

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 10/17/2023

President Beall called the meeting to order at 12:14 pm with a funny story on how he lost money in Biloxi last weekend.

Sally Fox led the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

Announcements: A: There is a board meeting today following the meeting. B: Rotary shirts should be here by October 31st. C: Sign up to ring the bell for Salvation Army. D: Foundation Drive – pledge forms are available and can be sent out. E: Today is Polio Plus Day.

Terri Levin was introduced and welcomed back in the club after taking a hiatus. Welcome back, Terri!

Students from PSC that were awarded scholarships were in attendance today and were introduced by Andrea Krieger. All students expressed their appreciation for the scholarship money. After the picture with the students, President Beall expressed that he hoped everyone would know he was not one of the students in the photo. LOL

Raffle – Sherry Hartnett won the \$1000+ pot – congratulations, Sherry!

Chris Kelly did the Sunshine Report. Welcomed two guests, Brian Paul, guest of Clark Merritt and Daniel Joyner, guest of Randall Richardson.

Birthdays: Tom Owens (not present) is coming up on October 23rd

Sally Fox shared a compelling Polio update via powerpoint and

where Rotary is now with the fight against this horrible disease. She shared the history of the first polio outbreak beginning in 1894 and how medical doctors worked hard to create vaccines to cure the disease. In 1979, Rotary International began its fight against polio.

In 2023, only three countries exist that have documented wild polio virus cases: Afghanistan (6), Pakistan (3) and Kenya (5). Also in 2023, \$1 Billion has been committed by various organizations who will work with Rotary with \$500K being allocated to new funding of vaccines and \$500K for research and innovation.

In 2022, there was the 1st and only case of polio in the US in nearly a decade and that was in New York City where a male in his 20's was paralyzed but is not 100% clear that he still is.

Eradication Strategy: Goal 1: Permanently interrupt transmission of all polioviruses in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Goal 2: Stop transmission of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 and prevent outbreaks in polio-free regions.

How can you help? Become a Polio Plus Member by donating \$100 annually to help rid the world of this disease.

President Beall expressed thanks to the Rotarians who did the prayer, pledge and ticket sales.

Next meeting: our guest speaker will be Russ Scheiner with National Disability Employment.

Meeting ended at 12:59 pm. Minutes submitted by Terri Jenkins

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Our Annual Rotary Fundraiser Drive.** Along with our Club Foundation, Rotary International EREY and Polio Plus, The **Hanwash Project** is collaborative national initiatives to provide and sustain clean water in order to promote prosperity and better health to the people of Haiti. This year we have added the **Rotary Youth Camp**. Supported by District 6940, this camp is for any child with disability and enables them to grow in self-confidence and to find success in physical activities and social relationships. The 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).

**It Is Time To Sign Up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.** The Rotary Club of Pensacola will ring the bell at Sam's Club every Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. The goal is to have 2 individuals ring for a two-hour shift. You can sign-up at the weekly meeting or contact Chris via email.

**We will continue to stream our meeting using Microsoft Teams; however, changes will be made due to poor wi-fi reception at PYC.** You will no longer receive visual video of the meetings but will be able to listen to the announcements and the hear the speaker. The link to join 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.

**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.**

## 2023-2024 Club Officers

•President	Charles Beall
•Past President	Bruce Partington
•President Elect	Henry Roberts
•Secretary	Randall Richardson
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•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	Hancock Bank, Creighton Rd.	Fri.	12:00 pm

## District Governor

Kerry Anne Schultz  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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.

**Rotarians have the opportunity to attend the next Naturalization Ceremony.** As most of you know, our club provides the programs for the Naturalization Ceremonies that take place at the Federal Courthouse throughout the year. For this, two representatives from our club are invited to attend. The next naturalization ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the United States District Courthouse located at One North Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida. If you would like to attend, please let me know by November 1st and I will reserve a spot for you.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays for the week of October 24 through October 30

**Paul Tobin** – October 24 – born in Detroit, Michigan, in Rotary 15 years, Paul Harris +1

**Alexis Bolin** – October 27 – born in Long Branch, NJ, in Rotary 29 years, Paul Harris +2, Major Donor

**Collier Merrill** – October 28 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 34 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Martha Saunders** – October 28 – born in Hattiesburg, MS, in Rotary 10 years, Paul Harris +1

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### October 24

Greeters: Julie Tippins Parker and Randall Richardson

Ticket Sales: Stacy Robello and Henry Roberts

### October 31

Greeters: Grover Robinson and Bob Rogers

Ticket Sales: Scott Sallis and Martha Saunders

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### October 24

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Grissett

Sunshine: Leslie Halsall

### October 31

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins

Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

## Program Schedule

### October

24 - Russ Schreiner - National Disability Employment

31 - Ericka Boussarhane - Ghost Tours and Hauntings

## What's Happening in Rotary

### October

24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

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