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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 3/24/2026

Sails, Sunshine, and Celebrations

Spring was definitely in the air this week as Rotarians strolled into the PYC, dodging the flurry of international activity from the WASP sailboats in town for the regatta. It was a world-class backdrop for another great day of Service Above Self.

Sophia greeted us with a smile at the door, while **Sally** was hard at work making sure everyone had their chance at the raffle. We were also happy to welcome back **President Allison** from her travels in Spain—she looks refreshed and ready to lead (though we suspect she might still be on tapas time!).

Rotary Recognition

A huge “Way to Go!” to **Dr. Ed Meadows** for being recognized for his **Paul Harris +3**. Thank you, Ed, for your continued commitment to the Rotary Foundation and its mission.

We also had the pleasure of singing a very happy birthday to our greeter, **Sophia**. We hope the rest of your day was as sweet as that PYC dessert!

The “Big Tech” Takeover

Brace yourselves: the biggest disruption to hit the Club in decades is coming next week! In our quest for efficiency, all members are asked to **scan their badges** at the next meeting to help track attendance. Look for the barcode on the back of your badge and please “follow the rules” so we can make this new system a success.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Real Men Cook:** The PACE Center for Girls is looking for 5 brave volunteers for their event this April. See if you have what it takes to stand the heat in the kitchen!
- **Field Trip:** **Chris Kelly** is organizing a tour of the Pensacola Christian College campus. If you've ever been curious about the inner workings of PCC, make sure to sign up soon.
- **Ethics in Business:** Nominations for our annual award are due March 31st. This will be a CROP event in May, so let's get those deserving names in as soon as possible.

The Pot Grows...

Henry Roberts gave it his best shot today but drew a 10 card instead of the elusive Joker. The good news? The raffle continues to next week, where the pot is officially approaching **\$600**. Don't forget your dollar bills!

Today's Program: Gulf Coast Kid's House

We were honored to welcome back **Stacey Kostevicki**, Executive Director of the **Gulf Coast Kid's House (GCKH)**. While the subject of child abuse is a heavy one, Stacey's update on the incredible work being done right here on 12th Avenue is always inspiring.

The GCKH serves as a sanctuary where all major disciplines work together under one roof, ensuring no child falls through the cracks. While their caseload averages 3,000, their intervention has led to a staggering **94% success rate** (up from just 20% in the early 2000s). Stacey also thanked our club for our legacy of support, totaling over **\$50,000** in donations over the years.

Ways to Support GCKH in April (Child Abuse Awareness Month):

- **April 1-5:** The “Taste of 12th” Passport (Discount books for 12th Ave favorites!).
- **April 22:** The Lauren's Kids Foundation Walk (Starting at GCKH).
- **April 30:** The Blue Gala at the Bayview Center.

Also, a big shout-out to the 2026 **LEAP Class** and **Impact 100** for supporting the creation of a new “Therapy Garden” at the facility—a peaceful space for victims, families, and staff to find a moment of Zen.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:58 PM See you next week—don't forget to scan your badges!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

March 31, 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 lelias@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

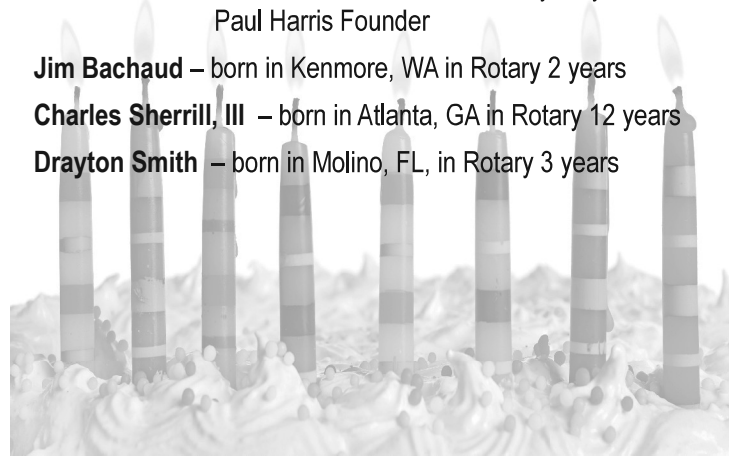
Birthdays for the week of
March 31 through April 6

Laura Gilliam – born in Columbia, SC in Rotary 20 years,
Paul Harris Founder

Jim Bachaud – born in Kenmore, WA in Rotary 2 years

Charles Sherrill, III – born in Atlanta, GA in Rotary 12 years

Drayton Smith – born in Molino, FL, in Rotary 3 years



Greeters and Ticket Sales

March 31

Greeters: Nicole Gislason, Craig Hindsman
Ticket Sales: Kia Goldsmith, Scott Grisset

April 7

Greeters: Charles Gund, Mark Harden
Ticket Sales: Leslie Halsall, Lane Harper

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 31

Prayer & Pledge: Charles Thornton Sunshine: John Shaffer

April 7

Prayer & Pledge: John Tice Sunshine: Margaret Stopp

Meeting Schedule

March

31 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

April

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

14- Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

21- Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club
1 pm Board Meeting

28- Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

Program Schedule

March

31 -Connie Bookman, Pathway for Change

April

7 - Mark Faulker - Baptist Health Care

14 - Eric Winstrom - Pensacola Police Chief