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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 9/24/2024

Rotary Meeting Minutes – 09/24/24

The September 24th meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

President Roberts announced the funeral arrangements for Rotarian Leonard Swartz and led the club in a moment of silence. A memorial service for Rotarian Leonard Swartz will be held at B'Nai Israel Synagogue on Monday, September 30, at 2:00, followed by a reception in the social hall.

Charlie Sherrill followed with prayer and pledge.

Announcements:

- President Roberts introduces special guest—Kevin Maloney, the new President and CEO of Children in Crisis.
- Purchase your tickets now for the Pints for Polio Event on October 17th at Perfect Plain, 50 E. Garden Street.

Sunshine: Grover Robinson IV. Grover also introduced 7 guests and announced the following birthdays: Daniel Joyner, Bill Fleming, Benny Jeansonne, Innes Richards.

President Roberts leads the club in the Four Way Test.

Over \$1,600 in raffle money today. Winner pulled an 8 card. Pot continues to grow.

Sherry Hartnett introduced the program: Dr. Martha Saunders, President of UWF

Here are some highlights:

- Dr. Saunders is the sixth president of UWF and has 30+ years in higher education.
- She is also a proud Rotarian of our own club.
- UWF has a focus on high-impact practices. It is one of their ten metrics in state performance-based funding.

- UWF is also learner focused. We are all learners. There are three elements that make up UWF: teachers, students and a body of knowledge.
- U.S. News & World Report has named UWF a top 10 large university.
- UWF ranked “Best Regional Universities South” for the sixth year in a row.
- UWF recently ranked number 12 on the “Best Colleges for Veterans – Regional Universities South” by U.S. News & World Report.
- UWF is listed in the “Great Colleges to Work For” by the Chronicle of Higher Education, and has received that honor for several years.
- UWF enrollment continues to increase each year.
- The Center for Cybersecurity has received over \$12 Million in grants this year to expand cyber skills programs.
- The library is newly remodeled.
- Building 50 is newly remodeled.
- The beloved “Pizza Hut” dorms will soon be demolished, but Dr. Saunders hopes to memorialize them in some way.
- There is new leadership at the all-new, standalone College of Education.
- Dr. Saunders and UWF leadership are working on strategic plan for the UWF Emerald Coast campus.
- UWF will soon be launching Civil Engineering. Students will be admitted next fall.
- There is a newly-named analytical lab.
- There will be a brand new football stadium in 2026.
- The redesigned entrance gateway is nearly completed and will be done in time for upcoming graduates to take their graduation photos.
- Every student will have access to an academic scholarship if the goals continue to be met.

President Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, October 1, WE MEET AT PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB.

Below is a link or QR-code to donate to Rotary District 6940 Foundation for Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=K5QQ7FYHZM57Y



Rotarians can also send **CHECKS payable to “Rotary District 6940 Foundation”** with “Hurricane Helene Fund” on memo line. All checks can be mailed to the Foundation office at: Purvis Gray, 443 E. College Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32301 or to me: Christine Isham, 1334 Belgrade Ave, Orlando, FL 32803.

Welcome New Member Sophia Forsley. Sophia is a native of Thessaloniki, Greece. She studied bookkeeping in Greece and is owner/operator of Forsley Properties. She and her husband Richard have 3 children. Her sponsor is Betty Roberts.

Welcome New Member Richard Forsley. Richard is a native of Gray Maine. He is a graduate of Yale University where he received his Masters Degree in Public Health. Richard and his wife Sophia have 3 children. His sponsor is Betty Roberts.

42 members have returned their Rotary Commitments Forms designating where they wish to serve this Rotary year. These forms are available at the meetings and attached with this email. Please take the time to review and make your choice based on interest and opportunity to support of club and community.

Purchase your tickets now for the Pints for Polio Event on October 17th at Perfect Plain, 50 E. Garden Street. Open the attachment for information and to scan the QR code with your cell phone to purchase tickets.

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

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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



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
 October 1 through October 7



Greeters and Ticket Sales

October 1

Greeters: Alexis Bolin
 Ticket Sales: Ted Brown and Meredith Bush

October 8

Greeters: Vicki Campbell and Keith Carrington
 Ticket Sales: Al Coby and James Conner

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

October 1

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherill Sunshine: Scott Sallis

October 8

Prayer/Pledge: Robert Stephens Sunshine: John Shaffer

Program Schedule

October

- 1 - Mayor D.C. Reeves - City of Pensacola
- 8 - Therese Felth or Maria Goldberg - Foo Foo Fest
- 15 - Mark Faulkner - Baptist Hospital
- 22 - Dr. Brian Rucker PSC - Historian: Longleaf Pine Logging presentation
- 29 - Quint Studer - TBD

MEETING SCHEDULE

October

- 1 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 8 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 15 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
 1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 22 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 29 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams