

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 8/2/2022

With President Bruce Partington away wrapping up a trial, Immediate Past President Ed Wonders welcomed the collection of Rotarians gathered in person at the Pensacola Yacht Club and joining via Zoom for the August 2, 2022, meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club. Immediate Past President Ed fit into the lectern like an old pair of trusted socks – snug as a bug.

Rotarian Lee Elebash led Prayer and Pledge. As everyone was returning to their seats to nestle in for the gathering, Immediate Past President Ed asked Rotarian Judge Bill Stafford up to be recognized for Paul Harris, +2. In all the places you go, the things you do and the people you meet, you'll be hard pressed to find anyone more deserving to be called a Rotarian than Rotarian Bill. He first joined Pensacola Rotary Club in 1973 and after a 28-year hiatus in Tallahassee, came back to Pensacola and once again joined the Pensacola Rotary Club.

Rotarian Betty Roberts was recognized by Immediate Past President Ed for continued excellent work on various social media platforms to promote the activities of the Pensacola Rotary Club. Before sharing that August 4th was National Ice Cream Sandwich Day and ice cream sandwiches could be had for a penny in 1900, Immediate Past President Ed awarded \$4 to the day's lucky raffle winner. Might not seem like much, but back in the day, the raffle winner could have purchased 400 ice cream sandwiches with his winnings.

A Rotarian currently sitting behind a keyboard to recap the meeting feels strongly that Rotarian Brian Wyer hasn't met a day that he doesn't like. During his time behind the microphone on Tuesday serving in the role of Sunshine, Rotarian Brian welcomed five guests; provided a visiting Rotarian with a warm greeting; and led the group in a rendition of "Happy Birthday" for eleven Rotarians. Crazy to think that individuals can sing "Happy

Birthday" without being charged but using it commercially will incur you a cost. As his time was winding down, Rotarian Brian played 1968's "Summertime" performed by Ella Fitzgerald. When you have a moment, check it out.

Guardian Ad Litem Joan Irby was the day's speaker. Joan has been in real estate for the past twenty-two years. However, it was a visit to her Church by a speaker twelve years ago discussing the Guardian Ad Litem program and the impact volunteers can have in the lives of children removed from their homes that ignited Joan's passion to help. There are 1500 children in the 1st Circuit of Florida that are in foster care. For the month of June and month of July, eighty-four children were removed from their homes and placed in foster care.

Fifty to Eighty children are assigned to a social worker case manager. To help support the social worker case managers, there is currently a need for 300 Guardian Ad Litem. An individual must be at least twenty-one years of age, have a passion to help children and be willing to serve for at least a year as a Guardian Ad Litem. The Guardian Ad Litem will visit with the child once every thirty days to be able to advocate for what is in the best interest of the child. Training consists of an online portion, in person portion, court observation and partnering with a social worker case manager and lawyer.

Three eye opening stats were shared by Joan as her time was winding down. Average age of child in foster care is seven years old. 25% of children who age out of the foster system will be in prison within two years. 25% of children who age out of the foster system will be homeless within two years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Grissett

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**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.

**The Helicopter Committee is looking for members to take the minutes at the weekly meeting.** If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Betty Roberts at [bettybroberts@cox.net](mailto:bettybroberts@cox.net) or Chris Bridwell at [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net)

**Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter.** Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card size 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 [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net) stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

**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

**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	McQuire's Irish Pub	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

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## JEWS WHO COOK

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. \* 800 N. Palafox St.

Enjoy an evening of Jewish and non-Jewish cuisine prepared by chefs competing in three categories: entrées, sides, & desserts.

Each chef will have a jar for tips. The chef with the most tips in each division is the winner. All proceeds go to support Temple Beth El Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

\$50 per person before August 15  
\$60 per person at the door.  
Cash Bar

To purchase tickets please call 850-438-3321 or email [kathy@templebethelofpensacola.org](mailto:kathy@templebethelofpensacola.org).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
August 9th through August 15th

**Verdell Hawkins** – August 10 – born in Natchez, MS, in Rotary 7 years

**Christina Doss** – August 12, born in Coronado, CA, in Rotary 8 years

**Charles Gund** – August 12 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years, Paul Harris Fellow

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### August 9

Greeters: Lynne Tobin and John Trawick

Ticket Sales: Paul Tobin and Hill Turner

### August 16

Greeters: Joe Vinson and Jack Williams

Ticket Sales: John Tice and Denise Windham

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### August 9

Prayer/Pledge: Robert Stephens      Sunshine: Margaret Stopp

### August 16

Prayer/Sunshine: Bill Stafford      Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

## Program Schedule

### August

9 - Tim Kinsella - UWF Center for Leadership

16 - Crista Brandt - Valerie's House

23 - Pete Shinnick - UWF Football

30 - Dan Shugart - WEAR-TV - Sports

## What's Happening in Rotary

### August

9 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Zoom

16 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Zoom  
1:00 Board Meeting

23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Zoom

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Zoom