

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 10/4/2022

The sun shone bright with no clouds in the sky as we began our first October rotary meeting. We had lively bunch at the meeting this day as we were going to not only welcome our district head but also hear from the legendary rooters. Vicki Campbell manned our raffle tickets with an assist from Judy Bense. Laura Campbell and Bill Fleming were the faces of welcome and warmth for all those who entered.

Bruce Partington called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM. After the four-way test, Bruce may or may not have welcomed us to the Five Flags Rotary meeting. Needless to say, if this indeed happened, a great deal of heckling was lobbed his way. Bryan Wyer saved Bruce with a powerful prayer featuring a newspaper that spoke volumes to those who attended and pledge and we moved into the core of the meeting.

The Rotary Rooters then came forward to bless the crowd with a medley of football songs featuring the song, Varsity, Auburn Fight Song (kind of), Florida Fight Song and Florida State Fight Song. They finished it up with a special tribute to our District Governor of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Bruce regained the stage to focus us on the initiatives of our club including the joint grant with Five Flags that is "moving fast" to make positive change in early learning. He also mentioned the Hurricane Ian collection was going on and pointed that many had already donated. He also reminded us that our annual pledge forms were due and encouraged us to give.

On this day featured the Gregorian Calendar that was introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory the 13th to correct the errors for Leap Year. The

excitement continued as we had TWO raffle winners: \$8 and a class pumpkin. This was followed up by a mediocre attempt at Sunshine by Craig Hindsman with one birthday, two visitors, and too many dad jokes.

Ed Wonder to the reigns to introduce Dan Sulger, our Rotary District Governor. Dan is from the Boston area but has called the panhandle of Florida home for over 15 years with his wife Kim and his cats and husky. Dan's journey has had two paths of success, one in theatrical arts and one in healthcare management. Since joining the Rotary Club of Navarre, he has served as its Secretary, Grants Chair, Foundation Chair and President. He has also served at the District level having worked as the District Membership Chair, an Assistant District Governor - Area 1, Aide to the District Governor as well as an Aide to a President's Representative.

Gov. Sulger welcomed and thanked all the past district governors and presidents as well as honored the history of the Downtown Rotatory as it is the longest running club in the district. He reminded us that we all have 525,600 minutes to effect changed this year. He reminded us that "You don't imagine the past...you imagine tomorrow" and encouraged us to keep the deep history of our club going through investment in the future and recognized that we had some new benefactors in the room.

We discussed the Imagine Rotary symbol, the concept of imagining and how to see a better future. We discussed that we are not individual members of rotary international...we are members of the Downtown Rotary and that we ARE Rotary. Not a club or organization. It is us so it is up to us to imagine what the future of Rotary can and should be.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Welcome New Member Aaron Bercovitch. Aaron is a native of Phoenix, Arizona, a graduate of Northern Arizona University with a B.A. in Political Science, Graduate Studies from Michigan State University, Harvard University Extension, and currently at Columbia University pursuing a Professional Certificate in Corporate Finance. Aaron is a past-member of the Rotary Club of Tempe Downtown Arizona where he served as President. He and his partner, Katherine "Macey" Reynolds, have one child, Benjamin. Aaron does Medicare and Financial Advising for American Heritage Financial, a firm headquartered here in Pensacola. His passions include working with nonprofits and smaller businesses, volunteering in the community, and spending time with his family. Aaron's sponsor is President Bruce Partington.

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.

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.

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

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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

Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter. Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card size 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
October 11th through October 17th

Joe Rosenbaum – October 11 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 32 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Robert Overton – October 14 – born in Jackson, AL, in Rotary 5 years

Lisa Minshew – October 14 – born in Pensacola, FL. In Rotary 4 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

October 11

Greeters: Madison Currin and Christina Doss

Ticket Sales: David Delgallo and Craig Hindsman

October 18

Greeters: Cedric Durre and Lee Elebash

Ticket Sales: Lindsey Durre and Bill Fleming

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

October 11

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill, III Sunshine: Al Coby

October 18

Prayer/Pledge: David Delgallo Sunshine: Nicole Gialason

Program Schedule

October

11 - Joe Vinson, Lost Pensacola

18 - Ted Kircharr, Hanwash

25 - Bryan McCall, GGAF 50th Anniversary

What's Happening in Rotary

October

11 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Team

18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Team

1:00 - October Board Meeting

25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Team