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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 1/10/2023

The January 10 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the First United Methodist Church, Perry House. President Partington called the meeting to order at noon and led approximately 56 members in the Four Way Test. Al Colby shared a thoughtful prayer and led us in reciting the Pledge.

Sponsor Kathy Horton Brown introduced and welcomed new member, Pam Smith.

Paul Tobin shared a resolution to recognize the life and accomplishments of Billy Guy Davis which was approved by acclamation.

President Partington reminded the membership about the Manna Food Pantry event on Saturday Feb 25. He also highlighted the Gulf Breeze Gumbo Cookoff and the upcoming Ethics in Business nominations are due April 27.

President Partington recognized a moment of silence for the passing of Rotarian Jerry Kindle. President Bruce then highlighted several important events in history. Sunshine, Lynne Tobin provided the comic relief for the day by making all of us honorary librarians. She led the birthday chorus and welcomed one guest. Regarding the raffle, Al Coby drew two cards and found the joker, winning more than \$700.

Program chair Ed Wonders welcomed the leader of Emmaus Kidz, James Gatson. Rev. Gatson highlighted the mission, which involves mentoring the underserved. The various programs provide participants with age-appropriate activities that run the gamut from community outreach to educational tours and enrichment courses. Emmaus Kidz members experience increased self-worth and self-reliance by participating in program sponsored activities in a positive environment. The lives of many participants have been changed thanks to these interactions and a number of members remain connected to the mentors throughout life. An informative Q&A followed Rev. Gatson's brief. He spoke of the energy that comes from serving these individuals. He provided information on ways to help support the effort and encouraged others to get involved.

President Bruce thanked our speakers, greeters, and ticket sales. He reminded members that the next meeting of the Rotary will be at the Pensacola Bay Center January 17, 2023, at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nicole Gislason

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**This week's meeting will be at Pensacola Bay Center, 201 East Gregory St. 2nd Floor**

**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). The Bay Center offers convenient parking and elevators to reach the 2nd floor meeting room.

**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 [cbbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org).

**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.

## 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	Pensacola Bay Center	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

**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 17th through January 23rd

**Sally Fox** - January 17 – born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 27 years, Paul Harris Fellow +6

**Mort O'Sullivan** – January 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 38 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2

**Chuck Michaels** – January 21 - born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**George Biggs** – January 23 - Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 23 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Al Coby** - January 23 - Muskogee, OK, in Rotary for 33 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Ron Jackson** – January 23 - Marianna, FL, in Rotary for 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### January 17

Greeters: Lisa Minshew and Lori NeSmith  
Ticket Sales: Jane White and Tony Neuner

### January 24

Greeters: Sheila Nichols and Susan O'Connor  
Ticket Sales: Jean Norman and Rob Overton

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### January 17

Prayer/Pledge: Madison Currin      Sunshine: Ted Brown

### January 24

Prayer/Pledge: Vince Currie      Sunshine: Leslie Mickles

## Program Schedule

### January

17 - Early Learning Coalition  
24 - Grover Robinson, Mayor, a year in review  
31 - TBA

## What's Happening in Rotary

### January

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