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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 12/10/2024

The December 10 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:16 PM and welcomed approximately 80 members and guests, including the guest speaker, Dr. Tim Ryschon, President of Sail Pensacola Inc.

Rotarian Vanessa delivered a thoughtful prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Roberts then guided the group through the Four-Way Test.

Rotarian Brian Wyer brought a dose of much-needed sunshine, sharing information on holiday movies and wishing happy birthday to the Rotarians celebrating that week.

President Roberts encouraged members to participate in the raffle, where a lucky Rotarian won a couple of bucks, though the elusive joker remained at large.

Rotarian Nicole Gislason introduced Dr. Ryschon, highlighting his impressive accomplishments. Dr. Timothy Ryschon is a native of Valentine, Nebraska, where he learned to sail and race on inland reservoirs, helming Hobie 16 and Force 5 class boats before embarking on a medical education with stops in Omaha, Dallas, and Mankato, Minnesota. He received his Doctorate in Medicine from the University of Nebraska, completed a residency in Pediatrics at the University of Utah, and pursued a fellowship in cell energetics at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. While in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, he encountered the classic Moth, the International 10 Square Metre Sailing Canoe, and the F27. He spent ten years as a medical director in the Indian Health Service (Rosebud, SD) and then launched his private locum company, delivering physician staffing for pediatric emergency rooms in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Florida. Dr. Ryschon practices telemedicine through his companies Wellivery and Asthmaniac, sails his Beneteau 411 from Marina del Rey to Catalina less often than he'd like, and cannot resist the convergence of sailing and economic development, which led him to Sail Pensacola Inc., where he serves as President. Tim is married to Lowell Ann, and between them, they have nine children and one doodle. They enjoy a succession of solar events from their Portofino home, as well as trail running, cycling, and paddle sports. They are excited to make new friends in sailing and to find in Pensacola a community that feels like home.

Dr. Ryschon's presentation focused on Sail Pensacola Inc. and its initiatives supporting recreational sailing, competitive sailing, and economic development.

Key Highlights of Dr. Ryschon's Presentation: Pensacola Bay is uniquely suited for sailing, offering steady winds, low chop due to the protection of Santa Rosa Island, and warm waters from the Gulf of Mexico. Sail Pensacola Inc. is a 501(c)(3) public charity incorporated in Florida on February 7, 2023, with a mission to promote sailing for recreation, competition, and business in Pensacola and Pensacola Bay.

Strategic Goals:

1. Sailors
2. Races
3. Jobs

Why Race Management Matters: Demand for regattas in Pensacola is growing, but the capacity of local yacht clubs is limited. Sail Pensacola seeks to:

- Expand race management capacity.
- Activate new areas of shoreline for regatta staging to reduce scheduling congestion.
- Attract more volunteers through social media, public education, and community events.

Volunteers are a critical component of successful regattas. Dr. Ryschon invited interested participants to join their race management teams by filling out a volunteer form: <https://form.jotform.com/243246887623062>.

Vision for the Future: Pensacola has all the ingredients to become the epicenter of sailing, sailboat racing, high-performance foiling, and maritime job creation over the next 20 years. If you'd like to assist with Sail Pensacola's vision, Dr. Ryschon encouraged Rotarians to sign up for the organization's electronic mailing list.

Following his presentation, Dr. Ryschon engaged with Rotarians in a lively Q&A session.

President Roberts thanked everyone involved in organizing the meeting and adjourned the session at 12:55 PM.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Gislason.

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. We have done a fabulous job this year ringing the bell at Sam's Club every Friday and Saturday beginning Thanksgiving weekend. We have raised thousands of dollars for The Salvation Army having filled all-time slots until now. We have reached the final weekend with only 3 positions needed to fill. On Friday, December 20th, we need 1 ringer for 2-4pm and 2 ringers for 4-6pm. Please if you have not already done so or had so much fun you want to do it again, sign up now.

Welcome New Member DaCotah Ledbetter. DaCotah is a native of Pensacola and a graduate of UWF, receiving her BSBA degree in Emphasis in Supply Chain Logistics Management and MBA in Data Analytics. While at UWF, DaCotah spent one year in Rotaract. She recently returned to Pensacola and is employed with Target Freight Management where she is an Outside Sales Representative. Her sponsor is Sherry Hartnett.

Today, 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. **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 St. 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 75 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 McMahan	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 Tippings Parker	Martha Saunders	Margaret Stopp	
David DelGallo	Allison Hill	David Lamar	Bruce Partington	Jessica Scholl	Stephanie Streit	
Lee Elebash	Craig Hindsman	Britt Landrum	Taylor Phillips	John Shaffer	John Tice	

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 17 through December 31

Scott Barrow - December 17 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years

Jessica Scholl - December 18 - born in Tuscaloosa, AL, in Rotary less than one year

Jerry Maygarden - December 22 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 35 years, Paul Harris +8, Major Donor

Dale Jordan - December 27 - born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary 32 years, Paul Harris +1

Greeters and Ticket Sales

December 17

Greeters: Asher Kelly and Chris Kelly

Ticket Sales: Andrea Kreiger and David Lamar

January 7

Greeters: Britt Landrum and Teri Levin

Ticket Sales: Fred Lindstrom and Trey Manderson

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

December 17

Prayer/Pledge: Benny Jeansonne

Sunshine: Sally Fox

January 7

Prayer/Pledge: Kelsey Powell

Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

Program Schedule

December

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

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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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.