

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 11/30/2021

President Ed kicked off our meeting for the week with a good crowd and even a few Zoom'ers. After the Four-way test, he invited Preston Forshee to lead all in the prayer and pledge to our Republic.

Paul Tobin presented a Resolution honoring the life of Rotarian and past Club President Lew Doman. It passed unanimously and will now be part of the Club's permanent record.

Ed recognized that today was "giving Tuesday" which immediately follows cyber-Monday and is a relatively new day that many participate in. Oh, and today is also "personal space" day, "mousse" day, "Mason Jar" day, and finally "Meth Day" ... so you have all these "days" going for you.

The next two meetings are Zoom only due to a conflict at the PYC and of course the world-famous Christmas party will be on the 21st so get your tacky holiday sweater ready for display.

The big raffle will roll over as it crosses the \$500 mark since John pulled a nine card. And Leslie Halsall delivered Sunshine recognizing our guests and birthday boys and girls. In the middle of Sunshine, she had Andrea Kreiger come up and introduce on of the Club's scholarship recipients who thanked all for the support he was receiving at UWF.

Joe Vinson brought the program to life and introduced Pensacola

native Walker Wilson with the Downtown Improvement Board – better known as the "DIB". The DIB is turning 50 years old this year and for those not aware the DIB is a special district mostly containing the core of downtown Pensacola centered around Palafox and working outward. As a special taxing district (DIB receives 2 mil of tax revenues) the goal of DIB is to drive programs that will better the district. Walker mentioned a few of their core values include promotion of Safety, Cleanliness, and ensuring Well Managed operations. He did say that DIB is not in charge of parking anymore so please contact the City of Pensacola parking department for those issues. He did bring up a few projects that DIB was fostering including adding security to the Jefferson parking garage, funding two police officers on bikes during the busy times downtown, restriping of various parking spots, getting the Palafox market back open safely after the Covid lockdown, and graffiti removal. He also mentioned some new businesses and projects including East Garden District with an 11-story hotel which will be behind Perfect Plain and the 329 unit with 17,000sf of retail space at Spring and Garden. Walker was very optimistic about the future of downtown and all that the DIB was doing to improve the area. A few questions were asked, and we adjourned shortly following. Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**For the Next Two Weeks We Will Be Meeting Only On Zoom.** The first 2 meetings of December, 12/7 and 12/14 due to prior commitments the Yacht Club will not be available to the Rotary Club and we will only be meeting on Zoom. On December 21 we will return to the Yacht Club for our Christmas Program. Zoom links will be sent on Monday.

**Update on the Rotary Club of Pensacola Office Relocation.** Rotarians, my office is now located in the Co-Work Annex of the Brent Building. At that location, I have a cost-effective dedicated desk. I have traded our landline for a cell phone. that makes me more available to you since I don't go to the office daily. Feel free to call or text me if you have a matter that needs to be addressed in a timely manner. The phone number has not changed. It is 850-434-0684.

**It is that time of the year again to make your annual pledge** to our local Foundation and Rotary International. You should have received your 2021-2022 pledge form last week. 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
•Communications Officer	Joe Vinson

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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  
December 7 through December 13

**Jane White** – December 7 – born in Pensacola, in Rotary 15 years, Paul Harris +3

**Brian Wyer** – December 10 – born in Pensacola, in Rotary 1 year

**Nicole Gislason** – December 13 – born in Newbern, NC, in Rotary 2 year

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### December 7

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins      Sunshine: Dale Jordan

### December 14

Prayer/Pledge: Jimmy Jones      Sunshine: Randall Richardson

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

## Program Schedule

### December

7 - Scott Satterwhite - Author of 309, A Punk House in the Deep South  
14 - Dr. David Joyner - Andrews Institute  
21 - Christmas Program with the Pensacola Opera and the Pensacola Symphony

## What's Happening in Rotary

### December

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting on On-Line Zoom Only  
14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting on On-Line Zoom Only  
21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting