

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 11/15/2022

President Bruce Partington called the meeting to order by leading us in the Four-Way Test. Charles Beall led club members in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ted Brown introduced our newest member, Captain Stephan Wildish. He is a pastor/director with the Salvation Army. He has been a Rotarian for eight years. He and his wife, Ashlee and 3 children moved here recently from Tallahassee. Welcome Stephan!

President Bruce announced that registration for the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia is open on RI's website. You can register for upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute which will occur in the panhandle (RLI) on dacdb. Anyone interested in serving in a leadership role is encouraged to attend RLI.

Please nominate a 10th grader you know for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Our club sponsors several 10th graders for that Rotary organized outstanding leadership training.

Pensacola Yacht Club is undergoing some construction improvements. That will impact some of our meetings. December 6 and 13 we will meet at a location to be determined.

You are encouraged to make your annual pledge to our Club's Foundation, Rotary International (RI), Polio Plus and Hanwash. Your contribution to our local Foundation enables us to support numerous community grants. Your contribution to RI enables us to get district grant matching.

Potential members that join us for lunch can eat free for 3 meetings.

You can sign up for Salvation Army bell-ringing online.

President Bruce provided his weekly historical notes. Ron Martin won a little bit of money in the raffle, but not the big money.

Frank Beall did sunshine introducing our guests, Dr Gayla Rowland, an Ophthalmologist and Kathy Ward with John Shaffer's State Farm's Agency. We sang Happy Birthday to Leslie Halsall and Randall Richardson. Frank got a rousing round of applause for his entertaining and altered version of Side

by Side – which was about a surprise discovery at bedtime of the wife's fake body parts (such as false teeth).

Joe Vinson introduced our speaker, Julio Diaz, who is the director of media and guest relations for Pensacon, overseeing marketing, PR and celebrity guest needs for the Gulf Coast's premier fan event. In addition, he is the curator of the Merrill Movie Museum, and appears as "The Curator," on "Nightmare Theater," a weekly horror host program airing on PBS stations throughout the Southeast and originating from WSRE in Pensacola. He is also the host of "Let's Go Pensacola," a weekly discussion of pop culture and entertainment airing at 4 p.m. Saturdays on NewsRadio 92.3 FM and 1620 AM, and his movie reviews air every Friday morning on the Pensacola Morning News with Andrew McKay. He served as an editor for the Pensacola News Journal for 12 years, covering entertainment, food & wine and other features sections.

Julio who gave a great presentation about Pensacon. It is a 3 day event February 24 – 26, 2023 and will be attended by hundreds of celebrities, including many from Dr. Who, ET, Revenge of the Nerds, Clerk and Professor Sprout from Harry Potter. Last year 35,000 fans attended. The event is at numerous locations in Pensacola, including the Bay Center, Rex, Cultural Center, Voices, Museum of Commerce, restaurants and bars. More locations are needed. The economic impact of the event is significant. If you want to volunteer, there is an application on their website. They are already sold out of their VIP tickets. You can still purchase an all days ticket or a single day ticket.

President Bruce concluded the meeting by thanking visiting guests, greeters – Sherry Hartnett and Hugh Hamilton, Ticket Sales, Mark Hardin and Bill Fleming, Charles Beall, Frank Beall, Joe Vinson and our Speaker Julio Diaz.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**We have a new temporary venue for our weekly meetings.** Due to previously scheduled events and remodeling, Pensacola Yacht Club will not be available to host our weekly meetings on the first 2 Tuesday's in December and the entire month of January. We will be meeting at The Pensacola Bay Center at 201 East Gregory Street (previously known as the Pensacola Civic Center). The Bay Center offers convenient parking and elevators to reach the 2nd floor meeting room. The dates of where we will meet can be found under "**Meeting Schedule**" of this newsletter.

**Information to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute Training RLI** is now available on [www.dacdb](http://www.dacdb). Save the date and register now.

**Time to sign up for Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army.** Again, The Rotary Club of Pensacola will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army stationed at Sam's Club. To register go to: [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com)

**The Rotary Club of Pensacola has a new email address.** [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org) and [info@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:info@pensacolarotaryclub.org) are tied into our website and all new correspondence should be directed to my email address. The old email address [rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net) will only be available for a short period of time.

**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

**Our Clubs Annual Pledge Drive has begun.** Along with our Club Foundation, Rotary International EREY and Polio Plus, a new category has been added to give. The **Hanwash Project** collaborative national initiatives to provide and sustain clean water in order to promote prosperity and better health to the people of Haiti. 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).

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## 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

## 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 [bettyroberts@cox.net](mailto:bettyroberts@cox.net) or Chris Bridwell at [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org)

**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  
November 22nd through November 28th

**Laura Campbell** – November 27 – born in Charleston, SC in  
Rotary 1 year

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### November 22

Greeters: David Henriquez and David Hindsman  
Ticket Sales: Ted Brown and Kathy Horton Brown

### November 29

Greeters: Kim Irvin and Benny Jeansonne  
Ticket Sales: Ron Jackson and Allison Hill

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### November 22

Prayer/Pledge: Lawrence Powell Sunshine: Laura Campbell

### November 29

Prayer/Pledge: Paul Tobin Sunshine: Randall Richardson

## Program Schedule

### November

22 - Aaron Bercovitch - Medicare  
29 - Larry Kubiak - Maintaining Your Sanity

### December

6 - Kyle Rohrig - Long Distance Hiker, Author  
13 - Joe Berninger - Global Literacy Program, Guatemala Rise Program  
20 - Christmas Program with the Pensacola Opera and the Pensacola Symphony

## What's Happening in Rotary

### November

22 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Teams  
29 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Teams

### December

6 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams  
13 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams  
20 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Teams  
1:00 December Board of Directors Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center