

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/17/2022

The May 17 lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order by President Wonders 12:05 pm. Participants included 64 members on site at PYC and 6 members via Zoom.

Rotarian Lawrence Powell led us in a thoughtful prayer and pledge. Rotary Rooters serenaded the club with old favorites like God Bless America and Take Me Out to the Ball Game. Lynne Tobin and Charles Thornton were awarded Paul Harris pins.

President Ed shared information on the national Cherry Cobbler Day, National Walnut Day, and Graduation Tassel Day— just a few of his noteworthy insights shared at the lectern. Regarding the raffle, the joker remains at large with more than \$1,397 in the pot. Rotarian Bill Stafford delivered the sunshine, wished fellow Rotarians Happy Birthday and welcomed guests.

President Ed Wonders and the program chair, Joe Vinson welcomed our Port Director and fellow Rotarian Clark Merritt. Clark is native of Pensacola with deep family ties to local maritime commerce. He graduated from the University of Florida and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy. He completed 20 years of active and reserve duty with tours in tactical aviation squadrons including one as the Maintenance Officer for the Blue Angels. Clark returned to Pensacola in 2002 with Lockheed Martin and following positions in commercial real estate and with Congressman Jeff Miller, joined the City of Pensacola in 2012 and moved to the Port of Pensacola

in 2013. Clark Merritt was selected to be the Director of the Port of Pensacola by Mayor Grover Robinson and confirmed by City Council in June of 2021. He is directly responsible for overseeing all port operations, personnel, cargo, and development activities as one of the City of Pensacola's three major enterprises.

Clark shared many stats on the Port's growth over the previous 9 years and provided a glimpse into the future of the Port. He shared exciting news regarding the return of American Magic, the America's Cup contender and he mentioned the possibility of growth in this high tech business. He identified which properties generated auxiliary income for the port as well as tenants – like Cemex and UWF Mechanical Engineering. Streamlined Boats is restarting the refurbishment of their boat factory. A lively Q&A followed his remarks and President Wonders thanked him for the briefing.

Wonders wrapped up the meeting by 1:00pm thanking the ticket sales and greeters:

Greeters: Laura Campbell, Craig Hindsman and Leslie Mickles

Ticket Sales: Cal Moore and Lori NeSmith

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Gislason.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Reminder the Family of Rotary Event, is this 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

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>

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
May 24th through May 30th



Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 24

Greeters: Tony Neuner and Sheila Nichols
Ticket Sales: Jean Norman and Susan O'Connor

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 24

Prayer/Pledge: Charlie Sherrill Sunshine: Lynn Tobin

May 31

Prayer/Pledge: Cal Moore Sunshine: Adam Principe

Program Schedule

May

24 - Dr. Ed Meadows, Pensacola State College
31 - Lizzy Jenny, Florida Native Plant Society, Longleaf Pine Chapter

What's Happening in Rotary

May

24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and on Zoom
25 - Blue Wahoo's Baseball Game
31 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting **ON LINE ZOOM ONLY**