

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 1/23/2024

The January 23 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Past President Bruce called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and led members in the Four Way Test.

Rotarian Frank Beall led the members in a thoughtful prayer that preceded the pledge of allegiance.

Past President Bruce welcomed Rotarian and chef Laura to share information on the service project she led at Valorie's House. Scott Sallis provided the members with much needed sunshine and welcomed visiting Rotarians. Lastly, he shared member birthdays and serenaded the group.

Past President Bruce called members' attention to the raffle in search of the elusive Joker.

Program Chair Ed Wonders welcomed Roni Fisher, who

currently serves at Secret Place Home as the Lead Survivor Care Coordinator. She works one on one with the girls 12 and above who have experienced Sex trafficking. Roni provides mentorship and guides the youth along a better path. Roni is a seasoned speaker and presenter throughout our community and globally through various events and podcasts. She shared alarming statistics related to sex trafficking locally and in the US. One startling revelation is that major sporting events, like the Super Bowl, are used as venues for sex trafficking.

Past President Bruce invited questions from the members and Ms. Fisher provided additional insights on this challenging topic.

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nicole Gislason.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**TODAY, TUESDAY, January 30, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**Welcome new member Meredith Bush.** Meredith is a native of Hurley, Mississippi. She is a graduate of The University of Mobile, receiving her B.A. in Political Science, Spanish and History. She received her Juris Doctorate from The University of Mississippi School of Law. Meredith is an attorney with Clark Partington and has one son. Kia Goldsmith is Meredith's sponsor.

**Rotarian Against Hunger will be Saturday, February 17, 2024.** Manna Food Bank and the Combined Rotary of the Panhandle (CROP) team up to fight hunger at this annual event. There will be two shifts available. The first shift will be from 8:30 -10:30am, breakfast will be served, the second shift is scheduled for 10:30am - 12:30pm, lunch will be served. Sign-up sheets will be available at the weekly meetings or send an email to Chris at: [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org).

**Applications are available for the annual RYLA event held at Adventures Unlimited on the last weekend of February.** Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience for 10th graders organized by Rotary clubs and districts. Student will develop skills as leaders while having fun and making connections. The application period has been extended. <https://ryla6940.org/> Application: <https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/App/?ID=162>

**We will continue to stream our meeting using Microsoft Teams; however, changes will be made due to poor wi-fi reception at PYC.** You will no longer receive visual video of the meetings but will be able to listen to the announcements and the hear the speaker. The link to join 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.

**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.

## 2023-2024 Club Officers

•President	Charles Beall
•Past President	Bruce Partington
•President Elect	Henry Roberts
•Secretary	Randall Richardson
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•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	Hancock Bank, Creighton Rd.	Fri.	12:00 pm

## District Governor

Kerry Anne Schultz  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

## Meeting Schedule

### January

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

### February

6 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

13 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

20 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams  
1:00 Board Meeting

27 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
January 30 through February 5

**Leonard Swartz** – February 3 – born in Brooklyn, NY, in Rotary 38 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Leslie Mickles** – February 3 – born in Cherry Point, NC, in Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Norris McMahon** – February 5 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years



## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### January 30

Greeters: Vicki Campbell and Aaron Bercovitch

Ticket Sales: Keith Carrington and Margaret Stopp

### February 6

Greeters: Madison Currin and Will DiGiorgio

Ticket Sales: David DelGallo and Christina Doss

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### January 30

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Thornton      Sunshine: Margaret Stopp

### February 6

Prayer/Pledge: Jane White

Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

## Program Schedule

### January

30 - Steve Epstein, CSUSA Warrington Prep School

### February

6 - Ross Pristera, American's First Settlement Trail

13 - Chris McKinney, Pensacola Teen Challenge

20 - Joseph Dorando, Wounded Eagle, UAS

27 - Caroline Fries, Career Source Escarosa