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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 6/11/2024

The June 11th 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. Leslie Halsall with prayer and pledge.

Announcements:

Only one meeting left in this Rotary year! On June 18th, the Club will meet at the Bay Center because the Yacht Club has a conflicting event.

Our Change of Command Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th at Heritage Hall. Doors open at 5:30 PM and the program begins at 6:15 PM.

Also, at the Banquet we will give out the 2024 Grover III and Sandra Robinson Award. The Grover III Award honors a Rotarian who best exemplifies service above self, and the Sandra Robinson Award honors a non-Rotarian who best exemplifies service above self.

Special guest—Cliff Shorneck is the incoming Area Governor and a member of the Navarre Club.

\$873 in raffle money today. Winner pulled a seven card. Pot continues to grow.

Sunshine: Caleb Heifner. Caleb also introduced two guests, and acknowledged two Club member birthdays: John Trawick and Margaret Stopp.

Ed Wonders introduced the program – FloridaWest Economic Development, presented by Brian Hilson

Here are some highlights:

- Our community is on the threshold of a lot of great things.
- We are a medium-sized community, but we have world-class components.
- Our community lacks the notoriety that we deserve, especially in technology. For example, the new IHMC facility.
- Pensacola recently ranked the 31st best place to live on the U.S. News & World Report.
- We also recently ranked 4th safest place to live on that same report.
- Pensacola and Escambia County often rank high as favorable places to do business.
- LIFT Technologies will be constructing a facility at Pensacola State College. Although the facility will only produce about 13 jobs, the jobs come with salaries of about \$113K per year.

- FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance is our County's lead economic development agency.
- A strong economic development industry should focus on existing, early and future companies.
- Early stage companies benefit from the FloridaWest Co:Lab program located on Garden Street. Co:Lab is a business incubator and growth accelerator.
- PEDC is the local arm of FloridaWest.
- There is activity at OLF-8. FloridaWest is working on several projects there, including a tech park.
- FloridaWest is also making a plan for the Bluffs.
- A large part of our future is technology. Technology-based companies don't make location decisions like a lot of other companies. They need to be in a location where they can attract world-class talent.
- In addition to IHMC, downtown Pensacola is home to two other robotics companies, ActiGraph, Dr. Gupta's company, cybersecurity, and cancer research.
- Talent attraction doesn't just happen. We have to communicate well and work together to resolve concerns of talented employees.
- Due to our size, we have to do things a little different.
- The issue of leadership is the most essential issue of economic development. You can't plan and prepare unless you have good leaders.
- Our community most needs: a very strong emphasis on economic development, and unified leadership.
- Workforce development is also necessary to go hand in hand with economic development. More jobs do not benefit us if we do not have the qualified individuals available to take the jobs.
- We have great incentives capabilities here locally as a result of Triumph Gulf Coast.
- We are able to request Triumph funds on an as-needed basis for various projects. That is invaluable.

Ron Martin introduces new member—James Connor from Minnesota. He is the new firm administrator at Beggs and Lane.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, June 18, we meet at Pensacola Bay Center

This is the last meeting of this Rotary year. Our meetings will resume on July 9th at Pensacola Yacht Club. See schedule below.

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

Meeting Schedule

June

- 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

July

- 9 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 16 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of June 18 through June 30

Frank Yeager – June 18 – born in Dayton, OH, in Rotary less than one year

Terry Terrell – June 21 – born in Seattle, WA, in Rotary 25 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Jock Mobley – June 22 – born in Thomasville, GA, in Rotary 29 years

Brett Barrow – June 26 – born in Pensacola, FL in Rotary 3 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

June 18

Greeters: Scott Sallis

Ticket Sales: James Conner and Randall Richardson

July 9

Greeters: Betty Roberts and Stacy Robello

Ticket Sales: Edwin Roberts and Grover Robinson

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

June 18

Prayer/Pledge: Craig Hindsman

Sunshine: David DelGallo

Program Schedule

June

18 - Mike Papantonio - Sex Trafficking

July

- 9 - Paula Shell - Big Brothers Big Sisters
- 16 - Eric Randall - Pensacola Police Chief
- 23 - Mike Tatem - Rotary District Governor
- 30 - Clay Romano - Waterfront Mission Celebrates 75 years