

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 8/17/2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Wonders at 12:04 p.m. The meeting took place on zoom, as the yacht club was closed. President Wonders led us in the four-way test. Vince led us in the prayer and pledge.

Joe Vincent introduced our guest speakers, Lloyd and Robin Reshard, founders of The Kakuu Institute. Kakuu means "growth" in Swahili.

The idea for the Kakuu Institute began in 2016 when they saved the D. Allen Berg house, which was built in 1884 - 85, from being demolished at Belmont / Devilliers. They moved the house to 422 North Coyle Street and named it the Ezra research Center, after a newspaper article in 1907. They felt his life is worth examining. He died along with 150 crew and passengers in a steamboat accident. The research center teaches the use of robotics and artificial intelligence to college students.

When completed, the Kakuu Institute will be an art and history museum about Belmont/Devilliers. It will feature a virtual reality space that brings history into modern day. It covers from the years 1880 to 1930, when over 3000 people who lived in Belmont / Devilliers. Over 80% were very prosperous black business owners. There were also some Greeks, Filipinos, Italians, and Jewish people living in the neighborhood at that time. Some examples of some of the activity going on in the neighborhood were numerous clubs, department stores, real estate brokers, Banks, including the People's Cooperative, which was founded by Wade Harvey, who financed to

African Americans for real estate, newspapers, including The Florida Sentinel and The Colored Citizen. The first hospital owned by an African American, Viola Edwards Colored Hospital, which was there from 1922 to 1927. Mrs Newton's School of Dance for housewives, the African-American Industrial Insurance Company, Barefoot Barber/Podiatrist, a beauty shop owned by Myrtle Brown and her sister Elsie, who were both school teachers.

In 1956 Bruce Beach opened a segregated pool for African Americans, which offered swimming lessons and water ballet and had only African-American lifeguards. Black politicians referred to it as a dipping bath because it wasn't big. It wasn't adequate for the community.

The Kakuu Institute offers visual representations of local black history, which is important to preserve.

After the speaking and question session, President Wonders introduced Scott Ford, who did the sunshine and introduced and welcomed guests and announced birthdays. President wonders and formed everyone it was Black cat appreciation Day and national nonprofit day. Next week our guest speaker will be Coach Shinnick. The meeting is scheduled to be an in-person event at the yacht club, with a board meeting following immediately after. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Pueschel Schneider

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**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](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 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](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. 850-619-0679. 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](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	Asbury Place, Cokesbury United Methodist Church	Fri.	12:00 pm

## District Governor

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

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
August 24th through August 30th

**Hill Turner** – August 24 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 37 years, Paul Harris +1

**Deborah Hawkins** – August 24 – born in, Dallas, TX in Rotary 1 year

**Adam Principe** – August 28 – born in Jacksonville, FL, in Rotary 5 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Kathy Horton Brown** – August 30 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 30 years, Paul Harris +8

**Lynne Tobin** – August 30 – born in Cleveland, OH, in Rotary 4 years

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### August 24

Prayer/Pledge: Frank Bell                      Sunshine: Sally Fox

### August 31

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Fleming                      Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### August 24

Greeter: Mark Harden and Ted Brown  
Ticket Sales: Charles Thornton and Ray Jones

### August 31

Greeter: Kathy Horton Brown and Ron Jackson  
Ticket Sales: Carter Herman and Dale Jordan

## Program Schedule

### August

24 - Pete Shinnick, UWF, Football Coach  
31 - Dan Shugart, WEAR-TV, Sports

## What's Happening in Rotary

### August

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