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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 12/3/2024

President Roberts welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Ed Wonders led the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

Announcements:

- There are still open slots for the kettle ringing with Salvation Army; a signup sheet went around the tables.
- Foundation Gifts Update: \$43,000 has been pledged to date with approximately 50% for Rotary International and the Foundation.
- Over \$200 is in the pot and Auby Smith won \$5.

Sunshine Report: Susan O'Connor and Birthdays for December 3rd -9th: Olevia McNally (4th) born in Pensacola and in Rotary for 15 years, Jane White (7th), born in Pensacola, and in Rotary for 18 years.

Guests in Attendance: Whitney Lucas, Chief of Staff for the Escambia Sherriff's Department.

Olevia introduced our program, Sheriff Chip Simmoms who shared a significant percentage of the success of the department is due to the three core values he implemented years ago and randomly thought up early in his career: Professionalism, Integrity and Courtesy.

Sheriff Simmons recently won the Good Government Transparency Award

for the introduction of body cameras to an open and honest relationship with the local media; Simmons stated that transparency has always been one of my primary focuses.

Whitney Lucas, Chief of Staff (highest ranking female within the department in 220 years), shared information about the Sherriff's Foundation, which is 100% volunteer driven. Their two focus areas are 1) Supporting Heroes in the Community and 2) Promote engagement to the community with Dream Big Academy, for 5-11 years old; the Blazer Academy is for 12-14-year-olds. Volunteers and financial resources are always welcome.

A new project the department is working on is the Law Enforcement Memorial Plaza renovation. The smaller memorial is moving to the north precinct to make room for the new project.

President Roberts thanked greeters Ron Jackson and Benny Jeansonne, Ray Jones for ticket sales, Ed Wonders for Prayer/Pledge and Susan O'Connor for the wonderful Sunshine Report.

The December 10th program is Dr. Tim Ryschon with Ascension Hospital Pediatrics and will be back at the Yacht Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

TAKEN BY TERRI JENKINS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th we will meet at PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB

It Is Time To 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 through December 21st. The goal is to have 2 individuals ring for a two-hour shift. You can sign-up at the weekly meeting or contact Chris via email. Currently we have 1 empty time slots for Friday, December 13th, 2-4 pm and on December 14th, 2 ringers are needed for 12-2pm. On December 20th, we need 2 ringers for 3 shifts beginning at 12 noon. Please if you have not already done so, sign up now.

Next Week's Meeting, December 17th will be our year ending Christmas Program and we will be entertained by members of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. We open our doors and encourage you to bring a guest. If you choose to have someone join us for this special occasion, please RSVP for your guest. Also please remember to bring a monetary gift for our servers and wait staff, they work very hard every week to make our meetings a success and special occasion.

Our first meeting following the holidays will be on January 7th at the Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview Center, located at 1110 W. Lakeview. Mark your calendar and I will send reminders.

As we approach the end of the year, if you have not already made your pledge for the Rotary International Foundation and our Local Foundation, please consider doing that now. Attached is the 2024 pledge form, also available at the weekly meeting and by email.

"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 73 members or 45% of the club membership make their annual pledge. If you have not made your pledge, please do so soon.

Marjorie Anders	William Fleming	Kathy Horton Brown	Fred Lindstrom	Laura Piovesana	Charles Sherrill, Jr.	Lynne Tobin
Dennis Barnes	Richard Forsley	Art Hufford	Jerry Maygarden	Innes Richards	Charles Sherrill, III	Paul Tobin
Charles Beall	Sophia Forsley	Benny Jeansonne	Norris McMahon	Randall Richardson	Richard Sherrill	Ellen Vinson
Frank Beall	Sally Fox	Charles Ray Jones	Olevia McNally	Betty Roberts	Auby Smith	Joe Vinson
George Biggs	Laura Gilliam	Dale Jordan	Ed Meadows	Henry Roberts	Pam Smith	Jane White
Ted Brown	Nicole Gislason	Charles Kahn	Lori NeSmith	Grover Robinson	Mike Steltenkamp	Ed Wonders
Vicki Campbell	Charles Gund	Asher Kelly	Tony Neuner	Bob Rogers	Robert Stephens	Brian Wyer
Vince Currie	Lane Harper	Chris Kelly	Jean Norman	Scott Sallis	Jim Stohlanske	
Madison Currin	Sherry Hartnett	Andrea Krieger	Julie Tippins Parker	Martha Saunders	Margaret Stopp	
David DelGallo	Allison Hill	David Lamar	Bruce Partington	Jessica Scholl	Stephania Streit	
Lee Elebash	Craig Hindsman	Britt Landrum	Taylor Phillips	John Shaffer	John Tice	

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.**

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of December 10 through December 9

Stephania Streit – December 10 – born in Henleyfield, MS, in Rotary less than one year
Brian Wyer – December 10 – born in Pensacola, in Rotary 4 years
Nicole Gislason – December 13 – born in Newbern, NC, in Rotary 5 year, Paul Harris Fellow
Bryan McCall – December 14 – born in Pasadena, Texas, in Rotary 19 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1
Richard Sherrill - December 14 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 25 years, Paul Harris Fellow
Ray Jones - December 15 - born in Rockingham, NC, in Rotary 23 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Greeters and Ticket Sales

December 10

Greeters: Dale Jordan and Daniel Joyner
Ticket Sales: Charles Kahn and Tim Kane

December 17

Greeters: Asher Kelly and Chris Kelly
Ticket Sales: Andrea Kreiger and David Lamar

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

December 10

Prayer/Pledge: Stephan Wildish Sunshine: Brian Wyer

December 17

Prayer/Pledge: Benny Jeansonne Sunshine:

Program Schedule

December

10 - Dr. Tim Ryschon - American Magic
17 - Pensacola Symphony - Christmas Program

January

7 - Department Leaders - Lifeview Center
14 - Kwan-Chen Ma - Invest Old
21 - Jack Crowe - The Risk in Privatization of Youth Sports
28 - Howard Reddy - UWF VP - Rotary Scholarships

MEETING SCHEDULE

December

10 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board Meeting

January

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Lifeview Center, Activity Center Bldg and MicroSoft Teams
14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

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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.