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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 1/9/2024

A Strong Start to 2024:

Our first meeting of the year kicked off with a fantastic turnout, despite the whitecaps on the Bay from the previous night's storm! President Charles led us through the Four-Way Test, and Verdell Hawkins offered a heartfelt prayer and pledge to our nation.

Important Announcements:

- Mark your calendars! A Naturalization Ceremony will be held on January 26th. Contact Chris for details.
- Looking for future leaders? The February RYLA camp for 10th graders is seeking applicants. All expenses covered!
- Interested in joining Rotary? Your first three meals are on President Charles (just kidding, Charles!). Invite your business colleagues and see what Rotary is all about.

Congratulations and Recognition:

- A huge shout-out to Chris Kelly for being pinned a Paul Harris +3!
- Ed Wonders' guest won the raffle and generously donated their winnings back to the pot! Bring on more guests Ed!

- Lynne Tobin brightened our day with visitor introductions, guest welcomes, and a few (moderately successful) library and librarian jokes.

David Stafford's New Mission:

Our own Rotarian, David Stafford, recently resigned as Supervisor of Elections and is now embarking on a new chapter with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) fighting cyber attacks to our election processes. David shared how his experience combating cyberattacks on our election processes led him to this crucial new role. He emphasized the ongoing threat of foreign interference in US elections and the extensive efforts being undertaken by DHS to safeguard our democracy. David will be based remotely in Pensacola, overseeing Region 4 (southeastern states) and offering a wide variety of vulnerability reduction support to election officials. He also shared encouraging news about Escambia County's new, reliable voting system, projected to serve us well for the next decade.

Adjournment and Onward: After a lively Q&A session, we adjourned at 1:10 pm. Here's to a year of continued service, fellowship, and making a difference in our community! Your Humble Scribe, Clark Merritt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, January 16, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

Rotarians have the opportunity to attend the next Naturalization Ceremony. As most of you know, our club provides the programs for the Naturalization Ceremonies that take place at the Federal Courthouse throughout the year. For this, two representatives from our club are invited to attend. The next naturalization ceremony is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the United States District Courthouse located at One North Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida. If you would like to attend, please let me know by January 16, and I will reserve a spot for you.

The following message was sent from Captain Stephan Wildish, Salvation Army: I want to say thank you for the great support that the Pensacola Rotary has done for The Salvation Army. In the days that the Rotary Club volunteered their time, a grand total of \$6,198.16 was raised. This amount helped reach The Salvation Army goal that was to raise \$148,000, but with the help of the Rotary Club The Salvation Army raised at total of \$160,000 in the red kettles. Thank you again for your support.

Thank you to the following members, their families, and friends for making this year's Salvation Army Bell Ringing 2023 a success.

Margie Anders	David DeGallo	Craig Hindsman	Jerry Maygarden	Bob Rogers	Lynne Tobin
Charles Beall	Will DiGiorgio	Kathy Horton Brown	Trip Maygarden	Scott Sallis	Paul Tobin
Frank Beall	Christina Doss	Benny Jeansonne	Lori NeSmith	Martha Saunders	John Trawick
Bobby Behr	Lee Elebash	Dale Jordan	Tony Neuner	Terry Scruggs	Hill Turner
Judy Bense	Bill Fleming	Daniel Joyner	Jean Norman	John Shaffer	Ellen Vinson
Chris Bridwell	Laura Gilliam	Charles Kahn	Susan O'Connor	Charlie Sherrill	Joe Vinson
Tedd Brown	Kia Goldsmith	Asher Kelly	Julie Tippins Parker	Charles Sherrill, III	David Williams
Vicki Campbell	Mark Harden	David Lamar	Bob Perkins	Mike Steltenkamp	Jeff Kass
Keith Carrington	Sherry Hartnett	Britt Landrum	Laura Piovesana	Margaret Stopp	
Al Coby	Allison Hill	Trey Manderson	Sigrid Rehrig	Charles Thornton	

Applications are available for the annual RYLA event held at Adventures Unlimited on the last weekend of February. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience for 10th graders organized by Rotary clubs and districts. Student will develop skills as leaders while having fun and making connections. The application period has been extended. <https://ryla6940.org/> Application: <https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/App/?ID=162>

2023-2024 Club Officers

•President	Charles Beall
•Past President	Bruce Partington
•President Elect	Henry Roberts
•Secretary	Randall Richardson
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Communications Officer	Betty Roberts

Bulletin Information

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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.	4:15 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

Kerry Anne Schultz
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

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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 the 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, at the most recent board meeting it was decided to extend the offer of 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
January 16 through January 22

Sally Fox - January 17 – born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 28 years, Paul Harris Fellow +7

Mort O'Sullivan – January 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 39 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Chuck Michaels – January 21 - born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

January 16

Greeters: Aaron Bercovitch

Ticket Sales: Judy Bense and Laura Piovesana

January 23

Greeters: Steve Black and Jack Brown

Ticket Sales: Alexis Bolin and Ted Brown

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

January 16

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Stafford

Sunshine: Joe Vinson

January 23

Prayer/Pledge: Art Hufford

Sunshine: Scott Sallis

Program Schedule

January

16 - Escambia County Sheriffs Department, Crime Scene

23 - Roni Fisher, The Secret Place

30 - Steve Epstein, CSUSA Warrington Prep School

Meeting Schedule

January

16 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

1:00 January Board of Directors Meeting

23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams