

# the HELICOPTER



**The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248**

## WEEK IN REVIEW 6/13/2023

The June 13th meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Bruce Partington called the meeting to order at noon. Lisa York led prayer and pledge followed by the president's reminder to RSVP with Chris for the Change of Command Banquet on June 22nd.

Bruce Partington shared that the club will continue meeting at the Pensacola Yacht Club for the remainder of the summer, and the membership campaign of the first 3 meals being free to potential members. He then went on to go through Today in History, which included:

- In 1774 Rhode Island became the first North American colony to ban the importation of slaves
- In 1777 General Lafayette, aged 20, landed to help the Continental Congress train its army.
- 1803: Grover Cleveland notices a rough spot in his mouth, and on July 1st he underwent a secret successful surgery to remove a cancerous portion of his jaw. The operation wasn't revealed until nine years after his death.
- 1895: The world's first real automobile race was completed in just under 49 hours at an impressive speed of 15mph

Bruce Partington then announced that on June 12, 1963, Paul and Lynne Tobin were married and are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

- 1966: The US Supreme Court ruled in *Miranda vs Arizona* that police must inform suspects in their 5th Amendment rights in what is known as our Miranda Rights.
- 1967: President LBJ nominated solicitor general Thurgood Marshall to become the first black justice to serve in the US Supreme Court

Charlie Sherrill shared some comedic stories during sunshine, and welcomed the club's visitors: Toshia Crafts, Marcus Miller, Ross Testera, and Charlie Stafford. There were no visiting Rotarians. Margaret Stopp was the sole birthday, and she was present. She's a Paul Harris Fellow +8

The guest speaker, Cliff Curtis, was welcomed by Ed Wonders. Cliff got a bachelors in business administration, earned his Wings of Gold in 1987, served in Operation Desert Storm, and works for United Airlines based in Houston. He's also a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He came to discuss the Chappie James Flight Academy where Mr. Curtis serves as president of the board.

Cliff Curtis has about 26 years of experience leading flight academies like the General Daniel Chappie James Flight Academy. He first began introducing children to the world of aviation while he was a flight instructor for the U.S. Navy when he and some other instructors got bored. Mr. Curtis became a member of OBAP, an organization of black

airline pilots.

Because of Mr. Curtis's experience with his fellow Navy Aviator Instructors, their mission of working with children, and their experience organizing camps for kids here in Pensacola Cliff climbed the ranks to become National Director of OBAP. During his time as national director he was responsible for overseeing a multitude of aviation camps across the country.

Cliff Curtis left OBAP to focus on the program here in Pensacola because of how fast it was growing and how big it was becoming. The Chappie James Flight Academy was gifted a home and part of a museum by the City of Pensacola. They're currently looking to expand this home to accommodate for the increase in kids participating in the academy. While it started as a summer program only, it's now grown to become a year-round program.

Mr. Curtis mentioned that the academy has had opportunities to partner with the military because of its success. But the Chappie James Academy doesn't focus on military service, and their goal isn't even to promote entering the aviation industry as a career. The purpose of the Chappie James academy is to help build confidence and instill leadership in Pensacola's youth through the world of aviation. The academy also aims to inspire our kids to enter any STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program.

The summer program is 100% free to ensure kids from all parts of the community can participate. The Chappie James Academy is multi-faceted and is a recipient of the Impact 100 Grant. They have a sister program with the Dixon School of Arts and Sciences.

Graduates of the program include:

- A crew chief for the United States Air Force
- An attorney
- First Officer at Sky West Airlines
- General Manager for Delta in Paris, France

Many participants want to return year after year so they've implemented a program for those kids to gain leadership by promoting them to mentors and higher. The summer camp is a one week course that ends in flight piloted by an EAA instructor. Each kid is also required to practice public speaking by participating in a presentation to parents about what they learned throughout the week. For the rest of the year Chappie James offers a weekend camp for kids in 4th grade or older where classes have included 3D Printing, building computers, and financial literacy.

Rotarian Partington adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**We will be meeting this week at Pensacola Yacht Club, June 20. Please note, we will continue to meet at the Yacht Club until further notice.**

**Reminder The Change of Command Banquet will be Thursday.** The banquet will take place at Heritage Hall @ Seville Quarters, 130 E. Government Street, Thursday, June 22nd at 5:30pm.

**This will be our last meeting of the Rotary Year 2022-2023 with President Bruce Partington.** We will return to our regular weekly meetings on July 11th with our newly installed President Charles Beall. Pensacola Yacht Club will be our regular meeting locations with a few exceptions in which you will receive advance notice.

## 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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**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

**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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
June 20 through June 30

**Terry Terrell** – June 21 – born in Seattle, WA, in Rotary 24 years,  
Paul Harris Fellow

**Jock Mobley** – June 22 – born in Thomasville, GA, in Rotary 28 years

**Brett Barrow** – June 26 – born in Pensacola, FL in Rotary 2 years

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### June 20

Greeters: Scott Grissett and Leslie Halsall  
Ticket Sales: Ted Brown and Hugh Hamilton

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### June 20

Prayer/Pledge: Terry Scruggs      Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

## Program Schedule

### June

20 - Mark Faulkner - Baptist Hospital, President & CEO

### July

11 - Sigrid Rehrig - ECUA  
18 - Commander John "Fizzie" Fay - U.S. Navy Blue Angels  
25 - Captain Stephan Wildish - Salvation Army

## What's Happening in Rotary

### June

20 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and  
MicroSoft Teams  
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting  
22 - 5:30pm Change of Command, Heritage Hall, 130 E. Government St.  
27 - NO MEETING

### July

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