

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 2/15/2022

President Ed Wonders called the meeting to order and led us in the Four Way Test. He then asked Rotarian Terry Scruggs to lead us in the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. The Rooters provided valentine music for event.

President Ed asked if everyone had seen the article on Judge Roger Vinson in the Monday Pensacola News Journal. He then described the CROP event for Pints for Polio Eradication which was very well attended. Events that inform President Ed's extra raffles were the National Day to recognize Susan B. Anthony, Gum Drop Day and I Want Butterscotch Day. The Raffle number drawn belonged to Chris Bridwell who pulled out an ace for a grand return of \$10.

President Ed ask that everyone step up to volunteer for the Rotary Against Hunger Event that takes place on Saturday, March 12 at Manna. Sign-up sheets will be available later in the week.

Sunshine was provided by Rotarian Collier Merrill on Zoom. He claimed he could not hear the raucous applause for the Rooters –

must have been the mike placement.

Rotarian Joe Vinson introduced our speaker, Dr. Megan Pratt from the MESS Hall. Dr. Pratt shared with us that this is the 10th Anniversary of the MESS Hall. It's mission is to inspire curiosity and critical thinking through hands-on science. The MESS Hall also provides field trips and outreach programs – during pandemic caused school shut down, they were able to provide teachers with kits for their classrooms to teach via Zoom. The new space on Wright Street will allow for expanded "camps". In summer, they are looking for teen volunteers to assist 40 hours a week. During the school year, they do morning field trips. Of interest to all is an event assisted by a NOAA grant, Extreme Precipitation Forum. Cynthia Barnett, author of Rain: A Natural and Cultural History, will be speaking. The presentation is free and is on Feb. 22, 2022, at the MESS Hall at 418 E. Wright St., doors open at 5:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Lynne Tobin

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Sign up now for the Manna Rotary Against Hunger** Event to be held on Saturday, March 12th go to: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10c0549adab2fa1f94-manna>

**Rotary Against Hunger** is a project of the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola (CROP) that launched in 2012. Two time slots are available to serve; 8:00am -10:00am or 10:30am - 12:30pm. Breakfast/Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions contact Chris Bridwell, [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net)

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE ROTARY 6940 DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022 SCHEDULED APRIL 7 – 9** to be held at SANDESTIN RESORT. More information to come. Also, go to Rotary.Org to register for the ROTARY HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2022 SCHEDULED June 4-8. Details contact Betty Roberts, International and District Conference Promotions Coordinator at [bettybroberts@cox.net](mailto:bettybroberts@cox.net)

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•Communications Officer	Joe Vinson

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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  
February 22nd through February 28th

**Frank Beall** – February 23- born in Dothan, AL, in Rotary 54 years,  
Paul Harris +1

**Lori Menke** – February 26 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 9 years

**Scott Sallis** – February 28 – born in Springdale, AR, in Rotary 13  
years

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### February 22

Greeters: Al Coby and Madison Currin

Ticket Sales: David DelGallo and Christina Doss

### March 1

Greeters: Peter Doyle and Cedric Durre

Ticket Sales: Lindsay Durre and Lee Elebash

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### February 22

Prayer/Pledge: Jane White

Sunshine: Scott Ford

### March 1

Prayer/Pledge: Cal Moore

Sunshine: Lisa York

## Program Schedule

### February

22 - Christian Wagley, Community Advocate

### March

1 - Josh Newby, Council on Aging

8 - Hon. Bill Stafford, Four Chaplains, SS Dorchester 1943

15 - Lawrence Powell, Homelessness Initiative

22 - Matt Posner, Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Programs

29 - Dr. Norm Haines, Pensacola History

## What's Happening in Rotary

### February

22 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line  
Zoom Meeting

### March

1 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line  
Zoom Meeting

8 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line  
Zoom Meeting

15 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line  
Zoom Meeting

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

22 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line  
Zoom Meeting

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Zoom Meeting