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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 3/5/2024

The March 5th meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Beall called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. and led the club in the Four Way Test. Jack Williams followed with prayer and pledge.

Announcements: Ray Jones provides an update on Sally Fox. She sends her greetings and misses all of us. She is doing well and starting to get around more. She looks forward to getting her stitches removed. Ray informed the Club that Sally's husband has now returned to work and that it would be wonderful if any Club members have any opportunity to take or deliver a meal to Sally. She looks forward to joining us for a meeting as soon as she is able to do so.

Community grant applications will be available tomorrow afternoon (March 6th). If you know of any deserving organizations, this is a great opportunity for funding.

The 22nd Annual Ethics and Business Award Luncheon nomination form will also be circulated soon. You will have until March 29th to get your nominations in.

It is time to update our Club directory. If you would like to update any of your contact information or your member photo, please let Chris know.

The 2024 Rotary District 6940 Conference event is coming up on April 12th-14th on Pensacola Beach. The Club has agreed to pay for the first 30 members to attend this year. Contact Chris for details.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining this Club, bring them in for a meeting. The Club is continuing to offer the first 3 meals for free for prospective members.

Announcement from Margaret Stopp—our Club is sponsoring the installation of five rescue tubes on Pensacola Beach. The tubes are literal life savers in the event of drowning incidents. There will also be five additional tubes in reserve in case a tube becomes damaged or needs to be replaced. There will be a ceremony this Friday, March 8th, at 9:00 AM to commemorate the installation of the rescue tubes.

Ed Wonders thanks all who participated in the RYLA awards this past weekend. It was a successful event and the students enjoyed it.

The raffle pot is at \$390. The winner pulled a 5 card—the pot continues to grow.

Ellen Vinson introduced two guests and led the club in singing 'happy birthday' to Joe Vinson and Clark Merritt. She followed up with a joke for sunshine.

Ed Wonders introduced the guest speaker – Ramsey Lawrence of

Embrace Florida Kids. Here are some highlights:

- Ms. Lawrence is the Development Director for Embrace Florida Kids, an organization created to solve the issue of there being more children who need foster care than there are licensed homes available. Embrace Florida Kids stands in the gap for those children through its Milton Girls Home and Embrace Foster Care Program. However, Embrace Florida Kids has four main programs, outlined below.

- "Embrace Foster Care" is a team that recruits, trains, licenses, and supports foster parents in Northwest Florida, providing a variety of resources that prepare and equip foster families for success. They also screen calls for foster parents to ensure that the calls for assistance that reach the parents are calls that fit the criteria of those parents and do not otherwise disturb parents who might not be able to assist.

- The "Milton Girls Home" is a home that offers a safe haven for teen girls who have experienced trauma. They serve these young women by offering stability and access to nurturing and caring staff members who encourage growth and development through mentoring, academic accountability, and spiritual care.

- The Milton Girls Home houses up to six teen girls at a time and these may be young women who have been through the court system, in and out of multiple foster homes, or simply experienced trauma and/or neglect. In most cases, a typical foster home would be inappropriate for these young women.

- "Embrace Family Preservation" is a program that aims to restore families who are at risk of losing their children by identifying areas of improvement and working toward restoration. Most important when children are at risk of being removed from their families. They will triage and determine how they can help to keep that family together. They have a 96% success rate in keeping families together and also track those families for 3 years following their involvement to ensure that the family remains stable.

- "Embrace Higher Education Home" is a home that provides higher education opportunities for students who have lived in foster care or alternative living arrangements. A group residential living space and support services are provided for students attending UWF and PSC. Goal is to provide debt-free education and the resources and assistance they need to become successful adults.

President Beall adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, March 5 we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

The Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola along with the University of West Florida are looking for individuals who exhibit outstanding ethical practices. They are looking to identifying those persons who should be given community-wide recognition. That is why the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola, along with the University of West Florida College of Business, established an Ethics in Business Award. This year's award is the 22nd annual award and will be awarded during a luncheon meeting on May 6, 2024. Two awards will be given, one for an individual from an organization with 50 or more employees and one for an individual from an organization with 49 or fewer employees. The 2024 instructions and nomination forms can be found on our website at: www.pensacolarotaryclub.org. Copies are available at our weekly meeting or you can request a form by emailing Chris at: cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 29, 2024

This year our club will reimburse the registration cost of 30 members to attend the 2024 Rotary District 6940 Conference on Pensacola Beach. The district Conference will be held April 12-14th at **Hilton Pensacola Beach**, 12 Via DeLuna. For details and registration follow the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/8742b369-ca30-4714-a5d4-d5294e320728>. Following your registration contact Chris to let her know you have registered. You will be reimbursed following the event.

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, 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 a service charge will be applied to your payment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of March 12 through March 18

Doug Werber – March 13 – born in Cleveland, OH, in Rotary 17 years, Paul Harris Fellow + 1

Charlie Sherrill (Jr.) - March 15 – born in Lawton, OK, in Rotary 30 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Andrea Krieger – March 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow + 1

Tory Sokul – March 17 – born in Concord, NH, in Rotary 6 years

DeDe Flounlacker – March 17 – born in Blountsville, AL, in Rotary 13 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

March 12

Greeters: Lisa York and Mark Harden
Ticket Sales: Hugh Hamilton and Sherry Hartnett

March 19

Greeters: Verdell Hawkins and Allison Hill
Ticket Sales: Caleb Heifner and Craig Hindsman

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 12

Prayer/Pledge: Lisa York Sunshine: Stephan Wildish

March 19

Prayer/Pledge: Brian Wyer Sunshine: Charlie Sherrill

Program Schedule

March

12 - Julie Sheppard, IHMC
19 - Terri Jenkins, American Red Cross
26 - Joe Vinson & Tyler Bryant, Gero Japanese Sister City

Meeting Schedule

March

12 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
19 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
26 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams