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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/23/2024

Ahoy, Rotarians! Set Sail for Fellowship and Fun!

Sunshine and camaraderie filled the air as Pensacola Rotarians set course for the Pensacola Yacht Club! Matt Massey playfully hawked raffle tickets, while Ron Martin and Fred Lindstrom offered warm welcomes at the helm.

President Charles steered the meeting with his usual charisma. After Vince Curry led us in prayer and a salute to the flag, Charles shared a heartwarming story about reconnecting with a childhood friend. It's a great reminder to treasure old bonds!

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Ethics in Business Meeting:** Set sail for ethical seas at the CROP meeting on May 9th. Don't forget to drop Chris a line to confirm your attendance. Our regular Tuesday meeting will still be a port of call that week.
- **Calling All Heroes!:** Two volunteers are needed to help navigate the Naturalization Ceremony on May 10th. See Chris if you're ready to lend a hand!
- **New Members Aweigh!** Chart your course for a special "indoctrination" meeting on May 14th. Chris, our resident lighthouse, has all the details.

Treasure Trove of Prizes!

Four lucky Rotarians walked the plank with exciting raffle booty!

The jackpot may have escaped capture this time, but fear not, it awaits its next lucky plunderer.

Sunshine and Surprises

Allison Hill, our seasoned first mate, skillfully steered Sunshine. We welcomed visitors and celebrated birthdays, with a hearty "Happy Birthday" sung for Madison Curry, our lone birthday shipmate. Allison also shared some fascinating trivia about graveyards and wedding bouquets – who knew?

Charting a Course for the Arts

Leslie Halsall introduced our guest speaker, Bart Hudson, captain of the First City Arts Center. Bart, a charismatic leader pulled from retirement, shared the wonders of the FCAC. This impressive arts center, encompassing a city block, boasts a vibrant calendar of events. From the fiery "Hot Glass Cold Brew" attracting hundreds, to the whimsical Pumpkin Patch overflowing with 45,000 glass pumpkins, the FCAC offers something for everyone! They even host corporate events, participate in the Foo Foo Festival, and nurture young artists with scholarships. Set sail for their website, FirstCityArt.org, to learn more!

With a rousing "adjournment" at 1:03 pm, another fantastic Rotary meeting docked for the day. Until next time, your trusty scribe, Clark Merritt.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, April 30 we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

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 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

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

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

Meeting Schedule

April

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

May

- 7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and
MicroSoft Teams
- 9 - Noon CROP Business in Ethic Awards Luncheon at Pensacola
Yacht Club
- 14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and
MicroSoft Teams
1:00 - New Member Orientation
- 21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and
MicroSoft Teams
1:00 - May Board of Directors Meeting
- 28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and
MicroSoft Teams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of April 30 through May 6

Bobby Behr – April 30 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 17 years,
Paul Harris Fellow

Ellen Vinson – May 1 – born in Tampa, in Rotary 1 year

Jack Brown – May 6 – born in Perry, FL, in Rotary 8 years,
Paul Harris Fellow



Greeters and Ticket Sales

April 30

Greeters: Jerry Maygarden and Bryan McCall
Ticket Sales: Trip Maygarden and Norris McMahan

May 7

Greeters: Olevia McNally and Lori Menke
Ticket Sales: Ed Meadows and Collier Merrill

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

April 30

Prayer/Pledge: Lee Elebash Sunshine: Christina Doss

May 7

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Fleming Sunshine: Dede Flounlacker

Program Schedule

April

30 - Debi Janea, Pensacola Ballet

May

- 7 - Frank Gilliam - Hurricanes
14 - Michael Bodenhausen - YMCA
21 - Aaleigh Knight - Pensacola State Charter Academy
28 - Mike Bunn - Early Alabama