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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 9/12/2023

On an overcast Tuesday in mid-September, the Rotary Club of Pensacola came together with a mission to inspire hope, not only in Pensacola but around the world. We were greeted warmly by two distinguished Pensacola citizens and leaders, Collier Merrill and Clark Merritt, who were selling raffle tickets to the eager crowd. Adding to the warm welcome, the incomparable Betty Roberts met us at the door with open arms. The Italian theme of the day was evident as we gathered around the delicious food provided by the PYC, as always.

President Charles Beall rang the bell to call the meeting to order and invited David DeGallo to lead us in an inspiring prayer and the pledge. Beall then entertained the crowd with a few lighthearted remarks, channeling his inner David Letterman, before getting down to important business. Our very own Betty Roberts had been asked to apply for the role of District Governor for District 6940, a significant honor that required a vote from the club. Betty received unanimous support. President Beall also announced the return of in-person naturalization ceremonies and encouraged our members to participate in this moving experience in the future.

Next on the agenda was the raffle, which once again rolled over to our next meeting, and a humorous address by Rabbi David Henriquez, who always manages to bring

laughter. He explained the significance of Rosh Hashanah and the “Hi” Holy Days, offering some witty advice to the singles in the room about living forever and marriage. Rabbi David introduced our guests and acknowledged one birthday celebrant in the room and the 75 Birthday of Pensacola State College, capping it off with a delightful rendition of “Happy Birthday” and a joke that revolved around “nothing.”

The highly anticipated presentation of the day came from Ray Jones, hailed as the Greatest Boxer of a Generation (Wine Boxer), and Laura “Bru-sketta” Piovesana. They valiantly attempted to condense a 1.5-hour-long presentation and tasting into just 30 minutes. The club had the opportunity to savor seven different wines from various regions in Italy, a rare treat in Pensacola, available at the Aragon Market. Laura expertly guided an increasingly jubilant group through the process of wine pairing and tasting notes, helping us better appreciate the intricate interplay between fine food and exceptional wine. She also ensured we mastered the pronunciation of “Bruschetta” and its components.

The meeting concluded on a high note, leaving all attendees filled with hope and inspiration to make a positive impact in Pensacola and beyond—perhaps even with a newfound desire to embark on a food and wine tour of Italy.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

PLEASE NOTE TODAY, Tuesday, September 19th, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club

Welcome New Member Keith Carrington. Keith is from Albuquerque, NM and a graduate of New Mexico State University, Keller Graduate School of Mgmt and Concord Law School with an EJD in Health Law. He is the Chief Compliance Officer with Baptist Health Care. Keith was a previous member of the Orace Rotary Club and The Downtown Orlando Breakfast Club. Keith and his wife Nicole have one child. His sponsor is Margaret Stopp.

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.

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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	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

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

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of September 19 through September 25

Susan O'Connor – September 21 – born in Quincy, IL, in Rotary
21 years, Paul Harris +1

Trey Manderson – September 23 – born in Kosciusko, MS, in
Rotary 15 years

Bill Fleming – September 25 – born in Jenkintown, Pa, in Rotary
31 years, Paul Harris +1

Benny Jeansonne – September 25 – born in Natchez, MS, in
Rotary 26 years, Paul Harris, Paul Harris +8

Greeters and Ticket Sales

September 19

Greeters: Charles Michaels and Lisa Minshew
Ticket Sales: Leslie Mickles and Mark Harden

September 26

Greeters: Lori NeSmith and Sheila Nichols
Ticket Sales: Tony Neuner and Jean Norman

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

September 19

Prayer/Pledge: Ellen Vinson Sunshine: Christina Doss

September 26

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Fleming Sunshine: Laura Piovesana

Program Schedule

September

19 - Rabbi David Henriquez & Steve Nissim - The Holocaust
26 - Ross Goodman - Fresh Start Village

What's Happening in Rotary

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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
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