

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 5/2/2023

And we're back! (at PYC). Charles Sherril, III, provided the Prayer and Pledge. President Bruce Partington gave us a plethora of interesting "on this day" facts. In 1519, Leonardo Da Vinci died and President Partington recommended the biography of Leonardo by Walter Isaacson. In 1611, the King James version of the Bible was published. It was created by 6 panels of 47 men. In 1670, the Hudson's Bay Company was chartered. Many, many things of note happened in 1945. And in 2011, Osama Bin Laden was captured and killed.

New members of the Downtown Rotary were recognized: Kia Goldsmith, part of the Partington law firm now; and Benjamin Grey, formerly of the Foreign Service and now managing a consulting firm in his area of expertise.

Last week, the Rotaries came together to honor members who were recognized for their contributions to Ethics in Business, and the Downtown Rotary swept the field. Congratulations to Allison Hill of Lakeview Center and Brian Wyer of the Gulf Coast Minority Chamber of Commerce.

President Partington called up Henry Roberts, Paul Tobin, Jean Norman, George Biggs, and Laura Piovesana to present them with Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

President Partington suggested we all watch the Helicopter newsletter to be sure of the luncheon venues.

Chris Bridwell noted that the new Directories (22-23) were available. Please pick yours up.

Christina Doss drew the winning ticket for the raffle and drew an ace from the card deck. And the pot continues to grow.

Charles Thornton provided us with Sunshine – always a treat.

Rotarian Chris Kelly introduced our speaker, Steve Nissam. Steve is the "Chief Storyteller" for the Studer Community Institute (SCI). He told us about Building Brains, Building Jobs, and Building Communities. There is a clear correlation between Kindergarten Readiness and the High School Graduation Rate. And Escambia County is behind in both. Steve talked about the Brain Bags made by ARC distributed to newborns and their parents at the local hospitals. Of great interest to all was the Text Messaging Service that you can sign up for at no cost – i.e. FREE. You will be sent tips for parenting, etc. In the Building Jobs category, Steve told of the Venture Mentoring Service at The Spring. Another free service that will pair an entrepreneur with a team of mentors to help with getting a business up and running. Another program under the heading of Building

Communities is Entre Con and Civic Con, bringing noted speakers to town for free presentations on building communities. Steve sparked much interest in SCI.

Submitted by Lynne Tobin

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**This week's meeting will be at Pensacola Yacht Club**

**We will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club this week for our weekly meeting.** The following 2 weeks, May 16 and 23 we will be at the Yacht Club and return to the Pensacola Bay Center on May 30th and June 6th. See schedule below.

**Registration for the Melbourne International Convention is open** and information can be found at [www.Rotary.Org](http://www.Rotary.Org) or at [www.rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://www.rotarymelbourne2023.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](mailto: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](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.

## 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

## 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	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

## District Governor

Dan Sulgar  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
May 9 through May 15

**Angela Hahn** – May 10 – born in Pensacola, in Rotary 5 years

**Carol Powell** – May 11 – born in Boston, MA, in Rotary 31 years,  
Paul Harris +1

**William Stafford** – May 11 – born in Masury, OH, in Rotary 48 years,  
Paul Harris +2

**John Monroe** – May 15 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 35 years,  
Paul Harris +2

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### May 9

Greeters: Steve Black and Jack Brown  
Ticket Sales: Pam Smith and Ted Brown

### May 16

Greeters: Will Butcher and Al Coby  
Ticket Sales: Vicki Campbell and Madison Currin

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### May 9

Prayer/Pledge: John Shaffer                      Sunshine: Innes Richards

### May 16

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Stafford                      Sunshine: Grover Robinson

## Program Schedule

### May

9 - Rick Fountain - History of Pensacola High School Sports  
16 - Caleb Heifner - Chiropractic and Back Safety  
23 - Nan DeStafney - Alzheimer Awareness  
30 - Eric Buer - Ghosts of Baghdad

## What's Happening in Rotary

### May

9 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and  
MicroSoft Teams  
16 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and  
MicroSoft Teams  
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting  
23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and  
MicroSoft Teams  
30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and  
MicroSoft Teams