

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 9/13/2022

The September 13, 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:05. There were 31 Microsoft Teams attendees. President Bruce Partington led the Four-Way Test, and Lynne Tobin led the prayer and pledge.

Program chair Ed Wonders introduced the week's speaker Sally Fox, past president of our club and current area governor for our district. She gave an update on Rotary International's efforts to fight polio. She is not a doctor so cannot provide medical expertise, but poliomyelitis is a viral infection that commonly infects children under 5. Humans are the only known carrier, and it typically spreads through contaminated water and affects the nervous system, leading to paralysis and sometimes death. Pre-vaccines, nearly every child was infected. In the 1980s, there were 350,000 cases per year in 125 countries. Many outbreaks in the US since 1894. The iron lung was invented in 1929 to help those unable to breathe for themselves. Dr. Jonas Salk completed a (nonliving) vaccine in 1955, and Dr. Albert Sabin created an oral version for children (using a live/attenuated version of the virus) in 1960. In 1979 Rotary International began a multi-year project to immunize children in the Phillipines. PolioPlus was launched in 1985 with \$120M fundraising target. Rotary partnered with WHO in 1988 to launch Global Polio Eradication Initiative. In 1994 polio was declared eliminated from the Americas. A huge push in 1995 immunized 165 million children in China and India in one week. 550 million children had received the oral vaccine by 2000, when Western Pacific region is considered polio-free. In 2003 only 6 countries were polio-endemic, dropping to 4 in 2006. Rotary had contributed \$800M by 2009, when Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$355M to be matched by additional \$200M from Rotary. Rotary contribution passes \$1B in 2011. India became polio-free in 2012, Africa in 2019.

It costs an average of \$3 to fully protect a child against polio. There are 3 "wild" types of polio. Only wild type 1 is left (only 23 confirmed cases in 2022), types 2 and 3 were eliminated. There is also a vaccine-derived type 2 version, related to the live oral vaccine, which is what has occurred in New York. Wild polio in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Mozambique. Vaccine-derived polio happens when attenuated virus from vaccine circulates in under-immunized communities long enough to revert to strong form. One unvaccinated New Yorker is now paralyzed, and others infected were unvaccinated or immune-compromised. Polio vaccination campaign effectively stopped during covid, which contributed

to this. Scientists are trying to make oral vaccine more effective, since it's much easier to administer than injected vaccine.

What can you do? Become a Polio Plus Society member and contribute \$100 each year until world is declared free of wild virus. There are 2:1 matches that gets as high as 5:1 match. Locally we have a local fundraiser, Pints for Polio, September 29 at Perfect Plain. \$15 advance or \$20 at the door, Perfect Plain donates first beer and 100% of proceeds go to polio effort. Rotary has contributed more than \$2B and helped immunize more than 3 billion children in total. Sally then shared a video from Rotary.

Bruce Partington asked about the immunization rates of the communities in New York where infections have occurred. Sally confirmed they have been largely unvaccinated. Sally's mother had polio and she is a big fan of vaccines. With no other questions, Bruce thanked Sally for the update.

Announcements: Bromley Dyson's wife Puddy has died. Next Tuesday 9/20 we will be back at the Yacht Club but will have Teams available. Reminder of Pints for Polio on 9/29, Chris will send out a sign-up. Our local pledge drive is underway, please pledge whatever you are able to do. We continue to offer 3 free lunches to prospective guests.

Bruce talked about the HANWASH program that may be a successor to Polio Plus. Several Rotary districts have started funding this effort to provide sanitary water to Haiti. He shared a brief video about the initiative.

Roger Vinson mentioned that naturalization ceremonies typically have two Rotary representatives, and there is one coming up. He asked for any volunteers.

Scott Ford was in charge of Sunshine but had some technical difficulties. Bruce welcomed guest Aaron Bercovitch, who relocated to Pensacola from Arizona, where he was president of a Rotary club. This week's birthdays are Charles Kahn Jr. and Howard Reddy. Lynne asked if anyone has tried eating ice cream with a fork, and Ed said he did but couldn't tell a difference.

Next week's speaker is Tom Pace, commodore of the Pensacola Yacht Club. Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**We resume meeting today at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**Welcome new member Dr. Caleb Heifner.** Caleb is a native of St. Louis, Mo. and a graduate of Logan University with a B.S. in Life Science and a recent graduate with a Doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine. Caleb is an Associate Doctor with Stern Chiropractic Clinic and is a member of the Pensacola Young Professionals. His sponsor is President Bruce Partington.

**The Rotary Club of Pensacola has a new email address.** [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org) and [info@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:info@pensacolarotaryclub.org) are tied into our website and all new correspondence should be directed to my email address. The old email address [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net) will only be available for a short period of time.

**We are now streaming our meeting using Microsoft Teams.** If you already have a Microsoft account, you can join the meeting just like any other. If you don't have a Microsoft account, there aren't any special downloads or requirements to join as a guest. Click [here](#) for a quick overview of accessing Microsoft Teams as a guest. The meeting join information will be sent out in the same manner as before. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please let me know. 850-434-0684

**Our Clubs Annual Pledge Drive has begun.** Along with our Club Foundation, Rotary International EREY and Polio Plus, a new category has been added to give. The **Hanwash Project** collaborative national initiatives to provide and sustain clean water in order to promote prosperity and better health to the people of Haiti. Pledge forms will be available at the weekly meeting every Tuesday or you can request a pledge form at [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org).

**Help End Polio One Pint of Beer at a Time. District 6940 Combined Rotary Clubs will take place on Thursday, September 29th** at Perfect Plain Brewing Co., 50 East Garden Street, 5:30 - 8:30. Wristbands are \$15. in advance, \$20. at the door. A wristband will get you a mug and your first beer. Brats will be available for a \$3.00 donation. Details available at [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org)

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## 2022-2023 Club Officers

•President	Bruce Partington
•Past President	Ed Wonders
•President Elect	Charles Beall
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•Communications Officer	Betty Roberts

## Bulletin Information

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## Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	McQuire's Irish Pub	Mon.	12:00 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

Dan Sulgar  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**In an effort to increase the membership of our club,** at the most recent board meeting it was decided to extend the offer of three free lunches for potential new members.

**The Helicopter Committee is looking for members to take the minutes at the weekly meeting.** If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Betty Roberts at [bettybroberts@cox.net](mailto:bettybroberts@cox.net) or Chris Bridwell at [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org)

**Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter.** Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card size ads are \$25.00, a 1/4 page is \$50.00, and a 1/2 page ad is \$75.00. To place your ad send the prepared document to [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org) stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

**To pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card** go to <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
September 20th through September 26th

**Susan O'Connor** – September 21 – born in Quincy, IL, in Rotary 20 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

**Trey Manderson** – September 23 – born in Kosciusko, MS, in Rotary 14 years

**Bill Fleming** – September 25 – born in Jenkintown, Pa, in Rotary 30 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

**Benny Jeansonne** – September 25 – born in Natchez, MS, in Rotary 25 years, Paul Harris Fellow +8

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### September 20

Greeters: Craig Hindsman and George Biggs

Ticket Sales: Judy Bense and Steve Black

### September 27

Greeters: Alexis Bolin and Ted Brown

Ticket Sales: Jack Brown and Will Butcher

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### September 20

Prayer/Pledge: Madison Currin      Sunshine: Leslie Mickles

### September 27

Prayer/Pledge: Jack Williams      Sunshine: Henry Roberts

## Program Schedule

### September

20 - Tom Pace - America's Cup

27 - David Stafford - Elections

## What's Happening in Rotary

### September

20 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Team

1:00 Board Meeting

27 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Team