

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 9/7/2021

The September 7 meeting of the Rotary club of Pensacola was held online via Zoom. President Ed Wonders convened the group at 12:04 pm and led us in the four way test.

Rotarian Hugh Hamilton led us in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rotarian and Program Chair, Joe Vinson, welcomed today's guest speaker and fellow Rotarian from Pensacola North, Leon Hirsh. By day, Leon is a Certified Financial Planner with the Benjamin F. Edwards Company. He graduated from the Kentucky Military Institute in Louisville and Transylvania University in Lexington. He is also a published columnist and Dixieland jazz musician who enjoys Carolina Beach music, tennis, and golf. Leon has been a Rotarian since 1984. Among his leadership roles, he served as District Governor in 2015-16, was the Florida PETS A.G. Trainer in 2016 and 2018, and has been the Rotary Leadership Institute Discussion Leader Trainer. He is a Paul Harris Fellow Major Donor and currently serves as our District 6940 Polio Programs Chair.

Rotarian Hirsh provided a meaningful overview of the Polio Program operated by Rotary International which began its fight against polio with a multi-year project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines in 1979. By 1985, Rotary International launched PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of \$120 million. Soon after, Rotary International and the World Health Organization launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. There are an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries. By Y2K, a record 550 million children – almost 10% of the world's population – receive the oral polio vaccine. The Western Pacific region, spanning from Australia to China, is declared

polio-free. Just last year, the World Health Organization certifies the African region wild polio-free.

President Wonders' kicked off his remarks by recapping the wonderful weekend of football. He reminded Pensacola Rotarians that his Jayhawks are 7 and 87. Meanwhile UWF Argos ARE amazing. President Ed shared an important date: National Beer Lovers Day. And he shared that next week the meeting will convene in person at the PYC.

Rotarian Charles Beall brought additional sunshine by remarking that UWF won "up a level" by defeating an NCAA division one squad. He shared a bit of vaccine satire and welcomed two guests.

Rotarian Beall's humor was memorable as he shared information about a marriage improvement workshop traveling the country. The leaders divided up the rooms, women in one room, men in other – as they try to address the imbalance of power among couples. The leaders asked the men to stand up and move forward if they were afraid of their wife. Only one man remained seated. The leader asked: "Sir can you explain your secret to a successful balance of power in your relationship?"

"My wife told me to stay in my seat until she got back."

One birthday, Rotarian Ellis Bullock, September 11, born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 44 years, Paul Harris +2. Rotarian Beall wished him well!

President Wonders reminded us that our next guest speaker would be Benny Washington. His topic will involve youth basketball in Pensacola.

We adjourned at 12:35. Minutes respectfully submitted by Rotarian Nicole Gislason.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Welcome New Member Randall Richardson.** Randall is a native of St. Simons Island, Georgia. He is a graduate of Georgia Southern University and the Florida Coastal School of Law. Randall is an attorney with the Regional Conflict Counsel. He has been a Rotarian for 3 years and is transferring his membership from the North Jacksonville Rotary Club. Randall and his wife Jennifer have one child. His sponsor is Sally Fox.

**Reminder September 21 we will only be meeting on Zoom. The Pensacola Yacht Club will not be available on those dates.** Please see the schedule below for upcoming speakers and events.

**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.

**Want to experience the Guatemala Literacy Project in action?** 2022 travel dates are Feb. 5 - 13 and Feb. 22 - 27 and July 26 - 31. For more information copy and paste this link: Home - The Guatemala Literacy Project. Due to COVID, these trips may be canceled on September 15. If you are interested in traveling, please contact Julie Tippins Parker at [julietippins@bellsouth.net](mailto:julietippins@bellsouth.net).

**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
•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	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  
September 14th through September 20th

**Charles Kahn, Jr.** – September 14 – born in San Antonio, TX, in Rotary 9 years, Paul Harris +5

**Howard Reddy** – September 14 – born in Carlow, Ireland, in Rotary 3 years

**Tommy Smith** – September 16 – born in Fayetteville, NC, in Rotary 10 years

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### September 14

Prayer/Pledge: Jean Norman

Sunshine: Vicki Campbell

### September 21

Prayer/Pledge: Robert Stephens

Sunshine: Sally Fox

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### September 14

Greeter: Charles Kahn and David Delgallo

Ticket Sales: John Tice and Jerry Kindle

## Program Schedule

### September

14 - Benny Washington, Youth Basketball

21 - John Peacock, Charter Government

28 - Larry Kubiak, District 6940 Governor

## What's Happening in Rotary

### September

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

21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting **Zoom Only**

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

1:00 Board Meeting