

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 10/12/2021

President Ed kicked off our meeting at PYC after everyone was greeted by Norris McMahon and Bryan McCall and picking up a raffle ticket from Marjy and Charles. Prayer and pledge was via Zoom by Laura Gilliam as Ed took back the mic and made a few casual comments about the recent college football games – timely since our program was also about college football.

Ed mentioned that the day was also “National Gumbo Day” and the word gumbo comes from a very similar African dish of stewed okra – hence the reason the okra is forever tied to the dish. It is also “National free thought day” so you have that going for you... which is nice. One other tidbit was that the “White House” became the official name versus “Executive House” which was used before. How about that ...

The raffle was claimed by Art Hufford and he did not pull the card for the pot so it rolls on. Also, there were a few lucky ticket holders that took home some gumbo mix (although that is cheating unless you make your own roux in the author’s opinion). And it was new quarter, so President Ed pulled another ticket and the winner received a 5 lb. pork shoulder to be cooked by Ed. Ellis Bullock was that recipient.

Sunshine was expertly presented by Vince Curry as he recognized our guests and birthday boys and girls plus entertained with a few humorous stories.

Our program. Repeat visitor Dr. Chris Warner, PH. D who is the author of over twenty books on college football’s history and

traditions plus other subjects. He was recently at our Club to talk about the Florabama and Joe Gilchrist. Chris is a graduate of LSU and his two daughters went to UA and Auburn – that must be a fun Iron Bowl. Chris discussed the history of college football which began just after the Civil War when the many southern universities and those in attendance were seeking an escape from the desperate times following the war. The game became immensely popular and very violent where death and permanent injury was common in the early years. Kentucky was the first school to join the Southern Football League (precursor to the SEC) and UF was the last. In 1905 the NCAA was formed and shortly the forward pass was introduced which even further expanded the game and its following. Dr. Warner went on to describe that tailgating really took off at the SEC schools in the late 1980’s and 1990’s and each school has their own traditions. From the “Grove” at Ole Miss or the “Junction” at Miss State tailgating is big business and bigger than the games themselves in many cases. These “All Day Parties” actually harken back to the day when football was only played in the daylight and the games were large social events/parties. Chris wrapped up by saying he expects the SEC to increase to 16 teams and that as the predominant conference in the country that it will be even more powerful – probably more than the NCAA itself.

We adjourned shortly following a few questions from the audience. Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt Jr.

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**The Pensacola Yacht Club meetings are now open to an unlimited number of people.** However is very important that you RSVP every week, between Wednesday through Friday at 5:00 pm.

**Our new 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](mailto: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 new 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](mailto: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. 850-619-0679. 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>.

**Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter.** The Rotary Club of Pensacola will advertise your business in our weekly newsletter with ads running for a full month. Business cards \$250. 1/4 page \$500. 1/2 page \$750. To place your ad send the prepared document to [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net) stating the size ad you wish to place. **Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

## 2021-2022 Club Officers

•President	Ed Wonders
•Past President	Sally Fox
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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	Asbury Place, Cokesbury United Methodist Church	Fri.	12:00 pm

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
October 19th through October 25th

**Tom Owens** – October 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 24 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Paul Tobin** – October 24 – born in Detroit, Michigan, in Rotary 13 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Gene Killinger** – October 24 – born in Perry, FL, in Rotary 45 years, Paul Harris +5

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### October 19

Prayer/Pledge: Lynne Tobin

Sunshine: Madison Currin

### October 26

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Ford

Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### October 19

Greeters: Clark Merritt and Chuck Michaels

Ticket Sales: Leslie Mickles and Lisa Minshew

### October 26

Greeters: Cal Moore and Tony Neuner

Ticket Sales: Lori NeSmith and Sheila Nichols

## Program Schedule

### October

19 - Coach Rod Aldoff - Pensacola Ice Flyers

26 - Maria Goldberg & Nicole Stacy - Foo Foo Fest

## What's Happening in Rotary

### October

19 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting

1:00 Board Meeting

26 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting