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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 1/17/2023

Rotarians were welcomed by to the Pensacola Bay Center and greeted by Lisa Minshew and Lori NeSmith as many proceeded to buy some 50/50 drawing tickets from Jane White. President Partington kicked off the meeting and asked Madison Currin to lead all in the prayer and pledge.

One of the highlights (maybe the top) was that the Rooters (and there is a lot of them now) performed –we enjoyed a Christmas and New Year’s tunes. Notes from President Bruce include that our \$1000 became \$4000 because of a match from Rotary International to support the literacy program. Next up was recognizing some Paul Harris Fellows including Charles Beale (+7), Rodger Vinson (+8), Britt Landrum (+4) and Betty Roberts (+6) – congratulations. Don’t forget that we will have the Manna Food Bank operations in March – more information to follow about how to sign up. Also in March is the Rotary Leadership event so don’t forget March will be busy.

David Lamar won the 50/50 raffle and puller the Ace, so \$10 for him.

Ted Brown, as Sunshine, entertained everyone with some clever insights on boating and the joys (and expense) of being a boat owner. Birthdays and visitors were also recognized. All 24 of the visiting German college student cohort who are here to study with UWF – they

all introduced themselves in perfect English of course.

The program – Retired Navy Captain Bruce Watson who is the Executive Director for the Escambia Early Learning Coalition that works to help young aged children with entry and preparation for school. Bruce went on to describe in high detail all aspects of the organization, who it serves, its successes, funding sources, and other details They are currently serving 2691 children which is actually down from 2020’s 3284 students due to the pandemic and program exposure. Faith based programs they support as well have been highly successful. Bruce had many more facts and details on the program, and we are all encouraged to visit their website to learn all the benefits of teaching the kids to: “Learn to Learn”. That concluded the program. One final thing, President Bruce invited Curt Morse from Five Flags and Leslie from our Club to the front to recognize them for the summer bag program for students and that combined both Clubs raised over \$12,000 for the program – congratulations to all.

We adjourned at 1:05 pm. Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

This week’s meeting will be at Pensacola Bay Center, 201 East Gregory St. 2nd Floor

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). The Bay Center offers convenient parking and elevators to reach the 2nd floor meeting room.

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.

Registration for the Melbourne International Convention is open and information can be found at www.Rotary.Org or at www.rotarymelbourne2023.org

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.

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	Pensacola Bay Center	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

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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
January 24th through January 30th

Ron Martin - January 27 - Pensacola, FL - in Rotary for 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow +3



Greeters and Ticket Sales

January 24

Greeters: Sheila Nichols and Susan O'Connor
Ticket Sales: Jean Norman and Rob Overton

January 31

Greeters: Tom Owens and Bob Perkins
Ticket Sales: Julie Tippins Parker and Janet Pilcher

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

January 24

Prayer/Pledge: Vince Currie
Sunshine: Judy Bense

January 31

Prayer/Pledge: Lee Elebash
Sunshine: David DelGallo

Program Schedule

January

24 - Grover Robinson, Mayor, a year in review
31 - TBA

What's Happening in Rotary

January

24 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams
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