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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 3/31/2026

President Allison Hill called us to order and the recitation of the Four Way Test. Charles Thornton provided us with a thoughtful prayer and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Allison called for any announcements. Mike Steltenkamp reminded us of the Pace Center for Girls, **Men Who Cook**, an ever popular event. Pace Center has a new leader and this will be her first Men Who Cook event. Charles Beall has plans to make his wins 4 in a row - a new record. The Fred Levin Way Fest will be on April 12. There are 3 shifts available if you wish to volunteer your time. A sign up sheet is on the tables. Nominations are due for the Ethics in Business Awards. Thanks go to Kathy Brown for taking on our participation in the Global Grant. Our grant was approved to support HPV vaccinations in India. AND the Community Grant applications are due now.

Grover Robinson took the Sunshine role today and introduced our several guests and visiting Rotarians. We welcomed two military guests - and hope to keep this tradition going. Major Caleb Drake and 1st LT Miguel Padley from Patrick AFB joined us.

Drum roll for the Chance to Win tickets and the beat goes on as Frank Beall managed to draw a 10.

Olevia McNally introduced our speaker, Connie Bookman, who engaged many of our members with strong interests and involvement in the area of homelessness. The organization she spoke about is Pathways for Change. The mission is to reduce homelessness by increasing housing in Escambia County. There are vacant city-owned lots that could be used for housing development, affordable housing could be built on Church owned land, every congregation can do something. Some of the issues to be resolved are zoning that limits current density and the many regulations for home building. The Tiny Houses being built on Garden Street are an example of (among other things) replication being able to lower the cost of building. Once one plan is approved, it costs less to get the follow on buildings approved. The largest growing population of homeless is senior women. The questions from the audience reflected how much this topic is of interest in our community. One suggestion for assistance is to give to your favorite thrift store.

Submitted by

Lynne Tobin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

April 7, 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.**

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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 meets every other Tuesday	Tues.	5:15 pm
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
April 7 through April 13

Chris Kelly – April 8 – born in Landstuhl, Germany, in Rotary
16 years-Paul Harris Fellow +5

Barry Cole – April 8 – born in Jackson, MS, in Rotary 18 years

Sara Lefevers – April 9 – born in Columbus, OH, in Rotary
1 year

Cedric Durre – April 10 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary
12 years

Charles Thornton – April 11 – born in Dothan, AL in Rotary
6 years-Paul Harris Fellow

Clif Payne – April 12 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary
33 years-Paul Harris Fellow +1

Ed Wonders – April 13 – born in Newton, KS, in Rotary
23 years-Paul Harris +2

Greeters and Ticket Sales

April 7 -

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

April 14

Greeters: Sherry Hartnett, Craig Hindsman
Ticket Sales: Verdell Hawkins, Sarah Horne

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

April 7

Prayer & Pledge: John Tice Sunshine: Margaret Stopp

April 14

Prayer & Pledge: John Trawick Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

Meeting Schedule

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

April

- 7 - Mark Faulker - Baptist Health Care
- 14 - Eric Winstrom - Pensacola Police Chief
- 21-TBA
- 28- Mary Mahew-Florida Hospital Association