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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 11/18/2025

President Allison Hill welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:05. led the meeting with prayer and pledge.

Announcements:

- 1) Mark welcomed Drayton Smith, as a new member; Drayton is the executive director of Ministry Village at Olive, Inc.
- 2) Judy Bense shared an update on the Annual Fund Drive, which will be open for two more weeks.
- 3) In March, the cycle will open to non-profit organizations to apply for funding from Rotary.
- 4) Allison and Mike shared there will be two more weeks for Rotarians to bring in items to support the Red Cross Holiday for Heroes. The totes will be at the ticket table to drop items in.

Sunshine Report: Scott Grissett welcomed our guests for today: Mike Morette (Daniel Del Gello), Amanda Hindsman (Craig Hindsman), and Linda Nagel (Laura Piovesana). His joke about seagulls brought some laughs "Why do seagulls fly over the sea? If they flew over the bay, they would be bagels."

Birthdays for this week: Lane Harper (21), Rotary member for nine years and a Paul Harris Fellow Member.

Vince Currie won \$8 in the raffle drawing.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Troy Shoemaker with Pensacola Christian College (the second president). The school started in 1954 with just 35 students and now

has over 4000 students between the academy (2300 students between K-12) The college does not receive state or federal funding but operates on private funding.

A textbook ministry called Abeka was started by Dr. & Mrs. (Becca) Horton, and it is the world's largest textbooks used by educational institutions in the county, 8-9K as well as thousands of students who are homeschooled.

Pensacola Christian College began in 1974 with only 100 students and today, there are nearly 4000. There are 59 areas of study for the students who attend from across the US and out of the country. Enrollment is slightly down since the pandemic and they are finding that students want to be at home but they are working on how to draw them in. Nursing and Education are among the most sought after in the country.

There are opportunities at the college that businesses, organizations and other entities can collaborate with and if anyone is interested, please contact Dr. Shoemaker.

President Hill thanked John Shaffer, Charles Sherrill, III, Charles Sherrill, Richard Sherrill, Art Hufford, Scott Grissett and Terri Jenkins for their service today.

Next week's meeting will Chief Dan Helms from the Santa Rosa Band of the Lower Muskogee Tribe. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 P.M. RECORDED BY TERRI JENKINS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Today, November 25, 2025, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

IT IS PLEDGE TIME 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.

We have two more weeks to support the Holiday for Heroes, an event sponsored by the American Red Cross. We will have a donation box at the meetings Tuesday, November 25th and Tuesday, December 2nd. Attached is the flyer showing the needed items.

"Thank you to following members for their annual pledge to The Rotary International Foundation and The Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation".

To date we have had 39 members make their annual pledge. If you have not made your pledge, please do so now

Marjorie Anders	Bill Fleming	Ray Jones	Lori NeSmith	Mike Steltenkamp
Frank Beall	Richard Forsley	Charles Kahn	Bruce Partington	Margaret Stopp
Judy Bense	Sophia Forsley	Chris Kelly	Laura Piovesana	John Tice
Alexis Bolin	Allison Hill	Andrea Krieger	Julie Tippins Parker	Ellen Vinson
Ted Brown	Craig Hindsman	Britt Landrum	Betty Roberts	Jane White
Carmen Cuneo	Kathy Horton Brown	Terri Levin	Henry Roberts	Jack Williams
Vince Currie	Art Hufford	Jerry Maygarden	John Shaffer	Frank Yeager
David DelGallo	Bennett Jeansonne	Dr. Ed Meadows	Kevin Stark	

Don't forget 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 that 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>

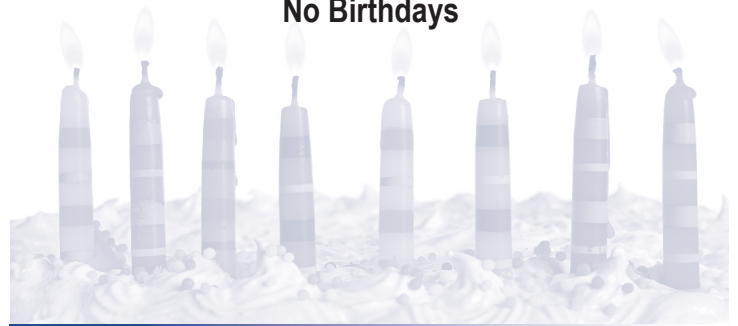
Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
November 25 thru December 1

No Birthdays



Greeters and Ticket Sales

November 25

Greeters: Pam Smith
Ticket Sales: Mike Steltenkamp

December 2

Greeters: Jim Stohlhanske and Greg Stonehouse
Ticket Sales: Margaret Stopp and Stephanie Streit

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

November 25

Prayer/Pledge: Ted Brown Sunshine: Leslie Halsall

December 2

Prayer/Pledge: Sarah Horne Sunshine: Ray Jones

Meeting Schedule

November

25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

December

2 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
9 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
16 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

Program Schedule

November

25 - Chief Dan Helms - Santa Rosa Tribe of the Lower Muskogee Band

December

2 - Mike Bunn - Historian/Arthor
9 - Dr. G. Piovesana - Cardiologist
16 - Christmas Program - Pensacola Symphony Orchestra