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**The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248**

## WEEK IN REVIEW 08/19/2025

President Hill called the meeting to order and led the membership in reciting the Four-Way Test. Rotarian Jane White offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting opened with announcements. Bruce Partington was recognized for his achievement upon earning another Paul Harris.

Rotarian Laura discussed building partnerships, and following a recent trip to Italy, a twin-club agreement was finalized with her hometown. A certificate of recognition has been printed, and a formal announcement will be made at the Tuesday evening meeting, along with a photo for the record.

A member was recognized for his birthday on August 24 in Pensacola, Florida, and for his forty-one years in Rotary. To lighten the mood, several jokes and riddles were shared, including wordplay involving rabbits, penguins, paranoia, and Winnie the Pooh.

The raffle followed, raising \$705. The winning ticket was 431-9963. Joker remains at large.

The featured program was a presentation from Kelly Davies and Social Worker of Ascension Sacred Heart's maternal health program. They reported that approximately 4,800 babies are delivered annually at Sacred Heart, representing 70 percent of local births. The program's mission is to help mothers navigate prenatal care, delivery, and postpartum needs. Kate, the program's health navigator and social worker, explained how she listens to mothers, identifies barriers such as transportation or financial stress, and connects them with resources. Examples include providing rides to prenatal appointments, offering blood pressure monitors, recommending iron-rich foods to help manage

anemia, and supporting women diagnosed with gestational diabetes or hypertension. The program has expanded into Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties, with telehealth services now included.

Grant funding has allowed the program to provide essential supplies such as car seats and postpartum care kits for mothers in need. Of the 4,800 annual deliveries, about 600 to 700 mothers are directly connected with the navigation program, identified as socioeconomically vulnerable. These mothers are tracked for a full year after delivery, including support for pediatric appointments, postpartum depression screenings, and referrals for counseling or behavioral health. Special emphasis has been placed on assisting military families and homeless mothers, with partnerships across community organizations.

During the question-and-answer portion, it was explained that approximately half of all Sacred Heart deliveries fall into the socioeconomically vulnerable category, with 684 patients assisted this year. The speakers emphasized the importance of bridging care gaps and encouraged further community partnerships.

The meeting concluded with thanks to those who contributed to the day's activities. Jane led the prayer and pledge, Ellen provided sunshine, Joiner and Charles greeted attendees and donated, Tim and Asher assisted with sales, and Kelly helped facilitate the program. Members were reminded that next week's meeting may run later, with Dale presiding.

The meeting closed at 12:40 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Rotarian Nicole G.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Today, Tuesday, August 26 we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**Please note the change of meeting venue, next Tuesday, 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.**

**Welcome New Member Anne Connolly.** Anne is a native of Pensacola. She is a graduate of Florida State University, receiving a B.S. degree in finance with a minor in accounting, marketing and communications. Anne also graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania studying executive marketing. Anne is retired as Global Executive Leader from Hewlett Packard Enterprises serving 38 years. She is married to Dennis with 4 children. Her sponsor is Henry Roberts.

**Welcome New Member Dennis Connolly.** Dennis is a native of Birmingham, Michigan. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, receiving his B.A. and received his J.D. from the University of South Carolina. He retired a partner and senior counsel with Alston and Bird LLC following 39 years of service. Dennis is married to Anne with 4 children. His sponsor is Henry Roberts.

**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.

## 2025-2026 Club Officers

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

## Bulletin Information

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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

### CALLING ALL NON-PROFITS



#### 2026 Request for Proposals

EskewDumezRipple is donating time and talent to initiatives advocating for equity in the design of the built environment. The Day of Service is an annual initiative, intended to unite design and civic leadership to address social and urban issues with the power of good design and community engagement.

To apply, visit [www.edrpl.us](http://www.edrpl.us)

or email [Haley.Robinson@eskewdumezripple.com](mailto:Haley.Robinson@eskewdumezripple.com) for more information.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
August 26 thru September 1

**Kathy Horton Brown** – August 30 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 34 years, Paul Harris Fellow +8, Benefactor

**Richard Forsley** – August 30 – born in Gray, ME, in Rotary less than one year

**Lynne Tobin** – August 30 – born in Cleveland, OH, in Rotary 8 years, Paul Harris Fellow

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### August 26

Greeters: Chris Kelly and Andrea Kreiger

Ticket Sales: David Lamar and Britt Landrum

### September 2

Greeters: Sara Lefevers

Ticket Sales: Teri Levins

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### August 26

Prayer/Pledge: David Williams      Sunshine: Joe Vinson

### September 2

Prayers/Pledge: Lisa York Sunshine: Brian Wyer

## Program Schedule

### August

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

## Meeting Schedule

### August

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  
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