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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 08/12/2025

A Warm Summer Meeting with International Guests

With the summer heat in full swing, Rotarians found a cool refuge at the Pensacola Yacht Club for our recent weekly meeting. Members were greeted by Benny and Terri and had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets from Ray and Dale before taking their seats.

The meeting began with a thoughtful prayer and pledge led by Paul Tobin. President Allison shared a few announcements, including the unfortunate news of the passing of former Rotarian Milton Ury. Our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends.

Lynn Tobin delivered a welcome “blast of sunshine” to the crowd, bringing some humor that only a fellow book-lover could appreciate. It was great to have a group of seven Moldovan politicians as our special guests. These mayors and councilmembers are in the United States as part of an exchange program. They each introduced themselves, sharing their roles and where they were from in Moldova. The meeting also included a birthday recognition, where Christina was serenaded by the club—a perfect start to her special day.

Our Program: An Antebellum Journey to Mobile

This week’s program featured historian and author Mike Bunn, a returning guest to our club. Mike’s presentation

took us on a fascinating journey to Antebellum Mobile, Alabama, through the eyes of visiting tourists from the 1800s.

He explained that during this period, wealthy travelers often documented their experiences, reporting on the quality of hotels, restaurants, and local attractions. Travel by steamboat was a long and exhausting process, with frequent stops at all hours of the night. Accommodations were often scarce, and it wasn’t uncommon for travelers to share quarters with strangers or even go without lodging.

Mike highlighted that Mobile was one of the largest cities in the South, with a bustling economy largely dependent on cotton. Due to the city’s shallow waters, cotton was loaded onto barges and sent to larger vessels south of Mobile for global export. Despite these logistical challenges, Mike noted that Mobile was a thriving city with high-quality hotels and restaurants featuring expansive and expensive menus.

Following a few questions from our members, the meeting was adjourned around 1:00 p.m.

Raffle Update

The raffle lives on! The Joker was **NOT** drawn, so there’s still a chance to win at the next meeting. Be sure to get your tickets!

Respectfully submitted, Clark Merritt

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Today, Tuesday, August 19, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

To increase the membership of our club, we will continue to offer three free lunches for potential new members.

Please note the change of meeting venue, on September 2 and September 30 we will be meeting at the Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview located at 1110 West Lakeview Avenue, Pensacola, Florida 32501.

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2025-2026 Club Officers

•President	Allison Hill
•Immediate Past President	Henry Roberts
•President Elect	Judy Bense
•Secretary	Jane White
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith

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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

Andre Boyd
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

Meeting Schedule

August

- 19 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 26 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

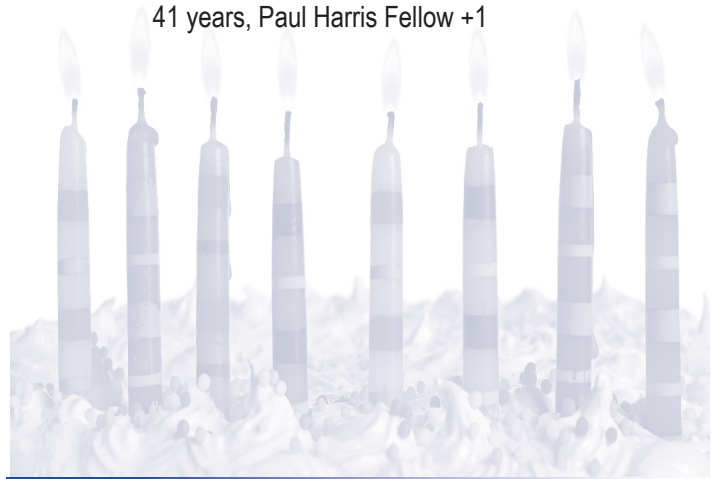
September

- 2 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview
- 9 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
- 16- Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
- 30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
August 19 thru August 25

Hill Turner – August 24 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary
41 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1



Greeters and Ticket Sales

August 19

Greeters: Daniel Joyner and Charles Kahn
Ticket Sales: Tim Kane and Asher Kelly

August 26

Greeters: Chris Kelly and Andrea Kreiger
Ticket Sales: David Lamar and Britt Landrum

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

August 19

Prayer/Pledge: Jane White Sunshine: Ellen Vinson

August 26

Prayer/Pledge: David Williams Sunshine: Joe Vinson

Program Schedule

August

- 19 - Kelly Davies - Ascension Sacred Heart
- 26 - Dan Shugart - Retired Sports Broadcaster

September

- 2 - Laura Gilliam - United Way of West Florida
- 9 - Keith Leonard - Escambia Co. School Superintendent
- 16 - Lindsey Cannon - Escambia Children's Trust
- 23 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker - Pensacola Christian College
- 30 - Andrea Kreiger - Pensacola State College Foundation