

# the HELICOPTER



**The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248**

## WEEK IN REVIEW 10/28/2025

President Allison Hill called us to order and led us in the Four Way Test. Laura Gilliam led us in Prayer and Pledge. President Hill was able to do one of her favorite presidential duties and presented Rotarian Ed Wonders with his Paul Harris Fellow plus Two recognition. Congratulations and well-deserved.

President Elect, Judy Bense, came to the podium to discuss the Fund Drive and pointed all of us to the pledge cards on each table.

DeDe Flounlacker enthusiastically performed Sunshine duties. We had one guest and 2 birthdays (not in attendance so no singing). Then the raffle - drum roll please! - the Joker was drawn by one of our newer members - Greg Stonehouse. He may still be in shock.

Our speaker was Dr. Morley Stone from IHMC. He told

us the mission of the IHMC was to Advance the Human Condition through Computer Science, Robotics and Exoskeletons, and Human Sciences. The Ocala branch of IHMC specializes in Natural Language Processing. IHMC provides sponsored research mostly for the Department of Defense and with a human centered view, looking at the human health span, resilience and performance. They have participated in the DARPA Robotics Challenge and Dr. Stone showed us the robots Atlas, Nadia, and Alex. Other projects include LINK wearable technology, Intelligent Systems and Robotics, Science Saturdays (for kids) and Robotics Camp also for kids. Stem-Talk is a pod cast from IHMC. Best question arguably was, "why doesn't Alex have a head?" We enjoyed learning!

Submitted by Lynne Tobin

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Today, November 4, 2025, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**IT IS THE KICKOFF OF OUR PLEDGE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION AND OUR LOCAL FOUNDATION.** Attached is the 2025 pledge form, also available at the weekly meeting and by email upon request.

**Next week we will start the Sign Up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.** The Rotary Club of Pensacola will ring the bell at Sam's Club every Friday and Saturday beginning November 28th through December 20th. The goal is to have 2 individuals ring for a two-hour shift. You will be able to sign-up at the weekly meeting or contact Chris via email.

**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](mailto: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.

## 2025-2026 Club Officers

•President	Allison Hill
•Immediate Past President	Henry Roberts
•President Elect	Judy Bense
•Secretary	Jane White
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith

## 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

Andre Boyd  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

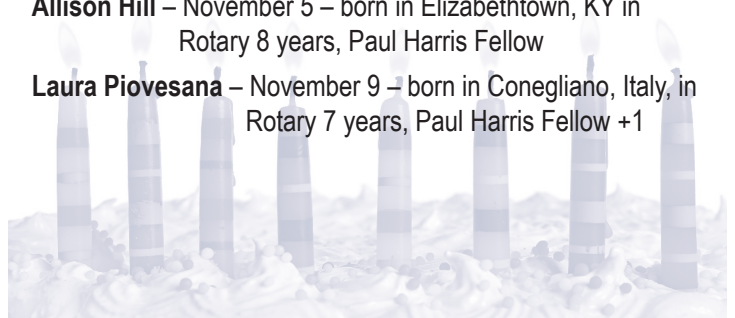
Cliff Schornak

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
November 4 thru November 10

**Allison Hill** – November 5 – born in Elizabethtown, KY in  
Rotary 8 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Laura Piovesana** – November 9 – born in Conegliano, Italy, in  
Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1



## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### November 4

Greeters: Henry Roberts and Grover Robinson  
Ticket Sales: Mark Isbell and Scott Sallis

### November 11

Greeters: Martha Saunders  
Ticket Sales: Donn Scott and Terry Scruggs

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### November 4

Prayer/Pledge: Lee Elebash Sunshine: Sally Fox

### November 11

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Fleming Sunshine: Nicole Gislason

## Meeting Schedule

### November

- 4 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
- 11 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
- 18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club  
1: 00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

## Program Schedule

### November

- 4 - Crista Brandt - Valerie's House
- 11 - Niels Andersen - Vet CV Mission Next Center
- 18 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker - Pensacola Christian College
- 25 - TBA