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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 09/16/2025

It was a beautiful day for our recent Rotary meeting, with weather that was a welcome break from hurricane season humidity. Members enjoyed the day and the chance to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets from the legendary **Norris McMahon**, and were greeted by **Trip Maygarden** and **Bryan McCall**.

President **Allison** opened the meeting, asking our most "seasoned" member, **Frank Beall**, to lead the prayer and pledge. Following that, **Chris Kelly** introduced our newest member, **Mark Isbell**, the Vice President of PR and Development for Waterfront Mission. Welcome to the club, Mark!

Julie Tippins Parker shared an update from Lilian, one of the students our club sponsors in Guatemala. Lilian sent a letter saying she is doing well in school and recently celebrated her 16th birthday. Happy birthday to her!

A few other updates were shared:

- **September 30:** Our meeting will not be held at PYC.
- **October 10:** Mark your calendars for the Seville Club's 13th annual Steak Cook-off.

Dr. Judy Bense brought some sunshine to the room by giving a warm welcome to our guests and celebrating **Susan O'Conner's** birthday.

The raffles were a hit! Our new member, Mark, won the first raffle (don't fret, not the "big" one), and **Ray Jones's** wine cellar was two "**Boxes**" lighter as one red and one white were awarded to two lucky winners.

Guest Speaker: Lindsey Cannon from Escambia Children's Trust

Our guest speaker was **Lindsey Cannon**, the Director for the Escambia Children's Trust (ECT). Lindsey provided a detailed overview of ECT's mission and goals.

The ECT was established four years ago through a local referendum to help children by funding new projects and initiatives using special district taxes. The organization is governed by a 10-person board, with five members appointed by the governor, and a professional staff.

Lindsey highlighted the transparent nature of the ECT's operations, noting that their public meetings and annual audits are available for anyone to view online. Their administrative costs average just 5%, and they currently have 35 active contracts with various organizations that serve over 5,000 children.

She addressed a common question regarding their funding: why so much goes to labor costs? Lindsey explained that most projects are very "manpower intensive," requiring qualified and screened personnel who work directly with children.

Lindsey wrapped up her talk by mentioning that the ECT is in the middle of executing its five-year plan. The organization aims to fill educational gaps for children as county funding may be cut and is actively working to enhance community involvement. Finally, she encouraged anyone interested in becoming a proposal reviewer or joining a focus group to get involved.

The meeting concluded after a brief Q&A session.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Today, Tuesday, September 23rd, we will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club

Please note next Tuesday, September 30, we will 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.

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2025-2026 Club Officers

•President	Allison Hill
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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

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of September 23 thru September 29

Trey Manderson – September 23 – born in Kosciusko, MS, in Rotary 17 years

Daniel Joyner – September 24 – born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary one year

Bill Fleming – September 25 – born in Jenkintown, PA, in Rotary 33 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Benny Jeansonne – September 25 – born in Baton Rouge, LA in Rotary 28 years, Paul Harris Fellow +8, Benefactor

Innes Richards – September 29 – born in Washington, DC, in Rotary 26 years, Paul Harris Fellow +8, Benefactor

John Huddleston – September 29 - born in Brentwood, TN, in Rotary less than one year

Greeters and Ticket Sales

September 23

Greeters: Collier Merrill

Ticket Sales: Clark Merritt and Chuck Michaels

September 30

Greeters: Leslie Mickles and Lisa Minshew

Ticket Sales: Sonya Nash and Lori NeSmith

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

September 23

Prayer/Pledge: Ted Brown Sunshine: Charles Beall

September 30

Prayer/Pledge: Vickie Campbell

Sunshine: Laura Piovesana

Program Schedule

September

23 - Tom Selinger - American Diplomatic History

30 - Andrea Krieger - Pensacola State College Foundation

October

7 - TBA - Gulf Coast Diplomacy International

14 - Manny Diaz - UWF

21 - Andre Boyd - District 6940 Governor

28 - Morley Stone - IHMC

Meeting Schedule

September

23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview

October

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
: 00 Board of Directors Meeting

28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club