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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 6/18/2024

Rotary Roundup: June Meeting Highlights

A beautiful and toasty day greeted Rotarians as we detoured to the second floor of the historic Pensacola Bay Center for our last meeting under the leadership of President Charles!

Presidential Update:

President Charles shared highlights from his recent trip to Omaha, where he cheered on his UVA Cavaliers at the College World Series. Despite their elimination, he enjoyed the “refreshing” Nebraska summer (with a hint of sarcasm, of course).

Important Reminders:

- No Meetings: There will be no Rotary meetings for the next two Tuesdays due to the installation banquet and the July 4th holiday.
- Raffle Update: The raffle jackpot will surpass \$1000 in July, thanks to Nicole Gislason drawing a face card (not the Joker!).

Sunshine Moment:

David DelGallo brightened our day with heartwarming Sunshine.

Farewell to Ed Wonders:

Outgoing program chair Ed Wonders introduced our guest speaker as he prepares to enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

Guest Speaker Spotlight: Mike Papantonio

We were honored to have Pensacola native Mike Papantonio, a renowned trial lawyer, author, and media personality, as our guest speaker. Mike is a senior partner at Levin Papantonio Rafferty and a prominent media figure, hosting “America’s Lawyer” and co-hosting “Ring of Fire.”

Mike was here to discuss his recent book “Suspicious Activity” which is an in depth look at human sex trafficking. Mike described several horrific examples of sex trafficking and how much of it occurs and who is behind it. The age of the children is typically the biggest selling point and why it is more lucrative for criminals than drugs is because you can buy, sell, and trade these children multiple times over. He went on to say how large institutions like hotel chains, banks, and casinos will look the other way when it is well known what is occurring – especially in large cities like Miami, Las Vegas, and LA. And as close as Atlanta it is especially easy to fly the children in for sex work from all over the world. Truck stops in the mid-west are another route the traffickers will take and has all been going on for years. The border with Mexico is also another source of feeding the industry.

Mike took a few questions and encouraged all to learn more about the sex traffic problem and take action. Oh, and buy his book!!

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY, TUESDAY, July 9, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

The next Naturalization Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, July 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the U.S. District Courthouse, One North Palafox Street in the ceremonial courtroom on the 5th floor. If you would like to attend, please let me know by Wednesday, July 16. Chris

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 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.**

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2023-2024 Club Officers

•President	Henry Roberts
•Past President	Charles Beall
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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.	5:15 pm
	meets every other Tuesday		
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

Mike Tatem
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of July 1 through July 15

Preston Forshee – July 1 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 12 years

Stephen Wildish – July 2 – born in Dallas, TX, in Rotary 9 years

Terri Jenkins – July 4 – born in Lake City, FL in Rotary 10 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Tony Neuner – July 8 – born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Jean Norman – July 12 – born in Raleigh, NC, in Rotary 32 years, Paul Harris Fellow +5

Terry Scruggs – July 15 – born in Atmore, AL, in Rotary 33 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

Greeters and Ticket Sales

July 9

Greeters: Betty Roberts and Stacy Robello
Ticket Sales: Edwin Roberts and Grover Robinson

July 16

Greeters: Bob Rogers and Scott Sallis
Ticket Sales: Martha Saunders and Donn Scott

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

July 9

Prayer/Pledge: Ray Jones Sunshine: Hugh Hamilton

July 16

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins Sunshine: Caleb Heifner

Program Schedule

July

- 9 - Paula Shell - Big Brothers Big Sisters
- 16 - Eric Randall - Pensacola Police Chief
- 23 - Mike Tatem - Rotary District Governor
- 30 - Clay Romano - Waterfront Mission Celebrates 75 years

Meeting Schedule

July

- 9 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 16 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
- 23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams