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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 11/9/2021

The November 9 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Ed Wonders convened the group at 12:10 pm and led us in the four-way test. Approximately 50 Rotarians attended in person and 5 attended online via Zoom.

Rotarian David Delgallo led us in a thoughtful prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rotarian Marjy Anders introduced new member, her friend Joseph "Joe" Robinson. Joe is a native of Lakewood Washington. He is a graduate of the University of Washington with a BA in Economics and an MBA from Texas A&M. Joe is a retired Colonel with the U.S. Army. He is a member of the Society of Military History, WWI Historical Assoc, and Western Front Assoc. He is the author of seven books on Imperial Germany and the winner of the Tomlinson Book Award 2020. Joe's married to Janet Robinson and they have 4 children.

President Ed spoke on the issue of the newest board member. He noted there was no need to draw names from a hat. After the last call for a board nomination, Rotarian Randall Richardson stepped up to serve as a board member.

Next, President Ed addressed matters of culinary excellence. He reminded the members of national fried chicken sandwich day, national scrapple day, and world Freedom Day, which commemorates the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Regarding the raffle, Charlie Sherril's winning ticket was called but the pot of \$358 remains available. Rotarian Jimmy Jones took home the scrapple!

Rotarian Al Coby nailed sunshine. Missouri football is like a possum. It plays dead when on the road. Rotarian Coby identified the Birthdays from November 9 through November 15:

Bruce Partington - November 11 - born in Annapolis, MD, in Rotary 22

years, Paul Harris +1

Britt Landrum - November 12 - born in Montgomery, AL, in Rotary 39 years, Paul Harris +3

Rotarian and Mayor, Grover Robinson, welcomed today's guest speaker, Pensacola's Chief of Police, Eric Randall. Eric Randall was selected after a nationwide search, public participation and thorough review by the selection committee and mayor. He noted the PPD's recent worldwide social media success: Pensacola pig on the run and the Blue Angels' patrol car.

"We were fortunate to have multiple highly qualified, standout candidates interested in becoming our next Chief of Police, but ultimately, Eric Randall's experience and vision made him the best fit for the City of Pensacola," Mayor Grover Robinson said. "We are looking forward to having his leadership and expertise at the Pensacola Police Department, along with his sincere dedication to serving and connecting with the Pensacola community."

Randall, who previously served as the Assistant Chief of Police at Newport News Police Department in Virginia, was selected from a group of three finalists after two rounds of interviews, a one-on-one meeting with Mayor Robinson and a public candidate forum.

Chief Randall recalled his youth in Pensacola including his time at the best high school in Pensacola: Booker T. Washington. He commented on substantial changes in the shift work for his officers, moving them from 12-hour to 10-hour shifts. This change is based in research that has been replicated nationwide.

During Q&A he fielded questions related to traffic, DUIs and violent crime. We adjourned at 1:05.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rotarian Nicole Gislason.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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.

The Pensacola Yacht Club meetings are now open to an unlimited number of people. However is very important that you RSVP every week, between Wednesday through Friday at 5:00 pm.

Our new 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 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 new 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.

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. 850-619-0679. 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 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
November 16 through November 22

Leslie Halsall - November 17 – born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary 31 years

Randall Richardson – November 17 – born in St. Simons Island, GA, in Rotary 3 years

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

November 16

Prayer/Pledge: Pete Doyle

Sunshine: Dede Flounlacker

November 23

Prayer/Pledge: Preston Forshee

Sunshine: Lawrence Powell

Greeters and Ticket Sales

November 16

Greeters: Stacy Robello and Henry Roberts

Ticket Sales: Betty Roberts and Scott Sallis

November 23

Greeters: Bob Rogers and Terry Scruggs

Ticket Sales: John Shaffer and Ed Ranelli

Program Schedule

November

16 - Chip Simmons - Escambia County Sheriff

23 - Mike Bunn - Author, The Creek War and The War of 1812

30 - Walker Wilson - Downtown Improvement Board, Director

What's Happening in Rotary

November

19 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting

1:00 Board Meeting

23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting