

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 1/11/2022

The January 11 lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order by President Wonders 12:05 pm. Participants included 56 members on site at PYC and 13 members via Zoom. Rotarian Bill Stafford led us in the prayer and pledge and Rotarian Kelsey Powell delivered sunshine to all members present and listening on Zoom. Rotarians also welcomed a Visiting Rotarian from Danbury, Conn. John Kass.

Program Chair Joe Vincent introduced Tim Smith, first appointed Superintendent of Escambia County School District. Dr. Smith is an alumnus of the University of Delaware where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He later earned a master's degree in social studies education from Florida State University and obtained a certificate in educational leadership at the University of Central Florida. Many years later he returned to the University of Central Florida and graduated with a doctoral degree in educational leadership. For 31 years, Dr. Smith worked in the Orange County Public School system in Orlando, in roles that included teacher, dean, assistant principal, principal, and an executive area director. As an executive area director, Dr. Smith

was responsible for supervising 10 high schools comprised of just under 30,000 students. In September 2020 he was selected to be the first appointed superintendent of schools for Escambia County. Dr. Smith gave an update on the Mission & Vision and strategies set forth to provide that every student achieves their highest potential. He praised teachers for their support in meeting the challenges of Covid along with the staff and all custodial workers. Graduation rate increased by .5 points last year. Also, he pointed out there is a shortage of bus drivers and teachers needed.

President Wonders reminded us the next meeting will be at PYC with Mike Waldo, from the Pensacola North Rotary will be the guest speaker. He wrapped up the meeting by thanking ticket sales members John Trawick and Tory Sokul and the greeters Brian Wyer and John Tice.

Meeting minutes submitted by Rotarians John Shaffer, Betty Roberts and Nicole Gislason.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

It is that time of the year again to make your annual pledge to our local Foundation and Rotary International. Copies of the pledge form are available upon request and at the weekly club meetings.

Mark your calendar for the Rotary Pints for Polio Event, February 10th, 5:30 to 8:30, at Perfect Plain Brewery, 50 East Garden Street. Buy you and a friend a mug in advance at the meeting for \$15. each or when you walk in the event for \$20 each. You will get a chosen 16 oz beer upon entry. Hot dogs and bratwurst are included in the price of the mug.

Our 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 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 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.

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. 850-434-0684. 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 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
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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	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

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

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
January 18th through January 24th

Mort O'Sullivan – January 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 37 years, Paul Harris +2

Chuck Michaels – January 21 - born in Columbia, PA, in Rotary 20 years, Paul Harris Fellow

George Biggs – January 23 - Pensacola, FL, in Rotary for 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Al Coby – January 23 - Muskogee, OK, in Rotary for 32 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Ron Jackson – January 23 - Marianna, FL, in Rotary for 21 years, Paul Harris +1

Greeters and Ticket Sales

January 18

Greeters: Hill Turner and Joe Vinson
Ticket Sales: Jack Williams and Jane White

January 25

Greeters: Denise Windham and Shamahl Lee
Ticket Sales: Lisa York and Larry Adams

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

January 18

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Sallis Sunshine: Grover Robinson

January 25

Prayer/Pledge: Paul Tobin Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

Program Schedule

January

18 - Mike Waldo - Rotary Themed Majic Show
25 - Flash Gordon Sprague - Vermont Dairy Farmer

What's Happening in Rotary

January

18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting
1:00 Board of Director Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club
25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting