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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/7/2024

The May 7th meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Beall called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. and led the club in the Four Way Test. Bill Fleming followed with prayer and pledge.

Announcements:

One new member introduction. Vicki Campbell introduces Stephanie Streit.

The Ethics in Business Luncheon will be held here at the Pensacola Yacht Club at 12:00. 13 local rotary clubs will be in attendance. If you did not RSVP, feel free to still attend.

Next Tuesday, May 14th, we will hold a New Member Orientation. If you have recently joined and not yet attended an orientation, please stick around after the regular meeting next week.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining this club, please bring them. Some people are not aware of the opportunities available to them until you ask them if they are interested.

\$732 in raffle money today. Winner pulled a 9 card. Pot continues to grow.

Sunshine: DeDe Flounlacker. Ms. Flounlacker also introduced 2 guests and announced three birthdays to celebrate this week. Matt Vinson, Trip Maygarden, and William Stafford.

Chris Kelly introduced the program – Dr. Frank Gilliam, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at UWF.

Here are some highlights:

- Dr. Gilliam is an author of 160 publications and husband of our own Laura Gilliam, President and CEO of United Way of West Florida.
- Dr. Gilliam is here to speak with us about climate change in general with a focus on hurricanes and tropical storms.
- 2024 has already started out with extremely high temps in the Atlantic Basin.
- This hurricane season is shaping up to be similar to the 2020 season. We had 30 named storms in 2020.
- If you are unclear about the nature of climate change, that uncertainty is part of a strategy put in place by major stakeholders.

- Since 1960 or so, we have had a significant change in global temperatures. But, this is not necessarily evidence of global warming. You have to look at a much larger dataset to be sure.
- There has been about a 20% increase in carbon dioxide production over the length of Dr. Gilliam's career.
- There is an increase in all types of weather—more droughts, more floods, more storms, more heat, more fires, colder winters. Global warming changes the systems and causes all weather conditions to go haywire.
- Myth #1 – “Stupid environmental scientists missed big-time on their predictions.”
- Myth #2 – “Some environmental scientists were predicting global cooling.”
- Myth #3 – “Climate is always changing, doing so in cycles. Currently, CO2 and temperatures are going up, but they will come back down.”
- Myth #4 – “Sea level rise cannot be occurring from melting of polar ice because when ice melts in a glass, water level does not change.”
- We have not been in a “cycle” in a very long time.
- Hurricane names are recycled every several years. This year, we are using the name list from 2018, starting with Alberto. Storm names are permanently retired if the storm causes a particularly catastrophic impact. For example, we will never have another Hurricane Katrina.
- We average about 14-15 storms per year.
- Two lessons from prior legislation:
 - Clean Air Act of 1970, signed into law by Richard Nixon.
 - Since 1970, we have lowered pollutant levels by 70%. The Clean Air Act was a success.
 - Montreal Protocol of 1987, signed into law by Ronald Reagan
 - Targeted CFCs. As a result, a significant number of melanoma deaths have been prevented.

President Beall adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, May 14, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting on May 28th will be held at Pensacola Bay Center located at 201 E. Gregory Street.

All new members and their sponsors please plan to attend the new member orientation on today 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.

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

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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
May 14 through May 20

John Monroe – May 15 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 36 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

David DelGallo – May 18 – born in Trenton, NJ, in Rotary 14 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Hank Bell – May 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 40 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 14

Greeters: Clark Merritt and Leslie Mickles

Ticket Sales: Chuck Michaels and Lori NeSmith

May 21

Greeters: Jock Mobley and

Ticket Sales: Cal Moore and Tony Neuner

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 14

Prayer/Pledge: Laura Gilliam

Sunshine: Sarah Horne

May 21

Prayer/Pledge: Kia Goldsmith

Sunshine: Nicole Gislason

Program Schedule

May

14 - Michael Bodenhausen - YMCA

21 - Aaleigh Knight - Pensacola State Charter Academy

28 - Mike Bunn - Early Alabama

Meeting Schedule

May

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