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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 8/8/2023

The August 8th 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. Bill Stafford followed with prayer and pledge. President Beall went on to announce that it is back to school week and that public school children return to school on Thursday. New procedure reminder, members are now asked to return their badges to the numbered slot where they pulled them from.

Next week, on August 15th, District Governor Kerry Anne Shultz will be speaking with the club to give a district update. She asks all members to watch the video previously sent out by e-mail before the August 15th meeting. New member orientation will be held on August 29th after the regularly scheduled club meeting. The club is continuing to provide three free meals to prospective members.

The club's raffle pot was at \$619. Winning ticket went to Henry Robinson, who pulled a 2 card and received \$2. Vince Currie did sunshine and introduced our two guests. The first guest was Frank White, guest of Charles Thornton. Mr. White is a candidate for State Senate. The second guest was Daniel Joiner, guest of Randal Richardson. Vince Currie went on to announce the birthday list and some people were present so "Happy Birthday" was sung by the club.

Immediate Past President, Bruce Partington, presented appreciation gifts to the following club members: (1) Leslie Hallsall for her service as a board member; (2) Charles Thornton, for his service as a board member and on the Early Learning Committee, (3) Bill Fleming, for his service on the Early Learning Committee; (4) Brian McCall, for his service maintaining our website and social media sites; (5) Pam Smith, for her service on the Early Learning Committee; and (6) Aubie Smith, for his service with the rooters.

Ed wonders went on to introduce the speaker. The guest speaker was Kim Sulger, member and grants chair of the Navarre Rotary Club. Kim spoke about beach rescue tubes, which were first installed in Navarre in 2015. The Navarre Rotary Club is the first club to sponsor the tubes. The tubes originated in Hawaii and were created by the Rescue Tube Foundation. The tubes serve as an additional water safety program in

Navarre and are making their way across the coastline.

Kim explained that District Governor Kerry Anne Shultz recently appointed her as the District Water Safety Programs Advocate. Kim explained that drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional death worldwide, and the number one cause of death in children ages 1-4. In 2021, there were 500 drowning deaths. Rip currents can often be deceiving to out of town guests. If you are ever caught in a rip current, remember to swim parallel to the beach. There are 600+ rescue tubes throughout the United States and Canada. About 200 of those are on the island of Hawaii.

There have been 200+ known rescues as a result of the tubes and every rescue attempted with the tubes has been successful. There are currently 16 tubes on Navarre Beach—one at every public beach walkover (on the beach side). The tubes are marked and mapped to the 911-dispatch system. The number of each tube is painted on the street in front of the walkover with a corresponding number appearing on top of the tube, so they are easily identified by emergency personnel.

Navarre Rotary Club members inspect the tubes ever 4-6 weeks and the tubes can last 2-3 years. The tubes are relatively low maintenance and the local fire department has some on hand in case they see that one needs to be replaced. Each tube costs approximately \$187 to construct. Worldwide, drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death. The tubes are the same quality as those used by lifeguards.

Kim conducted a demonstration on how to use the tubes in the event of a drowning emergency.

Kim is the rescue tubes contact in our district, but the Rescue Tube Foundation is run by Mr. Branch Lotspeich, Executive Director. Visit the foundation website at rescuetubefoundation.org, or contact Branch directly at 808-639-7458.

President Beall adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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.

In Preparation for her program at our meeting today, 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

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.

New Member Orientation has been scheduled for August 29th. All new members and their sponsors are encouraged to attend. It will be held immediately following the regular weekly meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and will be approximately one hour. RSVP to Chris at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

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

Program Schedule

August

- 15 - Kerry Anne Schultz- District 6940 Governor
- 22 - Kaleb Nobles - UWF Football
- 29 - Dan Shugart - WEAR Sports

What's Happening in Rotary

August

- 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
August 15 through August 21

Ken Woolf – August 19 – born in Scarsdale, NY, in Rotary 53 years,
Paul Harris Fellow +4

Jessica Lyublanovits – August 19 – born in St. Petersburg, Fl. in
Rotary 6 years

Matthew Massey – August 19 - born in Alexandria, VA, in Rotary
4 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

August 15

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

August 22

Greeters: Charles Kahn and Chris Kelly
Ticket Sales: Tim Kane and Andrea Krieger

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

August 15

Prayer/Pledge: Caleb Heifner Sunshine: Vicki Campbell

August 22

Prayer/Pledge: Ted Brown Sunshine: Judy Bense

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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

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!

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.