

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 8/31/2021

As Rotarians and Guests entered the Pensacola Yacht Club for the August 31st meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club, they were greeted by Rotarians Mark Harden and Scott Grissett. Rotarians Carter Hermann and Dale Jordan offered the chance to purchase raffle tickets.

President Ed Wonders called the meeting to order a wink or two past Noon. The room full of Rotarians were joined by an abundance of Rotarians via Zoom in anticipation of Dan Shugart's 2021 College Football Preview. Prior to leading the Prayer and Pledge, Rotarian Bill Fleming showed that he was a Rotarian of many hats as he explained his various fandoms via ball caps on a Rotary Tuesday that Rotarians were encouraged to wear their favorite school's colors.

President Ed highlighted that the Rotary Club of Pensacola was meeting on National Trail Mix Day. While there is some debate of when this delectable delight originated (1958 or 1968), there is no debate that hungers have subsided with the consumption of what some parts of the world call "gorp." Gorp does have an official definition, but there is a belief that gorp stands for "good old raisin and peanuts." Being the connoisseur of all things BBQ, President Ed shared that Wednesday, September 1st, is "National Burnt End" Day.

Rotarian Madison Currin's was a lucky raffle winner two times over. The first time his number was chosen, he drew a Queen and took home \$10. (\$102 will be up for grabs in two weeks' time). And if it wasn't great enough that Rotarian Madison was able to put an Alexander Hamilton in his wallet, he was also able to walk away with a bag of trail mix when his second number was drawn. Some Rotarians have all the luck. Raffles of great joy continued as Rotarian Judy Bense and Rotarian Charles Sherrill III each received a bottle of President Ed's homemade BBQ sauce when their respective numbers were drawn.

The author of these Rotary Minutes provided Sunshine. He welcomed three guests and one visiting Rotarian:

While the jokes told during Sunshine were not of sherrillian caliber, there is a hope that they provided a bit of laughter and happiness.

Five Rotarians were serenaded with "Happy Birthday, You All" to help them celebrate their big days.

Upon being introduced by Rotarian Joe Vinson, WEAR TV's Dan Shugart and his 2021 College Football Preview were next on the day's program. Dan, who has been covering sports in the greater Northwest Florida region since 1980, is a Pensacola icon and always delights the audience during his annual preview. Key takeaways for this year's preview include:

- University of West Florida: High expectations for a team that is balanced on offense and has a defense that will continue to get better throughout

the season. The Argos play in the toughest conference in college football as the Gulf South is home to the last four Division 2 National Champions. AWESOME that UWF can count itself as one of those four!

- University of Alabama: Eight returning starters on a defense that is poised to be among the best. 13 of the top 23 recruits in the SEC's most recent signing period are playing at Alabama. Coach Saban has won all but one National Championship with a first year starting quarterback. Sophomore Bryce Young will be in his first year starting for the defending National Champion Crimson Tide.

- University of Florida: Nine total returning starters return for Dan Mullen's Gators. 2020 Gators gave up the most yards and most points since WWII. Defensive backfield should be a strength for this year's group. In addition, a couple of transfers into the program should help bolster 2021's defensive performance.

- Auburn University: Anchored by Navarre's Nick Brahm, the offensive line will be a strength for the Tigers. Quarterback Bo Nix is paired with an offensive coordinator in Mike Bobo that will aid in his development. The defense has questions on all three levels (line, linebackers and secondary).

- Florida State: At the conclusion of the 2020 season, the Seminoles finished with only 50 scholarship players. The offensive line, which features Darius Washington of West Florida Tech High School, will be a strength as the positions of quarterback and running back look for more consistency.

- Scott Frost of Nebraska is on the coaching hot seat after a lackluster performance against Illinois. Pine Forest's Devon Witherspoon and Pace's Tyler Strain are members of the Illinois team that played Frost's Cornhuskers in a Week 0 matchup of the 2021 College Football Season.

- The new Name, Image, Likeness Policy (NIL) will allow the already successful programs become even more successful (rich get richer).

When asked about the upcoming University of Georgia and Clemson University matchup, Dan was quick to point out Pensacola High School's Hunter Rayborn is a member of Clemson's offensive line. Georgia's quarterback JT Daniels is talented, but the Bulldogs have question marks at the receiver position. Georgia's defense is the best it has been in years. Clemson may take step back (just a bit) on offense with the departure of quarterback Trevor Lawrence to the NFL. Quarterback DJ Uiagalelei is talented and has experienced success playing in Lawrence's place last season while Lawrence was out with an injury. This will be a bellwether game that is sure to be incredibly entertaining.

Meeting minutes submitted by Rotarian Scott Grissett.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**On September 7 and September 21 we will only be meeting on Zoom. The Pensacola Yacht Club will not be available on those dates. Please see the schedule below for upcoming speakers and events.**

**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.

**Want to experience the Guatemala Literacy Project in action?** 2022 travel dates are Feb. 5 - 13 and Feb. 22 - 27 and July 26 - 31. For more information copy and paste this link: Home - The Guatemala Literacy Project. Due to COVID, these trips may be canceled on September 15. If you are interested in traveling, please contact Julie Tippins Parker at [julietippins@bellsouth.net](mailto:julietippins@bellsouth.net).

**Our new 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](mailto: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.

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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

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|-----------------|---|-------|----------|
| 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 | Asbury Place, Cokesbury United Methodist Church | Fri.  | 12:00 pm |

## District Governor

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

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
September 7th through September 13th

**Ellis Bullock** – September 11 – born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary  
44 years, Paul Harris +2



## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### September 7

Prayer/Pledge: Jean Norman      Sunshine: Charles Beall

### September 14

Prayer/Pledge: Hugh Hamilton      Sunshine: Vicki Campbell

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### September 14

Greeter: Charles Kahn and Sorna Knight  
Ticket Sales: Chris Kelly and Jerry Kindle

## Program Schedule

### September

7 - Leon Hirsh, Polio/Rotary (Zoom Only)  
14 - Benny Washington, Youth Basketball  
21 - TBA, (Zoom Only)  
28 - Larry Kubiak, District 6940 Governor

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Our new Helicopter Committee Chair-Person Nicole Gisalon 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](mailto: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. 850-619-0679. Chris

**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.

## What's Happening in Rotary

### September

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting **Zoom Only**  
14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting  
21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting **Zoom Only**  
28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting  
1:00 Board Meeting