

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 12/13/2022

The December 13, 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:06. It was held at the Pensacola Bay Center due to unavailability at the Yacht Club. President Bruce Partington led the Four-Way Test. Rotarian Jean Norman led the prayer and pledge.

Program chair Ed Wonders introduced the week's speaker, who joined via Microsoft Teams. Emily Paver is the marketing & outreach manager for the Guatemala Literacy Project. Her role is to connect with service trip volunteers and student sponsors, and she is here to talk about educational programs in Guatemala and how they fared through the pandemic. They've been working for decades to reach indigenous communities who often don't have literacy resources. Education is what opens doors for people around the world, including for Emily, who is from rural West Virginia.

Guatemala is about the size of a US state, with population of 18 million. More than 50% are stuck in cycle of poverty due to total illiteracy — many cannot write their own name — so they can't take advantage of career opportunities. Families and children should not have to migrate from their homes to survive, so this program helps people where they are. Wraparound services help students from kindergarten through 12th grade to get their diploma and go to college, after which they can make 5x what their parents did and break the cycle of poverty. They are still reaching students through the pandemic via "Spark Reading Corners" in homes or classrooms, book deliveries in Spanish and indigenous languages (over 100 books per classroom) that they can take home, computer training seminars with a virtual option, textbook teacher trainings, and "tarjetones" (take-home lesson cards) which are oversized laminated cards aligned with lesson plans. Clubs can get involved by joining their global grant (more than 800 clubs have done so), sponsoring a Rise student, or traveling to Guatemala to see their work in action.

Bruce Partington recognized Julie Tippins Parker for coordinating our

club's support with GLP. Question about how much educational investment impacts GDP growth. Emily didn't know answer, but she knows illiteracy has been cut in half since they started. Julie asked Emily to explain how books are repurchased (sustainability model for textbooks). They invest initial cost to get textbooks into schools, and every 5 years they pay to update them. The revolving fund works by asking families to make an investment, about \$1-2 per month, which allows program to be fully self-sustaining and inspires families to take pride in their child's education. Question about how much is done in Spanish vs. indigenous languages. Emily said she didn't know exact answer, but almost all business-related dialogue is in Spanish. Bruce thanked Emily for speaking.

Announcements: we will be back at Pensacola Yacht Club next week with holiday musical program. Guests are welcome, but RSVP for planning. Sign up for Salvation Army bell ringing through December 15. Rotary Youth Institute registration is open. Bruce gave some historical tidbits that took place on this date.

Visiting Rotarian (district governor elect) Andre Boyd drew the raffle ticket. Henry Roberts drew a 10. Sally Fox drew two more tickets for gifts from Charles Thornton, Jack Daniels whisky and 1800 tequila. Charles also led Sunshine. Guests included Andre Boyd and Pam Smith. Birthdays include Nicole Gislason, Bryan McCall, Richard Sherrill, Ray Jones, and Scott Barrow. Charles talked about being mathematically challenged, but being an Alabama fan means only needing to count to 1. This year's been challenging for him. He also said he agreed to buy his son a car with 3 requirements: 1) get good grades, 2) read the Bible from start to finish, and 3) keep your hair trimmed. He didn't cut his hair because Jesus had long hair in the Bible, and Charles said that Jesus also walked everywhere he went.

Meeting adjourned at 12:51. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

This week's meeting will be at Pensacola Yacht Club.

We have a new temporary venue for our weekly meetings. Due to remodeling at Pensacola Yacht Club, 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.

Welcome New Member Ellen Vinson. Ellen is a native of Pensacola, a graduate of Florida State University and retired school teacher. Ellen has served on numerous boards in the community including Musuem of Art, Ronald McDonald House, Pensacola Symphony and Past-President of the Pensacola Symphony Guild. She is the mother of two of our club Rotarians, Matt and Joe Vinson and wife of Roger Vinson, her sponsor.

New Member Orientation will follow the regular weekly meeting, Tuesday, January 3rd at Pensacola Bay Center. All new members and their sponsors are encouraged to attend. However, this is open to any members that would like to join. Please send RSVP no later than 12/28/2022.

In appreciation for the service that we received from the staff each week at Pensacola Yacht Club, I will be passing around a basket collecting a cash thank you gift for the wait staff. They work very hard to make our time together each week a little bit better.

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.

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

•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

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.

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 bettybroberts@cox.net or Chris Bridwell at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
December 20th through January 2nd

Jerry Maygarden – December 22 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 33 years, Paul Harris +8

Alan Moore – December 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years, Paul Harris +1

Dale Jordan – December 27 – born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary 30 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Betty Roberts – January 1 – born in McComb, MS, in Rotary 17 years, Paul Harris +5

Denise Windham – January 2 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

December 20

Greeters: Ron Martin and Jerry Maygarden
Ticket Sales: Matthew Massey and Trip Maygarden

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

December 20

Prayer/Pledge: Jane White Sunshine: Brian Wyer

Program Schedule

December

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

What's Happening in Rotary

December

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

January

3 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams
10 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church and Microsoft Teams
17 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams
1:00 December Board of Directors Meeting
24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams
31 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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.