

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/26/2022

This meeting was on ZOOM only due to PYC conflict.

President Ed Wonders called the meeting to order and led us in the Four Way Test. Dale Jordan provided Prayer and Pledge.

Joe Vinson introduced the speaker, Matt Coughlin, Pensacola Airport Managing Director. Mr. Cunningham introduced a new staff member, Erica Grancagnolo, before he began his talk and slides. The airport is a story of resiliency when you look at pre and post pandemic numbers. There has been a steady growth of 15% since 2017. In 2019, there were 2.2 million passengers. In April 2020, as the pandemic hit, there was an instant drop of 93.58% in revenue, but in 2021, the airport recovered and had 2.3 million passengers. Now it is up 40% over 2021 and out-pacing the nation. Matt quoted a saying, "if you've seen one airport, you've seen one airport" to summarize how different each airport is – space, population, economy, tourism, business climate. His goal is to provide service for the community and keep our air fares low. Currently, Pensacola is served by 7 airlines. There is a new non-stop daily service coming – American Airlines to Boston. They were able to apply the CARES funding to O & M costs in Pensacola, and that

assisted the airport's bottom line. A runway extension will be needed to allow for planes that can fly non-stop to Los Vegas and Phoenix. 58 city employees work at the airport and over 1,000 employees work at the airport in various capacities. Matt anticipates adding one more parking lot and a new Customs building on site to accommodate International flights. A new concourse is being planned with 5 gates added to the existing 12. The TSA area need to expand – one additional area will be added with the new terminal. There were several questions from the audience with informative answers.

President Ed informed us of all the "days" on this date.

Sunshine was provided by Jack Williams.

May 25, a Wednesday, will be a Rotary event at the Blue Wahoos Stadium.

Next week we will be back at PYC and Martha Saunders will be the speaker.

Submitted by Lynne Tobin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Welcome New Member Kimberly Irvin. Kimberly is a native of Mobile, Alabama and a graduate of the University of South Alabama. She is a Marketing Administrator with VSC Fire and Security, She is married to Ray Garber and has two children. President Ed Wonders is her sponsor.

Welcome New Member Craig Hindsman. Craig is a native of Panama City, Florida. He is a graduate of Pensacola State College and the University of West Florida where he received his BA in Organizational Communications and Liberty Theological with a MA in Christian Ministry Leadership. Craig is a Community Pastor at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church. He is married to Amanda and they have two children. Craig's sponsor is Jonathan Griffith.

Go to www.Rotary.Org to register for the ROTARY HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2022 SCHEDULED for June 4-8. For details contact Betty Roberts, International and District Conference Promotions Coordinator at bettybroberts@cox.net

The board has voted to reduce the price of running an ad to promote your business in the Helicopter. Your ad would run for a full month each week in our the newsletter. Business card size would be \$25.00, a 1/4 page would be \$50.00, and a 1/2 page ad would be \$75.00. To place your ad send the prepared document to rcopens@bellsouth.net stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

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>

RSVP NOW for the Family Rotary Event at Blue Wahoo Stadium, Wednesday May 25th, the Pensacola Blue Wahoo's vs. the Mississippi Braves. Event includes tickets to game on the Dignity Deck, hamburger, hot dog with sides buffet and non-alcoholic drinks, hat, fun and fireworks show. Free to club members and \$35. for guest. [rsvp at rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net)

2021-2022 Club Officers

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| •President | Ed Wonders |
| •Past President | Sally Fox |
| •President Elect | Bruce Partington |
| •Secretary | Lisa York |
| •Treasurer | Lori Nesmith |
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Clubs Available for Makeup

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| 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
May 3rd through May 9th

Jack Brown – May 6 – born in Perry, FL, in Rotary 6 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Matt Vinson – May 7 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 6 years

Trip Maygarden – May 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 3

Greeters: Trip Maygarden and Jerry Maygarden
Ticket Sales: Brian McCall and Norris McMahon

May 10

Greeters: Ed Meadows and Lori Menke
Ticket Sales: Collier Merrill and Clark Merritt

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 3

Prayer/Pledge: Fred Lindstrom Sunshine: Chris Kelly

May 10

Prayer/Pledge: Randall Richardson Sunshine: Leslie Mickles

Program Schedule

May

- 3 - Dr. Martha Saunders, UWF
- 10 - Todd Humble, Bellview Branch Library
- 17 - Clark Merritt, Port of Pensacola
- 24 - Dr. Ed Meadows, Pensacola State College
- 31 - Lizzy Jenny, Florida Native Plant Society, Longleaf Pine Chapter

What's Happening in Rotary

May

- 3 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and on Zoom
- 10 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and on Zoom
- 17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and on Zoom
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and on Zoom
- 25 - Blue Wahoo's Baseball Game
- 31 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting **ON LINE ZOOM ONLY**