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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 3/7/2023

President Bruce Partington called the March 7, 2023 meeting to order. This meeting was virtual through use of MicroSoft Teams.

Rotarians attending joined in saying the Four Way Test. Leslie Halsell gave the Prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past President Ed Wonders introduced today's speaker Leigh Davis, Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

Leigh began her talk by telling us that the SRIA was formed in 1947 by the Florida Legislature to be the governing body of Pensacola Beach. She said the Board consists of five appointed members and one community leader.

Leigh next gave some facts about the economic impact of tourism bringing in 9.5 million dollars. To her she feels Pensacola Beach is the "biggest free park in Escambia County". During off season, Leigh reported Pensacola Beach does "face lifting" and gave examples such as painting the water tower, renovating pavilions, repairing dune

walkways, parking lot resurfacing, and renovating the "retro Pensacola Beach Sign".

She closed by telling us to get ready for beach events such as Bands on the Beach, Memorial Day Celebration and the Blue Angels Week. A new hotel is in the offering.

President Bruce gave us the history of the day ranging from Slavery, British Parliament and marriage of Bruce and wife Beth.

Scott Grissett was Sunshine and provided humorous notes from his nephew and recognized birthdays.

President Bruce announced it's time to register for the District Conference, the Rotary International Conference, send nominees for Business Ethics, adjourned the meeting and asked all to Imagine Rotary.

Submitted by
Betty Roberts

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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

This week we return to Pensacola Bay Center for our weekly meeting. Due to remodeling at Pensacola Yacht Club, for the next 3 months, we will be meeting at Pensacola Bay Center at 201 East Gregory Street (previously known as the Pensacola Civic Center),

The Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola along with the University of West Florida are looking for individuals who exhibit outstanding ethical practices. They are looking to identifying those persons who should be given community-wide recognition. That is why the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola, along with the University of West Florida College of Business, established an Ethics in Business Award. This year's award is the 21st annual award and will be awarded during a luncheon meeting on April 27, 2023. Two awards will be given, one for an individual from an organization with 50 or more employees and one for an individual from an organization with 49 or fewer employees. The 2023 instructions and nomination forms can be found on our website at: www.pensacolarotaryclub.org. Copies are available at our weekly meeting or you can request a form by emailing Chris at: cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 24, 2023.

The Rotary Club of Pensacola Community Grant application is now available online at https://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/page/community_grants/, also on our home page. You can also use the shorter URL www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/grants. Application should be made starting March 1 through March 31st.

Last chance to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute Training. RLI information is available on www.dacdb. Save the date and register.

You can now book your trip to the "Celebration of Clubs" District 6940 Conference for 2023! Click here to register for the conference: Start date: Friday April 28th, end date: Sunday April 30th, 2023. Cost of conference: \$210, and \$105 for any Rotarian a member for 1 year or less (50%). Last date to register for the conference: April 15, 2023

Registration for the Melbourne International Convention is open and information can be found at www.Rotary.Org or at www.rotarymelbourne2023.org

Please forward any updated information you want listed in the Rotary Club of Pensacola Directory. If your personal information has changed or if you want a current photo in the directory, please forward that information to me as soon as possible at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.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 cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

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

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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

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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 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
March 14th through March 20th

Charlie Sherrill (Jr.) - March 15 – born in Lawton, OK, in Rotary 29 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Andrea Krieger – March 17 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris Fellow, +1

Tory Sokul – March 17 – born in Concord, NH, in Rotary 5 years

DeDe Flounlacker – March 17 – born in Blountsville, AL, in Rotary 12 years

Wylie Hogeman – March 20 - born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 27 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Greeters and Ticket Sales

March 14

Greeters: Richard Sherrill and Tory Sokul
Ticket Sales: Auby Smith and Terry Scruggs

March 21

Greeters: Mike Steltenkamp and Margaret Stopp
Ticket Sales: Robert Stephens and Charles Thornton

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 14

Prayer/Pledge: Allison Hill Sunshine: David Henriquez

March 21

Prayer/Pledge: Art Hufford Sunshine: Ray Jones

Program Schedule

March

14 - Mike Bunn - Battle of Fort Blakeley
21 - Terri Jenkins - American Red Cross
28 - Warden - Prison System

What's Happening in Rotary

March

14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams
21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams
1:00 Board of Director March Meeting
28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams