

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 8/16/2022

The sun shone down on a summer day in Pensacola as a great crowd of Rotarians gathered together at the Pensacola Yacht Club last Tuesday. Spirits were high and the lines were long as our members bought a few chances at the Joker from John Tice and Jane White. As we entered into the meeting, we were greeted by two of the most distinguished greeters we have had to date, Joe Vinson and Jack Williams. The Asian inspired meal was top notch as we gathered with friends and strangers to push forward in making Pensacola the best place to live.

Our new president, Bruce Partington, rang the bell at 12:06pm and called us to order with the 4-way test. The honorable Bill Stafford led us in our invocation and pledge as we saluted both our Creator and our country. Then, to the delight of all in attendance, the Rooters assembled, to share in a special rendition of God Bless America followed by a TRULY unforgettable original version of the Rotary Twist, complete with choreography by Sally Fox.

Sally Fox would twist right back up to introduce our newest Rotarian, Russell Fertitta. Russell is the Director of Strategy and Management Consulting for a boutique firm in DC and the owner of Fertitta Ventures based in Gulf Breeze. He is a former Navy fighter pilot, husband, father of 3, drummer, Harley rider, scuba diver and sky diver.

Bruce stepped away from the traditional "day of" announcements to focus on the 2022-2023 Member Pledge campaign, emphasizing

the trustworthiness of the Rotary International and its work around the world. Sally Fox was the lucky raffle winner but the joker remained elusive. Alexis Bolin presented our Sunshine for the day with a single birthday in the house and an inspirational quote.

Then it was on to Joe Vinson as he introduced our keynote for that day. Crista Brandt is a senior manager with Cox business, a member of impact 100 and the chamber and a dance mom. In her "spare" time she founded and runs the Pensacola chapter of Valerie's House. Crista presented a moving presentation about an organization that seeks to fill a void in our community in specifically helping children who are grieving the loss of a parent or sibling. Crista herself lost her mother as a child, so this organization is deeply personal for her. Among their services, Valerie's House provides open-ended peer support groups and activities for children to heal after a significant loss in their life. Valerie's House is not a formal counseling center. It is a community and a platform for individuals to come together, share, and mentor each other through their grief. There is nothing like it in Northwest Florida. Crista is seeking to grow this chapter to cover Escambia to Bay County. She is currently running out of the Big Brothers/Big Sister center but is looking for a permanent NWF home.

Bruce wrapped the meeting with a reminder to support the Membership Pledge and it Imagine Rotary at 1:02pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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.

This will be the last week that we have On-Line Meetings with Zoom. Starting August 30th, we will begin 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. call. 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 rcopens@bellsouth.net

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 rcopens@bellsouth.net

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 rcopens@bellsouth.net 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 Rotary Club of Pensacola. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
August 23rd through August 29th

Hill Turner – August 24 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 38 years, Paul Harris Fellow + 1

Adam Principe – August 28 – born in Jacksonville, FL, in Rotary 6 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

August 23

Greeters: Ed Wonders and Craig Hindsman
Ticket Sales: Richard Sherrill and Bill Fleming

August 30

Greeters: Larry Adams and Brett Barrow
Ticket Sales: Marjy Anders and Charles Beall

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

August 23

Prayer/Pledge: Ted Brown Sunshine: Charles Kahn

August 30

Prayer/Pledge: Frank Beall Sunshine: John Shaffer

Program Schedule

August

23 - Pete Shinnick - UWF Football
30 - Dan Shugart - WEAR-TV - Sports

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23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Zoom
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