

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 12/6/2022

The December 6, 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:08. It was held at the Pensacola Bay Center due to unavailability at the Yacht Club. Past president Ed Wonders led the Four-Way Test. Rotarian Leslie Mickles led the prayer and pledge.

Ed gave the week's announcements. The Rotary International Convention will take place May 27-31 in Melbourne, Australia. RLI training information is available on the DacDB website. Annual pledge forms are on the tables. We are still offering potential members three meals for free. Rotarian Brian Wyer received a Founding Member award at CivicCon. Our club will sponsor five RYLA students, please consider any sophomores who might be interested in participating. Today is National Pawnbrokers Day, Mitten Tree Day, and Microwave Day, and Ed gave a history of those commemorations. Scott Sallis had the winning the 50-50 raffle ticket and drew a 5 from the deck.

Dale Jordan presented Sunshine. Henry Roberts brought three guests from Brightbridge. Chris Kelly's son Asher is another guest. Dale recounted two humorous stories from Shaquille O'Neal, and relayed predictions from a CIA speaker about the state of the economy and the possibility of conflict over Taiwan. The week's birthdays are Jane White and Brian Wyer.

Rotarian Henry Roberts introduced the speaker from Bright Bridge Ministries, Pastor Robin Nobles, executive director and United Methodist minister. Bright Bridge is a last-minute replacement as the planned speaker canceled. Their role is to "help individuals along the way" with rehabilitation programs for people struggling with addiction. It is a Christian ministry that operates out of the old Richards Memorial United Methodist Church, with an annual budget ranging between \$500k-\$1

million. Robin said they reopened their men's shelter in July and have served 115 homeless individuals, finding jobs for 57 of them. Their requirements include being drug- and alcohol-free and willing to work. They also have a food ministry that has served over 5,000 meals in November alone. No requirements to receive a hot meal. Another 5,000 hot meals have been prepared for shelters, including women and children's shelters they do not operate themselves. A Bright Bridge video was played. Robin introduced a staff member, James Donelson, who oversees the shelter and transitional housing, and who is approaching 9 years sober. Resident David Lineham also spoke about his experience struggling with addiction and mental disorders. After an incident of self-harm he contacted Bright Bridge, and he's now an overnight manager and 6 months sober. Henry thanked the Rotarians for all the support the club has given. A question about how to find transitional housing. Robin said it's in their building; they operate out of a Brownsville church and converted old Sunday School classrooms into bedrooms, and once residents get a job the program fee is \$100/week. They are at capacity with 42 residents, including some off-site. Henry said they also own a residence near Cordova Park that was donated, with six men living there. A new renovation in progress (by Rotarian Scott Sallis) will double the church's capacity. James drives residents to job interviews and helps them fill out applications online. The goal is for residents to reach independence. Robin said they've also facilitated food service skill training for residents to be eligible for good-paying jobs in restaurant kitchens. According to Henry, "There's always hope. There are people on the streets who need to hear that, and you've helped us do that."

Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

This week's meeting will be at Pensacola Bay Center. Use the main entrance (next to the box office) of the Bay Center and our greeters will direct you to the elevators to the 2nd floor.

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 meeting this week. Next week, December 20th we will return to the Pensacola Yacht Club for our Holiday party. For 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) with the exception of January 10th we will meet at First United Methodist Church. The Bay Center offers convenient parking and elevators to reach the 2nd floor meeting room. The dates in December of where we will meet can be found under "**Meeting Schedule**" of this newsletter.

UWF Women in Leadership Conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 30th. Tickets are on sale for the 2023 Women in Leadership Conference! An early-bird rate is available through December 15. The conference is at the UWF Conference Center and is also available virtually. Last year, a record-setting crowd of 700+ attended the conference. Extraordinary female leaders will share their expertise through powerful stories that will help you leverage your unique strengths and qualities to thrive and succeed in your current and future leadership roles! Female leaders from Innisfree Hotels, Landrum HR, National Park Service, Navy Federal Credit Union, United States Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Navy will be among the speakers. To buy tickets and for the latest information, visit uwf.edu/wilc.

Information to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute Training RLI is now available on 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

The Rotary Club of Pensacola has a new email address. cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org and 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 will only be available for a short period of time.

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2022-2023 Club Officers

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| •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 |

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Clubs Available for Makeup

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| 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

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 continues. 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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
December 13th through December 19th

Nicole Gislason – December 13 – born in Newbern, NC, in Rotary 3 year

Bryan McCall – December 14 – born in Pasadena, Texas, in Rotary 17 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Richard Sherrill - December 14 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 23 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Ray Jones - December 15 - born in Rockingham, NC, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris +1

Scott Barrow - December 17 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

December 13

Greeters: David Lamar and Benny Jeansonne

Ticket Sales: Britt Landrum and Trey Manderson

December 20

Greeters: Ron Martin and Jerry Maygarden

Ticket Sales: Matthew Massey and Trip Maygarden

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

December 13

Prayer/Pledge: Leslie Halsall

Sunshine: Charles Thornton

December 20

Prayer/Pledge: Jane White

Sunshine: Brian Wyer

Program Schedule

December

13 - Emily Paver - Global Literacy Program, Guatemala Rise Program

20 - Christmas Program with the Pensacola Opera and the Pensacola Symphony

What's Happening in Rotary

December

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 Yacht Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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 or Chris Bridwell at 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 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.