

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 1/25/2022

The January 25 lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order by President Wonders 12:10 pm. Participants included 55 members on site at PYC and 8 members via Zoom. Rotarian Leslie Mickles led us in the prayer and pledge and Rotarian Richard Sherrill delivered copious amounts of sunshine.

Regarding the raffle, the joker remains at large. President Ed raffled a pint and reminded the members of the upcoming fundraiser for Polio at Perfect Plain Brewery on February 10 at 5:30 pm. He also shared valuable information regarding National Florida Day, National Poets' Day, and National Irish Coffee Day. He then honored three Rotarians with Paul Harris awards: Betty Roberts, Ted Brown and George Biggs.

Rotarian Ed Meadows of PSC welcomed entrepreneur "Flash" Gordon Sprague. Flash shared fascinating

information about his large dairy farm in Vermont. The farm has been operating for 158 years. His family employs 15 people and they ship 60,000 pounds of milk each day. The many-sided Vermont farm milks hundreds of cows, sends milk to locals, creates jobs, all this while utilizing outstanding environmental and agricultural innovations. The Sprague family hosts Art on the Farm and a recent Farm Breakfast with over 1000 attending.

President Wonders thanked Flash and his family for visiting and sharing information with the members. Then he reminded the club the next meeting will be at PYC where the Honorable Bill Stafford will be the guest speaker. Wonders wrapped up the meeting by thanking the Rotarians who ran the raffle ticket sales and greeted us at the door: Marjy Anders, Auby Smith; and Shamahl Lee.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Gislason.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Mark your calendar for the Rotary Pints for Polio Event**, February 10th, 5:30 to 8:30, at Perfect Plain Brewery, 50 East Garden Street. Buy you and a friend a mug in advance at the meeting for \$15. each or when you walk in the event for \$20 each. You will get a chosen 16 oz beer upon entry. Hot dogs and bratwurst are included in the price of the mug.

**It is that time of the year again to make your annual pledge** to our local Foundation and Rotary International. Copies of the pledge form are available upon request and at the weekly club meetings.

**Our Prayer/Pledge and Sunshine Committee Chair-Person Jean Norman** is looking for members to serve at our weekly Rotary Club meeting. Contact Jean at: [jean.n.norman@gmail.com](mailto:jean.n.norman@gmail.com) and let her know if you would like to be included and if you would like to provide prayer and pledge or sunshine or maybe both.

**Our Helicopter Committee Chair-Person Nicole Gislason** is looking for members who would like to take minutes at the weekly Rotary Club meetings. If you would like to be a part of that committee please contact Nicole at: [nicole@uwf.edu](mailto:nicole@uwf.edu).

**We will continue to have On-Line Zoom Meetings along with the In-person meetings at Pensacola Yacht Club.** You will continue to get a Zoom invitation every Monday. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. 850-434-0684. Chris

**You are now able to pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card.** Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment. The link can be found on our website at <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>.

**Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter.** The Rotary Club of Pensacola will advertise your business in our weekly newsletter with ads running for a full month. Business cards \$250. 1/4 page \$500. 1/2 page \$750. To place your ad send the prepared document to [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net) stating the size ad you wish to place. **Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

## 2021-2022 Club Officers

•President	Ed Wonders
•Past President	Sally Fox
•President Elect	Bruce Partington
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
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## Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	McQuire's Irish Pub	Mon.	12:15 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

Larry Kubiak  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
February 1st through February 7th

**Leonard Swartz** – February 3 – born in Brooklyn, NY, in Rotary 36 years, Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor

**Brian Masterson** – February 3 – born in Buffalo, NY, in Rotary 18 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Leslie Mickles** – February 3 – born in Cherrypoint, NC, in Rotary 5 years

**Norris McMahon** – February 5 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 16 years

**Lori NeSmith** – February 7 – born in Pensacola FL, in Rotary 2 years, Paul Harris + 1

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### February 1

Greeters: Lisa York and Brett Barrow  
Ticket Sales: Charles Beall and Judy Bense

### February 8

Greeters: George Biggs and Steve Black  
Ticket Sales: Alexis Bolin and Jack Brown

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### February 1

Prayer/Pledge: Paul Tobin      Sunshine: Bill Stafford

### February 8

Prayer/Pledge: John Shaffer      Sunshine: Margaret Stopp

## Program Schedule

### February

- 1 - Hon Bill Stafford, Four Chaplains - SS Dorchester, 1943
- 8 - Holly Benson, ArtVenture Pensacola
- 15 - Dr. Megan Pratt, Pensacola MESS Hall
- 22 - Josh Newby, Council on Aging

## What's Happening in Rotary

### February

- 1 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting
- 8 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting
- 15 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting  
1:00 Board of Director Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom
- 22 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting