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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 1/3/2023

President Bruce Partington called the first meeting of the New Year to order. He began by asking members to recite the Four Way Test and then called on Leonard Swartz to give Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Partington announced that the next meeting would be at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Abby on Wright Street due to renovations at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

President Partington began his welcome by sharing historical happenings on January 3 spanning from Roman times to Apple Computer. Following this he reminded all that inviting possible new members would continue without charge for three meetings and that Annual Pledges are appreciated.

Alexis Bolin offered Sunshine comments by introducing guests and visitors and noting membership Birthdays. Though she said she was not good at jokes gave some humorist statements.

The drawing for \$ 620 dollars was not awarded as no winner was announced. However, Joe Vinson gave his Arty Calendars as additional

prizes.

The Speaker of the Day was Claire Kircharr representing Pensacola Young Professionals. Claire reported the findings of the Quint and Rishy Studer funded Greater Pensacola Quality of Life Annual Survey. A mission goal of PYP is to make an impact of providing change in the Community based on results from the Survey. For her presentation she showed pie charts of results of 800 demographically chosen participants executed by phone calls on several questions such as “how do you feel about the quality of life in Greater Pensacola, and others relating to elected officials, jobs, salaries, whether you plan to stay in Pensacola, the Schools, Crime & Safety, etc.” The Quality of Life Survey results & pie charts can be found at the website of Pensacola Young Professionals.

President Partington followed her talk by a question & answer period from members. He announced that New Member Orientation would follow today’s meeting, thanked all for making this meeting successful and adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Betty Roberts

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**This week’s meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, Wesley Abby, 6 East Wright Street.**

**We have a new temporary venue for our weekly meetings.** Due to remodeling at Pensacola Yacht Club, for the entire month of January, we will be meeting at The Pensacola Bay Center at 201 East Gregory Street (previously known as the Pensacola Civic Center) with the exception of January 10th we will meet at First United Methodist Church. The Bay Center offers convenient parking and elevators to reach the 2nd floor meeting room.

**Welcome New Member Pam Smith.** Pam is a native of Mobile, Alabama. She is a graduate of University of South Alabama and a has been a realtor with Real Estate Counselors for 28 years along side of her husband Rotarian Auby Smith. Pam serves on many professional boards and volunteers with numerous civic organizations. Her sponsor is Kathy Horton Brown.

**UWF Women in Leadership Conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 30th.** Tickets are on sale for the 2023 Women in Leadership Conference! An early-bird rate is available through December 15. The conference is at the UWF Conference Center and is also available virtually. Last year, a record-setting crowd of 700+ attended the conference. Extraordinary female leaders will share their expertise through powerful stories that will help you leverage your unique strengths and qualities to thrive and succeed in your current and future leadership roles! Female leaders from Innisfree Hotels, Landrum HR, National Park Service, Navy Federal Credit Union, United States Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S Marine Corps, and U.S. Navy will be among the speakers. To buy tickets and for the latest information, visit [uwf.edu/wilc](http://uwf.edu/wilc).

**Information to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute Training RLI** is now available on [www.dacdb](http://www.dacdb). Save the date and register now.

**Registration for the Melbourne International Convention is open** and information can be found at [www.Rotary.Org](http://www.Rotary.Org) or at [www.rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://www.rotarymelbourne2023.org)

**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 continues.** 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 [cbidwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbidwell@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.

**Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter.** Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card-sized 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  
January 10th through January 16th

**Ed Meadows** – January 10 – born n New Albany, MS, in Rotary 31 years, Paul Harris

**Hugh Hamilton** - January 11 – born in Spartanburg, SC, in Rotary 23 years

**David Cohen Henriquez** – January 11 – born in Panama City, Panama in Rotary less than one year

**Julie Tippins Parker** – January 11 – born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 23 years, Paul Harris +2

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### January 10

Greeters: Collier Merrill and Terri Jenkins

Ticket Sales: Clark Merritt and Leslie Mickles

### January 17

Greeters: Lisa Minshew and Lori NeSmith

Ticket Sales: Jane White and Tony Neuner

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### January 10

Prayer/Pledge: Al Coby

Sunshine: Judy Bense

### January 17

Prayer/Pledge: Madison Currin

Sunshine: Ted Brown

## Program Schedule

### January

10 - J.O. Gatson - Emmaus Kidz

17 - TBA

24 - Grover Robinson, Mayor, a year in review

31 - TBA

## What's Happening in Rotary

### January

10 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church and Microsoft Teams

17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams

1:00 December Board of Directors Meeting

24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams

31 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams