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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/30/2023

We had a fantastic start to our weekly meeting at PYC with a great turnout, thanks to Ex-President Ed. He began by leading us through the Four-way test, followed by inviting John Tice to lead a prayer and pledge to the Republic.

Here are a few important announcements for you to take note of. Firstly, our meeting next week will take place at the Pensacola Bay Center in the room with no windows. Please remember to bring a jacket as it tends to get quite chilly in there. Secondly, don't forget that prospective members can enjoy their first three meals on President Bruce's tab. So, make sure to invite your friends soon. As they say, "we need the dues" just like in Animal House.

Ex-Pres Ed then shared several updates on various "today is" celebrations, including Salt Water Taffy Day and a few others that slipped my mind. During the raffle, Sherry Hartnett emerged as the lucky winner, but she drew a face card, which means the pot will continue to grow.

Moving on, Scott Sallis brightened our day by recognizing our visitors, guests, and those celebrating birthdays. With that, we eagerly proceeded to the main program.

Rotarian Nan DeStafney graced us with her presence to discuss the CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) program. CART originated from a Rotary Club in the Carolina's and aims to find a cure for this devastating disease, which impacts nearly everyone in our community. While they initially collected spare change in a bucket during meetings, Nan mentioned that most people now rely on digital transactions. Nevertheless, the program continues to thrive. Nan's purpose in joining our meeting was to introduce the club to this initiative and find someone passionate enough to champion it in our area. If you are interested, please reach out to Nan, as the program has gained significant traction on the east coast of Florida and the mid-Atlantic states. So far, CART has raised over \$10 million, funding research at renowned institutions across the United States. Nan also encouraged everyone to explore their informative YouTube channel.

During the meeting, a few members shared personal stories about how Alzheimer's has affected their lives and the lives of their loved ones. The session concluded just before 1:00 pm.

Submitted by your humble servant, M. Clark Merritt Jr.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

This week's meeting will be at Pensacola Bay Center, 201 E. Gregory St.

We will meet at Pensacola Bay Center this week and again next week for our weekly meeting. Please note the change of venue for the next two weeks. We will be at the Pensacola Bay Center on May 30th and June 6th. See schedule below.

Rsvp now for the Change of Command Banquet. This year's banquet will take place at Heritage Hall @ Seville Quarters, 130 E. Government Street, Thursday, June 22nd at 5:30pm. Please let Chris know if you plan to attend and if you will bring a guest. cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

Submit your nominations for the 2023 Grover III and Sandra Robinson Awards. These awards were first presented in June 2000 to recognize an outstanding Rotarian from our Club and a community leader who exemplifies "Service Above Self". Both Grover and Sandra Robinson exhibited the highest examples of this service to Rotary and concomitant community concern and action. Please honor their memory and legacy with your nomination.

We are now streaming our meeting using Microsoft Teams. If you already have a Microsoft account, you can join the meeting just like any other. If you don't have a Microsoft account, there aren't any special downloads or requirements to join as a guest. Click here for a quick overview of accessing Microsoft Teams as a guest. The meeting join information 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

In an effort 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.

2022-2023 Club Officers

•President	Bruce Partington
•Past President	Ed Wonders
•President Elect	Charles Beall
•Secretary	Lisa York
•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.	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	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

Dan Sulgar
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
May 30 through June 5

Mike Steltenkamp – May 31 – born in Covington, KY, in Rotary 8 years

Marjorie Anders – June 1 – born in Baton Rouge, in Rotary 2 years

Robert Stephens – June 1 – born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 2 years

Jack Klocke – June 2 – born in Hartford, CT, in Rotary 17 years

Pam Smith – June 4 – born in Mobile, AL, in Rotary less than one year

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 30

Greeters: Jane White and Russell Fertitta
Ticket Sales: Lee Elebash and Bill Fleming

June 6

Greeters: Dede Flounlaker and Preston Forshee
Ticket Sales: TBD

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 30

Prayer/Pledge: Paul Tobin Sunshine: Margaret Stopp

June 6

Prayer/Pledge: Jack Williams Sunshine: Charles Thornton

Program Schedule

May

30 - Eric Buer - Ghosts of Baghdad

June

6 - Brian Weaver - PSC, Visual Arts Department

13 - Cliff Curtis - Chappie James Flight Academy

20 - Mark Faulkner - Baptist Hospital, President & CEO

What's Happening in Rotary

May

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and
MicroSoft Teams

June

6 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and
MicroSoft Teams

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

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1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

22 - 5:30pm Change of Command, Heritage Hall, 130 E. Government St.