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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 10/1/2024

The October 1 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and welcomed approximately 80 members and 4 guests, including Mayor Reeves.

Rotarian Sherrill delivered a thoughtful prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Roberts guided the group in the Four Way Test and recognized Paul Harris Fellows, Bruce Partington and David Lamar.

President Roberts announced ways members may support victims of Hurricane Helene: (1) members may specify a donation to the local Rotary Club of Pensacola, or (2) contact Marcus Pointe Baptist Church for information regarding their local hurricane relief efforts.

Rotarian Sarah Horne invited the group to participate in Saltmarsh Financial Advisors' Philanthropic Giving event.

Rotarian Betty Roberts welcomed two new members Sophia Forsley and Richard Forsley.

Rotarian Sallis gave members a list of ten negative thoughts to overcome during Sunshine and he recognized 4 guests, including Ross Pristera, Beth Partington, Leigh Davis, and Ben Early.

President Roberts was prompted by members to draw a raffle ticket. Rotarian Pam Smith's ticket was called but sadly, the joker was not present.

Rotarian and chair of the program committee, Olevia McNally,

welcomed Mayor DC Reeves and shared an impressive biography of accomplishments. D.C. Reeves was sworn in as Mayor of his hometown, Pensacola, on Nov. 22, 2022, becoming the youngest person (38) to be elected mayor in 101 years. Reeves spent his professional career as a sports journalist, author, community builder, and entrepreneur.

Mayor discussed a transformative agreement for Pensacola -- a 10-year lease agreement with the team from American Magic, one of the premiere sailing organizations in the world. Pensacola is set to become the team's headquarters as it competes for the oldest trophy in sports, the America's Cup.

Mayor Reeves touted the work of a Community Response Team, tasked with connecting the homeless in our community with available resources. Governor Ron DeSantis appointed D.C. to the CareerSource Florida Board of Directors, which he still serves. In 2024, he was chosen by fellow mayors from across the country to serve on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. D.C. is also a member of the Cornerstone Class 42 of Leadership Florida. D.C. believes rest can come when Pensacola is a great place, not just for a few, not just for most, but for all people. The mayor followed his briefing with a Q&A session.

President Roberts thanked all who helped to convene the members and adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Gislason.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, October 8, 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=K5QQ7FYH2M57Y



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.

This week we kick-off our Pledge Campaign for the Rotary International Foundation and our Local Foundation. Attached is the 2024 pledge form, also available at the weekly meeting and by email.

46 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>

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of October 1 through October 7

- David Lamar** – October 9 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 36 years, Paul Harris Fellow + 1
- Robert Overton** – October 14 – born in Jackson, AL, in Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow
- Lisa Minshew** – October 14 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 6 years
- Chris Bridwell** - October 14 - born in Pensacola, FL with Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

October 8

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

October 15

Greeters: Madison Currin and David DelGallo
 Ticket Sales: Christina Doss and Pete Doyle

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

October 8

Prayer/Pledge: Robert Stephens Sunshine: John Shaffer

October 15

Prayer/Pledge: Margeret Stopp Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

Program Schedule

October

- 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

- 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