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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 3/14/2023

The March 13 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the Pensacola Bay Center. President Partington called the meeting to order at 12:05 and led approximately 55 members in the Four Way Test. Rotarian Bill Stafford shared a thoughtful prayer and led us in reciting the Pledge.

President Partington reminded the membership about several events outlined in the helicopter.

Rotarian David Henriquez spread sunshine with his Dad jokes. He welcomed guests and recognized Rotarian Birthdays.

President Partington then highlighted several important events in history.

1794 – Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin, which revolutionized the cotton industry and had a profound impact on the economy of the southern United States. His hope was the gin (short for engine) would help to end the practice of slavery. Sadly, it exacerbated it.

1879 – Albert Einstein is born: The famous physicist and mathematician Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany. Coincidentally, 3.14 (March 13) is Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant pi (π), which is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. This day is celebrated by many math enthusiasts and students around the world.

1900 – The Gold Standard Act is signed into law: The United States government signed the Gold Standard Act, which established the gold standard as the monetary system of the country.

Program chair Ed Wonders welcomed Mike Bunn. Mike is a historian and author who has written extensively on the American Civil War, particularly on the battles and campaigns fought in the Gulf Coast region. He is also a retired US Army Colonel, having served for over 30 years.

Bunn is the author of several books, including “The Battle of Mobile Bay and the Siege of Fort Morgan,” “The Battle of Fort Blakeley,” and “Civil War in Pensacola: From Secession to Surrender.” He is also a co-author of “The Civil War in Mississippi: Major Campaigns and Battles.”

Bunn’s works are known for their detailed research and analysis of the events and individuals involved in the battles and campaigns he covers. He

draws on primary sources such as letters, diaries, and official reports, as well as secondary sources, to provide a comprehensive understanding of the conflicts he writes about. In addition to his writing, Bunn has also served as a historical consultant for various historical organizations and museums. He has also appeared on several documentaries and television programs as a Civil War expert.

Bunn shared information from his book, “The Battle of Fort Blakeley”. The Battle of Fort Blakeley was a significant engagement fought during the American Civil War. The siege of the fort took place from April 2 and culminated in the battle on April 9, 1865, in Baldwin County, Alabama, near the town of Spanish Fort. The Union forces (or federal forces), under the command of Major General Frederick Steele, faced Confederate troops led by Major General Sterling Price.

The battle began when Union forces advanced towards the heavily fortified Confederate fortifications surrounding Fort Blakeley. Despite facing fierce resistance, the Union soldiers managed to breach the fortifications and engage in hand-to-hand combat with the Confederates. The fighting continued for several days, with both sides suffering heavy casualties.

Finally, on April 9, the Union forces launched a final assault on the fort, which proved to be successful. The Confederates surrendered, and the Union forces took control of the fort, along with a large number of Confederate soldiers and supplies. The Battle of Fort Blakeley was significant in that it effectively ended the Confederate resistance in the Gulf Coast region, and played a role in the ultimate defeat of the Confederacy. The battle was also notable for being one of the last major engagements of the American Civil War, as it coincided with the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House.

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 on March 21, at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

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

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

2022-2023 Club Officers

•President	Bruce Partington
•Past President	Ed Wonders
•President Elect	Charles Beall
•Secretary	Lisa York
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•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
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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

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.

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 21 through March 27

Stacy Robello – March 27 – born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary 3 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

March 21

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

March 28

Greeters: John Tice and Paul Tobin
Ticket Sales: Lynne Tobin and John Trawick

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 21

Prayer/Pledge: Art Hufford Sunshine: Ray Jones

March 28

Prayer/Pledge: Jimmy Jones Sunshine: Dale Jordan

Program Schedule

March

21 - Terri Jenkins - American Red Cross
28 - Warden - Prison System

What's Happening in Rotary

March

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