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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 11/04/2025

President Allison Hill called us to order and led us in the Four Way Test. Rotarian Sally Fox (best pinch hitter ever) asked us to join in the Rotary Prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance. President Elect Judy Bense very clearly explained the 2025-26 Pledge Card found on each table. No one can say we don't understand it!

President Hill invited Immediate Past President Henry Roberts to come to the podium where she presented him with his Paul Harris +3 pin. Congratulations and thank you for all you do, Henry.

Rotarian Mike Steltenkamp made announcements concerning our Service projects and thanked everyone for their donations to the Argo Food Pantry during the month of October - totals will be announced soon. November and December Service project will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army - Fridays and Saturdays Nov. 28 through December 20 will require 64 people volunteering - bring a friend and have fun! Lastly, this is the final week for Strike out Polio bowling.

Sunshine (not pinch hitting) was Sally Fox. She does make us all laugh! Birthdays for this week were President Allison Hill and Chef Laura Piovesana. Present so we sang!

Rotarian Joe Vinson introduced our speaker, Crista O'Keefe Brandt, who told us about Valerie's House and explained the ripple effect of childhood grief and how Valerie's House helps the children affected.

The project serves children ages 5 to 18 at no charge. Crista spoke enthusiastically and very personally about the assistance provided and the help given to develop coping skills. Some of the ways in which Valerie's House helps are peer to peer support groups, dinners and activities two times a month, and among other events a Wave of Light Remembrance Ceremony at the beach.

Next week our meeting is on Veterans' Day and we will be at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

PS - did you see that the IHMC robot Nadia won the 2025 Humanoid Robotics Industry award primarily for Anticipatory and Adaptive Footstep Streaming. Wonder is she could dance with Fred Astaire, backwards and in high heels?

Submitted by
Lynne Tobin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Today, November 11, 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.

"Thank you to the following members for their annual pledge to The Rotary International Foundation and The Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation". To date we have had 20 members make their annual pledge. If you have not made your pledge, please do so soon.

Frank Beall
Judy Bense
Alexis Bolin
Carmen Cuneo
Bill Fleming
Allison Hill

Craig Hindsman
Art Hufford
Charles Kahn
Chris Kelly
Andrea Krieger
Britt Landrum

Terri Levin
Jerry Maygarden
Dr. Ed Meadows
Lori NeSmith
Julie Tippins Parker
Ellen Vinson

Jane White
Jack Williams
Frank Yeager

This week we will begin to 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 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

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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 11 thru November 17

Bruce Partington - November 11 - born in Annapolis, MD, in
Rotary 26 years, Paul Harris Fellow +5

Britt Landrum - November 12 - born in Montgomery, AL, in
Rotary 43 years, Paul Harris Fellow +4

Leslie Halsall - November 17 - born in Memphis, TN, in
Rotary 35 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Randall Richardson - November 17 - born in St. Simons Island,
GA, in Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

November 11

Greeters: Jerry Maygarden

Ticket Sales: Donn Scott and Terry Scruggs

November 18

Greeters: John Shaffer and Charles Sherrill, III

Ticket Sales: Charlie Sherrill and Richard Sherrill

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

November 11

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Fleming Sunshine: Nicole Gislason

November 18

Prayer/Pledge: Kia Goldsmith Sunshine: Scott Grissett

Meeting Schedule

November

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

11 - Niels Andersen - Vet CV Mission Next Center

18 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker - Pensacola Christian College

25 - TBA