

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 11/23/2021

The November 23 lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola at the Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) was called to order by President Wonders at 12:05 pm. Participants included 48 members on site at PYC and 6 online via Zoom.

Past President Fox introduced a new member, Betsy Smith. Betsy is a native of Coleman, Texas. She is a graduate of Texas University receiving her B.S. and received her MED and PHD from Texas A&M. Betsy is retired from Pensacola State College and is the owner of E.L. Smith Consulting.

President Wonders introduced a second new member Laura Campbell, who is a consultant and among the leaders of I-TEN Wired and IT Gulf Coast.

President Wonders' opening remarks reminded us that today is National Espresso Day, National Eat A Cranberry Day and National Cashew Day. He shed light on why we do not find cashews available in the shell.

Regarding the Rotary jackpot, the joker remains at-large. Additionally, President Wonders raffled several tasty items! All are grateful for his scrumptious donations to the ticket raffle.

Rotarian Kelsey Powell presented sunshine. His humor centered on religious philanthropy and wedded bliss. He welcomed 2 visiting Rotarians (including one from Uganda) and 2 guests. Birthday greetings for 3 Rotarians were announced followed by a chorus of Happy Birthday You All:

1. Laura Campbell – Nov 27 – born in Charleston, SC in Rotary less than one year
2. Alan Bookman - Nov 28 – born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 34 years, Paul Harris +2
3. Auby Smith - Nov 29 – born in Boaz, AL, in Rotary 17 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Program Chair Joe Vinson welcomed Mike Bunn who currently serves as Director of Historic Blakeley State Park in Spanish Fort, Alabama. Previously, he directed the Historic Chattahoochee Commission (a bi-state agency operating in southeastern Alabama and southwestern Georgia) and worked as a curator

with the Columbus (Georgia) Museum and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's Museum of Mississippi. He has also worked with the Birmingham Historical Society and the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. Mike obtained his undergraduate degree from Faulkner University and earned master's degrees in history and higher education administration from the University of Alabama. He also completed a graduate certificate in public history at the University of West Georgia. Bunn is author or co-author of several books on Gulf South history focusing on the colonial, early statehood, antebellum, and Civil War periods. Mike is editor of *Muscogiana*, the journal of the Muscogee County (Georgia) Genealogical Society, and chair of the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission. He frequently teaches regional history courses with local continuing education programs and serves as a lecturer with the Alabama Humanities Foundation bicentennial scholars program. Mike and his wife Tonya live in Daphne, Alabama with their daughter Zoey.

Bunn's remarks covered key factors in the Creek War and points of intersection with the War of 1812. The author provided fascinating information on the percentage of all Creeks who adopted American culture and farming practices. Approximately half of all Creek's accepted the new ways of the Americans. He touched on the Federal Road, which is modern-day I-65 between Mobile and Montgomery. Bunn noted that Creek Indians came to Pensacola to purchase ammunition and guns. Americans recognized this as a potential threat and ambushed them. The Creek retaliated and massacred many in a subsequent battle. The conflict culminated in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, which saw the rise of Andrew Jackson. The battle claimed the largest number of casualties among native Americans. The talk ended with an insightful Q&A.

In closing remarks, President Wonders thanked today's speaker, the greeters, and ticket sales. He announced that next week's speaker is the leader of the Downtown Improvement Board."

President Wonders adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Rotarian Nicole Gislason

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**This week our meeting will begin promptly at 12:05.** We have a full agenda and want the speaker to be able to bring their full presentation.

**Update on the Rotary Club of Pensacola Office Relocation.** Rotarians, my office is now located in the Co-Work Annex of the Brent Building. At that location, I have a cost-effective dedicated desk. I have traded our landline for a cell phone. that makes me more available to you since I don't go to the office daily. Feel free to call or text me if you have a matter that needs to be addressed in a timely manner. The phone number has not changed. It is 850-434-0684.

**Make Note:** Next month the first 2 meetings of December, 12/7 and 12/14 due to prior commitments the Yacht Club will not be available to the Rotary Club and we will only be meeting on Zoom. On December 21 we will return to the Yacht Club for our Christmas Program.

**It is that time of the year again to make your annual pledge** to our local Foundation and Rotary International. You should have received your 2021-2022 pledge form last week. Copies of the pledge form are available upon request and at the weekly club meetings.

**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 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 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 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.

**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

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## 2021-2022 Club Officers

•President	Ed Wonders
•Past President	Sally Fox
•President Elect	Bruce Partington
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•Communications Officer	Joe Vinson

## Bulletin Information

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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	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

## District Governor

Larry Kubiak  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

## What's Happening in Rotary *continued*

**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.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
November 30 through December 6



## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### November 30

Prayer/Pledge: Preston Forshee      Sunshine: Leslie Halsall

### December 7

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins      Sunshine: Dale Jordan

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### November 30

Greeters: Charlie Sherrill & Charles Sherrill, III  
Ticket Sales: Richard Sherrill & Aubrey Smith

## Program Schedule

### November

30 - Walker Wilson - Downtown Improvement Board, Director

### December

7 - Scott Satterwhite - Author of 309, A Punk House in the Deep South  
14 - Dr. David Joyner - Andrews Institute  
21 - Christmas Program with the Pensacola Opera

## What's Happening in Rotary

### November

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

### December

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting on On-Line Zoom Only  
14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting on On-Line Zoom Only  
21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting