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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/16/2024

President Beall called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm. Al Coby led the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

Announcements:

- 2025 District Conference will take place at Callaway Gardens in Georgia.
- John Tice reached the Major Donor level with Rotary International
- Ed Wonders received the District Governor's Citation for 2022 Rotary presidency.
- Review the aging report and catch up on dues.
- Board Meeting will take place after the regular meeting.
- New Member: Jane White introduced Frank Yeager (from Dayton, OH) to the club. He is the CEO of Eckert and Ziegler Isotope.
- There is \$632 in the raffle and Ted Brown drew an Ace and received a \$1.

Birthdays from 4-16 through 4-22: David Stafford and Ted Brown (4-16), Edwin Roberts and Scott Grissett (17), Hank Gonzalez (18)

Vicki shared some funny jokes during Sunshine and welcomed Michael McGaully, guest of Ed Meadows.

Program:

Betty Roberts introduced Tony Carvajal, CEO and executive director with the Florida Association of Colleges.

He spoke to the strong focus on education in the state and the challenges regarding the workforce after graduation. There is a shortage of staff and needs of housing, food, 40% have a full-time job and ¼ have children. They persevere though.

In Florida, 650K individuals were enrolled and 123K degrees and certificates were issued. The staff is dedicated to the business and workforce needs of the community.

He shared that at Pensacola State College 180 different certificate programs and more than 100 with affordable tuition is in the top 1%. 93% graduate with a loan free status.

Two complex drivers are retention and recruitment. Challenges of Tomorrow: Education and higher education competes against other pressures. Despite growth and success and being the top educational system in the country, the budget has grown faster than the economy. Focus is on assisting the community attaining certificates and degrees to help them earn a living, debt free. "Skills pays the bills"

Charles thanked greeters Andrea Krieger and Britt Landrum and David Lamar and Terri Levin for ticket sales, Vicki Campbell for Sunshine and Al Coby for the prayer and pledge,

Next week's program is Bart Hudson with First City Art Center. Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm Minutes taken by Terri Jenkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, April 23 we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

We have two seats available for the next Naturalization Ceremony to be held Friday, May 10th at the U.S. District Courthouse, One North Palafox Street in downtown Pensacola in the ceremonial courtroom on the 5th floor. If you would like to attend please RSVP by Tuesday, May 7th with Chris at: cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

This year the Combined Rotary Clubs of the Panhandle, Business in Ethics Luncheon will be Thursday, May 9th at noon at Pensacola Yacht Club. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

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 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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of April 23 through April 29

Eric Nickelsen – April 23 – born in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, in Rotary 44 years, Paul Harris Fellow +8

Sheila Nichols – April 23 – born in Houston, MS, in Rotary 7 years

Jim Stolhanske – April 26 – born in Brainerd, MN, in Rotary 35 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Madison Currin – April 27 – born in Charleston, SC, in Rotary 16 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

April 23

Greeters: Fred Lindstrom and Ron Martin

Ticket Sales: Trey Manderson and Matt Massey

April 30

Greeters: Jerry Maygarden and Bryan McCall

Ticket Sales: Trip Maygarden and Norris McMahan

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

April 23

Prayer/Pledge: Vince Currie

Sunshine: Allison Hill

April 30

Prayer/Pledge: Lee Elebash

Sunshine: Christina Doss

Program Schedule

April

23 - Bart Hudson, First City Art Center

30 - Debi Janea, Pensacola Ballet

Meeting Schedule

April

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

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