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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 2/24/2026

After being greeted at the door and purchasing our Chance tickets from Dennis Connely ever so hopefully, President Allison Hill welcomed us enthusiastically and called upon Past President Henry Roberts to lead us in Prayer and Pledge.

This was Chris Bridwell's last day as our administrator - we will survive! President Allison presented her with a wonderful camera to keep track of her further adventures. However, Chris assured us she would be back for lunch. We cannot thank you enough Chris for a terrific job. You are a part of this "family"!

We had Rotary guests from the Gulf Breeze Club. Their famous Gumbo cook off will be March 12 from 1-3. The dollars earned go to support students.

Randall Richardson came to the podium to let us know that Community Grant application would be online March 2 through March 31. This year there will be 5 \$2,000 grants. If your organization was awarded a grant last year, you will need to wait a year before you are able to apply again.

Allison called Charles Gunn to the podium and recognized him as a Paul Harris Fellow + 1.

Our club had a great time fighting hunger along with the other local Rotary Clubs at Manna. We helped put together 40,000 bags of food.

Allison asked for our help as our new administrator Linda Elias will be learning our check in process over the next few weeks so be aware there may be some differences in the routine while she gets to know us.

Sunshine: Susan O'Connor introduced our visiting Rotarians, guests, and 6 birthdays. Special wishes to Frank Beall who is 91. But he did not win the raffle/chance ticket. The pot rolls over.

Our speaker today, introduced by Olevia McNally, was Judge Charles (Chuck) Khan. He spoke on immigration and naturalization and recommended that everyone attend one of the naturalization ceremonies. They are incredibly uplifting with many great stories from the amazing new citizens. We had the most fun attempting to answer a few of the 120 possible questions on the citizenship test.

Next week's speaker will be Marco Medici who may have a citizenship story of his own.

Chris, once again thank you for your 9 years of service to this club.

Submitted by Lynne Tobin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Today, March 3, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

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

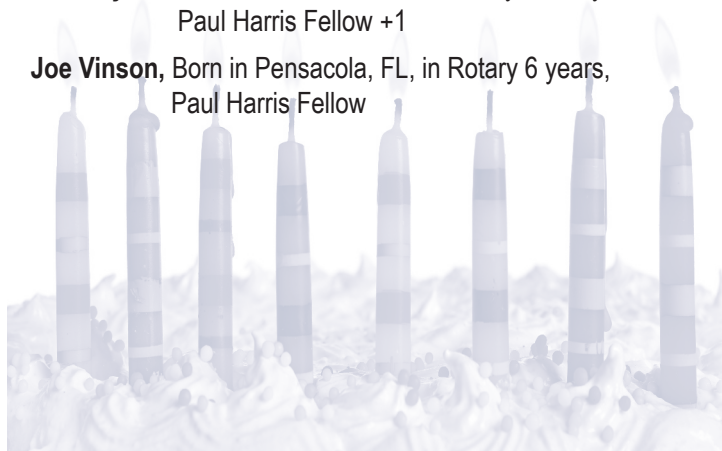
Cliff Schornak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
March 3 through March 9

Lou Ray, Jr., Born in St. Louis, MO, in Rotary for 40 years,
Paul Harris Fellow +1

Joe Vinson, Born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 6 years,
Paul Harris Fellow



Greeters and Ticket Sales

March 3

Greeters: Carmen Cuneo, David Delgallo
Ticket Sales: Madison Currin, Gary Dennis

March 10

Greeters: Christina Doss, Cedric Durre
Ticket Sales: Pete Doyle, Lindsey Durre

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 3

Prayer & Pledge: Terry Scruggs Sunshine: Rob Overton

March 10

Prayer & Pledge: Charles Sherrill Sunshine: Grover Robinson

Meeting Schedule

March

- 3 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
- 10 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
- 17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
- 24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
1:00 - Board of Directors Meeting
- 31 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

Program Schedule

March

- 3 - Marco Medici - 20 Year Immigration Adventure
- 10 - Vinnie Whibbs - Reentry Alliance Pensacola
- 17 - Jackie Gheen - Ballet Pensacola
- 24 - Stacey Kostevicki, Gulf Coast Kid's House
- 31 - Connie Bookman, Pathway for Change