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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/28/2024

The May 28 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the Pensacola Bay Center. Past President Beal called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and led approximately members in the Four Way Test.

Rotarian Leslie Halsall led the members in a thoughtful prayer that preceded the pledge of allegiance.

Rotarians gleefully welcomed Past President Sally Fox to spread sunshine via her alter-ego, Boudreau, the Cajun. She welcomed visiting Rotarians and shared member birthdays.

President Beal called members' attention to the raffle in search of the elusive Joker, who remains at large.

Program Chair Ed Wonders extolled the values of National Brisket Day and introduced Mike Bunn who currently serves as Director of Historic Blakeley State Park in Spanish Fort, Alabama. Previously, he directed the Historic Chattahoochee Commission (a bi-state agency operating in southeastern Alabama and southwestern Georgia), and worked as a curator with the Columbus (Georgia) Museum and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's Museum of Mississippi. He has also worked with the Birmingham Historical Society and the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. Mike obtained his undergraduate degree from Faulkner University

and earned master's degrees in history and higher education administration from the University of Alabama. He also completed a graduate certificate in public history at the University of West Georgia. Bunn is author or co-author of several books on Gulf South history focusing on the colonial, early statehood, antebellum, and Civil War periods. Mike is editor of *Muscogiana*, the journal of the Muscogee County (Georgia) Genealogical Society, chair of the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission, and the treasurer of the Friends of Old Mobile. He frequently teaches regional history courses with local continuing education programs. Mike and his wife Tonya live in Daphne, Alabama with their daughter Zoey.

Mike Bunn's book, *Early Alabama: An Illustrated Guide to the Formative Years, 1798-1826*, provides a detailed and accessible account of Alabama's early history, focusing on its transition from a frontier territory to statehood. It covers the establishment of settlements, key political developments, and interactions with Native American tribes. The book also serves as a travel guide, highlighting historical sites such as homes, churches, and battlefields. It combines narrative history with illustrations to give a comprehensive overview of this pivotal period in Alabama's development (Barnes & Noble)

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nicole Gislason.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, June 4, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club

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.

RSVP to attend the Change of Command Banquet on Thursday, June 20th, at Heritage Hall located at 130 East Government Street. Doors open at 5:30pm and the program begins at 6:15.

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 June 4 through June 10

Pam Smith – June 4 – born in Mobile, AL, in Rotary one year

Bob Hart Jr. – June 7 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 49 years, Paul Harris Fellow



Greeters and Ticket Sales

June 4

Greeters: Tom Owens and Julie Tippins Parker

Ticket Sales: Bruce Partington and Jane White

June 11

Greeters: Bob Perkins and Lawrence Powell

Ticket Sales: Kelsey Powell and Ed Ranelli

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

June 4

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Grissett

Sunshine: Nicole Gislason

June 11

Prayer/Pledge: Leslie Halsall

Sunshine: Caleb Heifner

Program Schedule

June

4 - Erica Grancagnolo - Economic Development for City

11 - Brian Hilson - FloridaWest Economic Development

18 - Mike Papantonio - Sex Trafficking

Meeting Schedule

June

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

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

18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

20 - Change of Command Installation Banquet - Heritage Hall at Seville Quarters