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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 8/20/2024

President Roberts welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. Meredith Bush led the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

Margaret Stopp presented Craig Hindsman with a Paul Harris Fellow Award. President Roberts reminded the club of Margaret's accomplishment as a major foundation donor along with Charles Beall, Ted & Kathy Horton Brown, Handsel Butts, Bennett Jensen, Innis Richards, John Tice, Jerry Maygarden and Alexis Bolin.

\$1303 was in the raffle pot and Ted Brown won \$5.

**Special Presentation:** Communication Officer Betty Roberts recognized all the Rotarians for their assistance with taking minutes this past year. In attendance were Terri Jenkins, Aaron Bercovitch and Clark Merritt.

**Merrill Collier - Sunshine Report and August Birthday:** Mr. Hill Turner (24th), **Guests in Attendance:** Kellis Adams (Charles Beall), Hilda Jones (Ray Jones), Cindy Goldsby (David Delgado)

Merrill shared some information about The New York Yacht Club's (NYYC) American Magic sailing team, which has trained in Pensacola, Florida since 2018 in preparation for the America's Cup. The team has considered Pensacola a good fit for training because of its large area, calm water, and geography. The team's 75-foot yacht, Patriot, has been seen sailing through Pensacola Bay at speeds of over 50 knots.

The team moved to Pensacola from Key West in 2021 and trained there from October 2022 through May 2023. In June 2023, the team announced that Pensacola would be their permanent winter training

location as they prepare for the 37th America's Cup in Barcelona in 2024. The team is also working with Pensacola to establish a \$15 million high-performance sailing center at the Port of Pensacola.

The team's owners also hope to use Pensacola to promote the marine industry in the United States, including engineering, design, and manufacturing. They also want to increase interest in sailing, especially at the youth level, and train the next generation of Olympic sailors.

**Program:** Coach Nobles for the UWF Football Team was not able to attend Rotary so President Roberts asked a few Rotarians to share updates.

Ed Meadows, current president of PSC and Judy Bense, President Emeritus, UWF shared updates regarding the college and the university. The university has a record enrollment of 9400, a 24% increase over a two-year period, a new women's soccer field will be open to all soccer clubs. At the college, there is a new dual program for Diesel and Aviation Mechanics, and a new Career & Technical Education Program for 11th & 12th graders for the spring term.

President Roberts thanked greeters Paul Tobin and John Trawick and Ellen Vinson for ticket sales.

The August 27 program is Ben Woodason with Sovereign Ships.

In two weeks, the Rotary meeting will be at the Bay Center (September 3)

Meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

**TAKEN BY TERRI JENKINS**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**TODAY, TUESDAY, August 27, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**PLEASE NOTE, Tuesday, September 3rd, we will meet at Pensacola Bay Center, 201 East Gregory Street.**

The following is a report from Community Partner at Bright Bridge Ministries, Rev. Cheryl Hinnen. "You've helped us provide over 17,600 hot and healthy meals to over 1,100 men, women and children. Your donations have allowed us to expand our emergency shelter to include single nights for overnight guests, allowing us to assist 176 new clients. With the addition of the overnight shelter, you've helped us provide over 9,474 shelter nights for 245 men. This is a 49% increase from our total of 164 men served in 2023. Our residents landed 58 new jobs with 90% of our current program participants now employed."

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.

## 2024-2025 Club Officers

•President	Henry Roberts
•Past President	Charles Beall
•President Elect	Allison Hill
•Secretary	Randall Richardson
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Communications Officer	Betty Roberts

## 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

Mike Tatem  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### August

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

### September

- 3 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams
- 10 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams  
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays for the week of August 27 through September 2

**Kathy Horton Brown** – August 30 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 33 years, Major Donor, Benefactor, Paul Harris Fellow +8

**Lynne Tobin** – August 30 – born in Cleveland, OH, in Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Aaron Bercovitch** – September 1 - born in Phoenix, AZ, in Rotary 4 years

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### August 27

Greeters: Joe Vinson and Stephania Streit  
Ticket Sales: David Williams

### September 3

Greeters: Jack Williams and Denise Windham  
Ticket Sales: Ed Wonder and Brian Wyer

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### August 27

Prayer/Pledge: Bruce Partington      Sunshine: Leslie Mickles

### September 3

Prayer/Pledge: Rob Overton      Sunshine: Laura Piovesana

## Program Schedule

### August

27 - Ben Woodason - Sovereign Ships

### September

- 3 - Dr. Giovanni Piovesana/Dr. Tushar Tuliani - Aortic Heart Valve Disease and Management
- 10 - Dr. Don Winslett - Mental Health Awareness
- 17 - Keith Leonard - Escambia County School Superintendent
- 24 - Dr. Martha Saunders - UWF President