & Ziegler Isotope Products. His sponsor is Jane White.

All new members and their sponsors please plan to attend the new member orientation on Tuesday, May 14th. This will take place immediately following the regular weekly meeting at 1:00pm and will last approximately 1 hour. The meeting is open to any member who would like to attend.

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, we will continue to offer three free lunches for potential new members.

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

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 16 through April 22

David Stafford – April 16 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Ted Brown – April 16 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 45 years, Paul Harris Fellow +4

Edwin Roberts – April 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 40 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Scott Grissett – April 17 – born in Atmore, AL, in Rotary 16 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Hank Gonzalez – April 18 – born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 9 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Greeters and Ticket Sales

April 16

Greeters: Andrea Krieger and Britt Landrum

Ticket Sales: David Lamar and Teri Levin

April 23

Greeters: Fred Lindstrom and Ron Martin

Ticket Sales: Trey Manderson and Matt Massey

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

April 16

Prayer/Pledge: Al Coby

Sunshine: Vicki Campbell

April 23

Prayer/Pledge: Vince Currie

Sunshine: Allison Hill

Program Schedule

April

16 - Tony Kehoe, Pensacola State College

23 - Bart Hudson, First City Art Center

30 - Debi Janea, Pensacola Ballet

Meeting Schedule

April

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