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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/14/2024

Another day...another chance to explore the community of Pensacola and the power of Rotary to create hope and magic in it. Those who skipped by the raffle table were warmly greeted by Leslie Mickles and Clark Merritt. For others, the lure of a big payday and the enticing words of Chuck Michaels and Lori NeSmith were too much and they bought in chance.

The food was great and the company was greater. As we began the meal, our illustrious president, Charles Beall, lead us in the 4 Way test while our President elect, Henry Roberts lead us in the opening prayer. The it was time for the musical stylings of the world famous Rotary Rooters! The Raffle drawing yielded the winner \$10 and each of us another opportunity to strike it rich next week.

Leslie Mickles and Five Flags Rotary gave an incredible update on the summer book program collaboration with the Early Learning Coalition and we presented the ELC with a check for \$10,000 to help further the work of the ELC and provide for 1,700 new readers in Escambia County. Sarah Horn delighted us with Sunshine and then Ed Wonders present our speaker for the day, Michael Bodenhausen.

Michael Bodenhausen is currently the CEO of YMCA of Northwest Florida. His background includes over 40 years of extensive YMCA experience with five different associations involving four states. Michael has experience in program development, capital development, volunteer and staff development, membership, retention, fundraising, community relations, and other aspects of the YMCA management.

The YMCA entered into a partnership with the City of Pensacola to reduce redundancy in services. The YMCA exchanged land and a building for the Vickery Center, allowing the City to handle basketball and soccer programs, while the YMCA focused on after-school and day camp programs. The YMCA now runs 13 licensed after-school sites, with 40% of the children receiving scholarships. The YMCA also manages the City's pools at Roger Scott and Cecil T Hunter, saving the City \$40,000 in a single summer.

The YMCA collaborates with 27 non-profit organizations in the community. It provides swimming lessons to children from the Boys and Girls Club and supports the placement of foster children through Lakeview Center by offering after-school program slots. The YMCA also works with the Satori Club to teach swimming to group home residents and provide sailing and employment opportunities. Additionally, the YMCA partners with Home Base, a new veteran program, to help integrate veterans with PTSD back into society.

The YMCA has a rich history dating back to 1880, when it taught English as a second language, ran the library, and served as the first blood bank in Pensacola. The YMCA's New World's Reading Initiative provides free books monthly to children from kindergarten through fifth grade, aiming to improve literacy. The YMCA REACH program, supported by the Escambia Trust Fund, has shown significant improvements in reading scores for participating students using phonics-based instruction.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, May 21st 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.

WELCOME New Member James Conner. James was born in Minnesota and lived there until moving to Connecticut to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. After being commissioned, his first duty station was on an ice breaker in the Great Lakes. While there he was selected to attend Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, FL. It was there that he met his wife, Mandy. After receiving his wings, he and Mandy moved to San Francisco, CA, then Mobile, AL, then Washington D.C, and finally Houston, TX. He retired from the Coast Guard after 20 years of active duty, primarily as a helicopter pilot conducting Search and Rescue. He now is working at Beggs & Lane as the Firm Administrator. He and his wife have two daughters, Lainey (12) and Laurel (9). James' sponsor is Ron Martin.

It is time to submit your nominations for the 2024 Grover III and Sandra Robinson Award. These awards were first presented in June 2000 to recognize an outstanding Rotarian from our Club and a community leader who exemplify "Service Above Self". Both Grover and Sandra Robinson exhibited the highest examples of this service to Rotary and concomitant community concern and action. Please honor their memory and legacy with your nomination.

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 May 21 through May 27

Donn Scott – May 23 – born in Brewton, AL, in Rotary 28 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Art Hufford – May 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 23 years, Paul Harris Fellow + 1

Asher Kelly – May 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary less than one year



Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 21

Greeters: Jock Mobley and Frank Yeager

Ticket Sales: Jane White and Tony Neuner

May 28

Greeters: Sheila Nichols and Susan O'Connor

Ticket Sales: Sigrid Rehrig and Rob Overton

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 21

Prayer/Pledge: Kia Goldsmith

Sunshine: John Shaffer

May 28

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Grissett

Sunshine: Sally Fox

Program Schedule

May

21 - Aaleigh Knight - Pensacola State Charter Academy

28 - Mike Bunn - Early Alabama

Meeting Schedule

May

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