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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 09/09/2025

President Allison Hill welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:05. Jack Williams led the meeting with prayer and pledge.

Announcements:

- 1) Gary Dennis was welcomed as a new member by Jane. Gary is a 30-year Rotarian but new to our club. Welcome, Gary!
- 2) Betty Roberts welcomed visiting Rotarian Sandra Smith of the Asheville Rotary Club; Sandra was a member of the Pensacola Club for 16 years before moving. She presented a flag from the Asheville Club and shared that the club raised \$500K for the Helene Operation.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Andrea Kreiger presented a membership report: There are 16 growing clubs and 25 declining clubs in the district. In our club, there are 158 members with six new members and four who departed. Our club consists of 67% male and 33% female. Years of Service: 0-1=30, 2-3=13, 4-5=13, 6-10=16, 11-15=7, 16-20=21, 21-25=20 and 26 and higher = 35 members. Our membership goal is 166 members by next summer, so Andrea encouraged everyone to think about our networks and invite community members to Rotary in the hopes of adding to our membership.
- 2) Mike shared upcoming opportunities as Service Projects and stated he would like to see between 1-3 projects take place monthly. 1) Naturalization Ceremony which will take place September 25th and in November; 2) UWF Argo Food Pantry-bring items in (food and toiletries) to support the pantry in October. Mike shared that 10% of students suffer food poverty. 3) Ready Kids, a program where mentors read on a weekly basis to children from PreK through third grade. 50% of children

are not ready for kindergarten in Escambia County. There will be a booth at the Seafood Festival for people to sign up.

Sunshine Report: Ed Wonders joked about the college football games in his opening and that fans called the UW Hotline, and shared memorable events of September 9 (Boxed Wine Day, and others).

Guests in Attendance: Jim Ashowp? from Seattle who just moved to Pensacola, Charles Culpepper guest of Bill Fleming and Mark Isbell, guest of Bob Rogers.

Birthdays for this week: Greg Stonehouse (12), Charles Kahn, Jr. (14), and Howard Reddy (14) Happy Birthday to everyone! Harland "Colonel Sanders," Otis Redding, Adam Sandler also shared this birthday.

Taylor Phillips won \$8 during the raffle and now the pot is over \$700!

Guest Speaker: Escambia County School Superintendent Keith Leonard shared a "report card" of sorts of system's status: 11 schools improved this past year and 85% stayed the same. Grades 16 A's, 15 B's and 17 C's and two below average. He shared how the staff is working hard to improve scores, but some high schools were their highest in 18 years. There is a 96% stability rate with employees, which is good. Also recognized but in review of is that 48% of children are not prepared for kindergarten.

President Hill thanked greeters Trey Manderson and Ron Martin and Dale Knee and Mark Hardent (ticket sales) for their service today.

Next week's meeting will feature Lindsey Cannon with the Escambia Children's Trust. Meeting was adjourned at 12:57. P.M.
RECORDED BY TERRI JENKINS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Today, Tuesday, September 16th, we will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club

Welcome New Member Mark Isbel. Mark is a native of Clarksville, Tn. He has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Dallas Baptist University. He is an ordained Southern Baptist Minister. Mark is the VP for Public Relations and Development for Waterfront Mission. He is married to Alexis, and they have 2 children. His sponsor is Bob Rogers.

Please note on September 30, we will again be relocating our meeting to the Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview located at 1110 West Lakeview Avenue.

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 cbbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

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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

CALLING ALL NON-PROFITS



Martin Luther King Jr.

Day of Service

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

or email Haley Robinson (hrobinson@eskewdumezripple.com) for more information.

Eskew Dumez Ripple⁺

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
 September 16 thru September 22

Susan O'Connor – September 21 – born in Quincy, IL, in
 Rotary 23 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1



Greeters and Ticket Sales

September 16

Greeters: Trip Maygarden and Bryan McCall
 Ticket Sales: Norris McMahon and Ed Meadows

September 23

Greeters: Marco Medici and Collier Merrill
 Ticket Sales: Clark Merritt and Chuck Michaels

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

September 16

Prayer/Pledge: Frank Beall Sunshine: Judy Bense

September 23

Prayer/Pledge: Ted Brown Sunshine: Charles Beall

Program Schedule

September

16 - Lindsey Cannon - Escambia Children's Trust
 23 - Tom Selinger - U.S. Diplomatic History
 30 - Andrea Kreiger - Pensacola State College Foundation

Meeting Schedule

September

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