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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 1/30/2024

The January 30th meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Charles Beall called the meeting to order at 12:15. Charles Thornton led prayer and pledge. President Beall began by calling attention to 6 six antisemitic attacks that happened recently in Pensacola and expressed the club's support for the Jewish community and those affected by the attacks.

President Beall thanked Bruce Partington for substituting for him the prior week when president Beall was out with an illness. He emphasized there are easier ways to lose five pounds than getting sick.

He then went on to share some announcements. The club has begun signups for the manna event on February 17th, Rotarians Against Hunger. There are two shifts. RYLA is still accepting applications for the youth camp in February. Please sign up any 10th grader you know for the camp. The club is continuing the first three meals free for potential new members.

At 12:20 President Beall called Kia to introduce new member Meredith Bush. She's a native of Mississippi with a son named Aden. Meredith is a graduate of University of Mobile where she earned three bachelor of arts degrees in political science, Spanish, and history. She received her JD from University of Mississippi School of Law. Meredith is an attorney for Clark Partington and is a board certified city, county, and local government attorney at the firm's commercial litigation department. Her practice primarily focuses on all aspects of land-use law and government regulations, including zoning.

President Beall then presented a Paul Harris Plus Eight to Betty Roberts.

Raffle is currently at \$225. Margaret Stopp was called to do sunshine. She emphasized that Rotary Club of Pensacola should have enough volunteers at the Manna event to fill an entire table, and the club should win the contest. She went on to introduce speakers:

- Uban Wachamzi from Anchorage, AK
- Olivia McNally, Rotarian from Pensacola Seville. She works in health administration

- Wendy Butler, guest of Vicky Campbell, from Pensacola

Margaret then announced birthdays:

- Norris McMahan, February 5th, in Rotary 18 years
- Leslie Mickles, February 3rd, Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow
- Leonard Swartz, February 3rd, in Rotary for 38 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Ms. Stopp called on Ellen Vincent to lead the club in singing happy birthday. Leonard turned 98 years old and is a World War 2 veteran.

Ed Wonders was called up to introduce the speaker around 12:30.

Steve Epstein is a member of the Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club. He's held many positions of the club including current club director, past president, sergeant in arms, social media ambassador. He's been working in education for 28 years. He's currently the head of school of Warrington Prep director of the school support of the CSUSA Florida. Formerly, he was a principal for 10 years, assistant principal for 4 years, and algebra educator for 9 years. He's also a Maxwell Leadership certified speaker, trainer, and coach. "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond."

Steve is married for the second time. He has three of his own children aged 12 to 30, and two stepchildren with his current wife. He lives in south Florida and flies in every week to work at Warrington.

Steve's passion is serving others, which is why he joined Rotary. His job with Charter Schools USA, CSUSA, is to do professional development with the team at the school from the administration down to the teachers.

One of their goals at Warrington, which is an issue across the nation, is making sure the students are ready to learn. That means giving them the nourishment that they need to start the day: breakfast and lunch. Right now the school has 571 scholars that are 6th through 8th grade. Every student is eligible for 100% free breakfast and lunch. Warrington is a School of Hope with the state of Florida. Warrington has a 28% student body with disabilities.

Steve explained that with public charter schools, they're basically public schools that are privately managed. They have to follow all the state guidelines. They have a charter with the district and work in partnership with the district, but the staff works for CSUSA.

CSUSA's goal is to certify students in different areas for industry. Their classes are designed to maximize the learning experience for the different personalities found in each class. They do this by breaking up the classes into different groups and rotating during the periods.

Warrington has Starbase 2.0, which is an afterschool activity partnered with the Naval Station. This is a mentor program on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 6:00pm, and the mentors are volunteers who help students work on STEM projects. There is a mentoring and volunteer committee.

CSUSA brought Parent University to Warrington. Parent University is an organization based out of Savannah, GA. They just celebrated their 25th anniversary. The partnership between Warrington and Parent University is intended to help increase parent engagement and to educate the parents. This provides a support and guidance to help nurture the parents so they could nurture the students even better.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, February 6, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

Rotarian Against Hunger will be Saturday, February 17, 2024. Manna Food Bank and the Combined Rotary of the Panhandle (CROP) team up to fight hunger at this annual event. There will be two shifts available. The first shift will be from 8:30 -10:30am, breakfast will be served, the second shift is scheduled for 10:30am - 12:30pm, lunch will be served. Sign-up sheets will be available at the weekly meetings or send an email to Chris at: cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

Register Now for the 2024 Rotary District 6940 Conference. This year the district Conference will be held April 12-14th at **Hilton Pensacola Beach**, 12 Via DeLuna. For details and registration follow the following link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/8742b369-ca30-4714-a5d4-d5294e320728>

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

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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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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
February 6 through February 12

Lori NeSmith – February 7 – born in Pensacola FL, in Rotary 4 year, Paul Harris Fellow +4

Ed Ranelli – February 8 - born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 23 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Grover Robinson – February 11 – born in Gainesville, FL, in Rotary 28 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

February 6

Greeters: Madison Currin and Will DiGiorgio
Ticket Sales: David DelGallo and Christina Doss

February 13

Greeters: Pete Doyle and Russell Tertitta
Ticket Sales: Lee Elebash and Bill Fleming

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

February 6

Prayer/Pledge: Jane White Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

February 13

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill, III Sunshine: Charlie Sherrill

Program Schedule

February

6 - Ross Pristera, American's First Settlement Trail
13 - Chris McKinney, Pensacola Teen Challenge
20 - Joseph Dorando, Wounded Eagle, UAS
27 - Caroline Fries, Career Source Escarosa

Meeting Schedule

February

6 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
13 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
20 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board Meeting
27 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams