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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 8/1/2023

The August 1st meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Charles Beall called the meeting to order, and Ted Brown led with prayer and pledge at 12:15. 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 went on to bring up the women's world cup and celebrate the advancement of Team USA. New procedure reminder, members are now supposed to return their badges to the numbered slot where they took it from. August 15th, Kerry Anne Shultz, the district governor will be speaking with the club to give a district update. She's asked all members to watch a video that was sent out. It'll be sent a few times before she speaks.

Margaret Stopp has agreed to chair the Service Committee for the club to look for ways the club could do service above self. Members interested in joining that committee should reach out to her.

The club is continuing to provide three free meals to prospective members. President Beall went on to introduce the Rotary Rooters who sang "Good Ole Sunny Time" and "Down Pensacola Way." Down Pensacola Way was written in 1933 by a visiting Rotarian. The club's raffle is at \$597.

President Elect Henry Roberts did sunshine and reminded members that positivity could be found by sitting with and listening to other members discuss what they're accomplishing, wanting to do, and trying to do. He went on to introduce the many guests at the meeting: Walter Pierce, president of Pensacola Rotary North Club, Sigrid Rehrig, guest of Sarah Horne, Asher, son of Chris Kelly, Tracy Holt and Erika Borden, guests of Chris Bridwell, Rabbi Mendel, guest of Aaron Bercovitch. Marella Vaso, guest of Nicole Gislason and Janet Kahn, guest of Charles Kahn

President Elect Henry Roberts went on to the birthday list and three people were present so "Happy Birthday" was sung by the club.

Ed Wonders went on to introduce the speaker. The guest speaker was Mayor DC Reeves, who was sworn in on November 22, 2022, as the youngest mayor in Pensacola history. He spent his career as a sports journalist, author, community builder, and entrepreneur. After a decade

covering college football DC returned to home to Pensacola. He spent six years as chief of staff for Quint Studer where he led many community projects to help make Pensacola a better place to live. His last role was chief entrepreneur officer.

Mayor DC Reeves began by talking about growing up in Pensacola, and he emphasized that he wanted most of his time to be focused on answering questions. He went on by addressing the antisemitic instances in Pensacola. His goal is to avoid empowering the cowards, which is why his office's reaction has been tempered. The mayor emphasized that the police department is on top of it, and if the perpetrators want attention, they're probably going to be getting attention soon. He has full trust in the police department and their investigative work. Mayor Reeves then reminded everyone that instances like these pull resources from other needs.

A few other quick things he wanted to touch on to make sure there's enough time for parking questions. He wanted to give a public shout out to his grants office who have earned almost \$100 million in nine months. That includes funds to build Stormwater Park, American Magic project and more. The American Magic project is on schedule for completion in Fall/Winter of next year.

Mayor Reeves talked about how he's honored to do this for his hometown. He grew up in Pensacola, and this is where his daughter's going to grow up, so he's dedicated to ensuring the community is a great place to live. Then he opened the room to questions.

On Amtrak: put in for the federal administrations corridor program that could provide funding in strategic money to vet rail design. There's potential 90% federal funding match to improve rail. Options include connecting Pensacola to Mobile, Tallahassee, or Jacksonville by rail. Interesting advantage where if any of them work then someone else will probably fund another.

Grand Hotel: there's a study going on right now looking into the expansion. Parcels have been set aside for affordable housing, but current rates are making it challenging to find developers.

President Beall adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

We will be meeting this week at Pensacola Yacht Club. Please note, we will continue to meet at the Yacht Club until further notice.

A New Procedure is now in place for taking the attendance at the weekly meeting, therefore every week each member will return their badge to the case and proper slot that it stored. THANK YOU!

In an effort to turn our motto "service above self" into action, Rotarian Margaret Stopp has agreed to chair a new Service Committee. The committee will look for ways large and small that Club members can provide needed service in the community and serve as a clearinghouse for service project ideas that are brought to the Club throughout the year. Providing additional ways that we can serve our community will engage our membership, provide opportunities for connections and fellowship, and continue our Club's century long tradition of helping the Pensacola community. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please reach out to Margaret at: mstopp@cox.net or Chris at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org. **The first Service Committee meeting will take place today following the regular meeting. 55**

In Preparation for her visit to our club on August 15th, our District Governor Kerry Anne Schultz has asked that we all take the time to view the following video. Copy and paste to your browser to view this inspiring video. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EzoBKIHVisib_ANdC6V5VHIK8ZpYGnbS/view?usp=drive_link

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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
August 8 through August 14

Janet Pilcher – August 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years - Paul Harris Fellow

Bob Rogers – August 8 – born in Pensacola, in Rotary for 16 years - Paul Harris Fellow +1

Lawrence Powell – August 8 – born in Pensacola, FL in Rotary 3 years

Verdell Hawkins – August 10 – born in Natchez, MS, in Rotary 8 years

Christina Doss – August 12, born in Coronado, CA, in Rotary 9 years

Charles Gund – August 12 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years - Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

August 8

Greeters: Christina Doss and Kim Irvin
Ticket Sales: Bill Fleming and Jane White

August 15

Greeters: Benny Jeansonne and Terri Jenkins
Ticket Sales: Ray Jones and Dale Jordan

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

August 8

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Stafford Sunshine: Vince Currie

August 15

Prayer/Pledge: Caleb Heifner Sunshine: Judy Bense

Program Schedule

August

8 - Kim Sulgar - Beach Rescue Tubes
15 - Kerry Anne Schultz- District 6940 Governor
22 - Kaleb Nobles - UWF Football
29 - Dan Shugart - WEAR Sports

What's Happening in Rotary

August

8 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Service Committee Meeting
15 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
22 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams
29 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams