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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 2/28/2023

If the Parking Staff had not been collecting money at the Bay Center, I would not have remembered that our Rotary meeting this day was as the Wright Place. I thanked them and they were amused! Next week due to another event at the Bay Center, our meeting will be virtual.

So at the Wright Place, greeters were Bill Fleming. Scott Sallis was selling our chance tickets – the winner, Chris Kelly, walked away with \$10 today thanks to the Queen of Hearts.

Prayer and Pledge were provided by Craig Hindsman.

President Bruce Partington provided several fascinating Today in History factoids going back as far as 202 BC. He also reminded members that the Grants application was now available online and applications may be made from March 1 – 31. Nominations for ethics in business are also still open.

Dede Flounlacker was an outstanding, as always, Sunshine. And with help from Chris Kelly, led us in an on key chorus of happy birthday to Scott Sallis. She also introduced several visitors.

The program today was on the Leadership Pensacola Project.

Speakers were Craig Hindsman, Ronnie Rivera and Melanie Luna. The LeaP program began in 1982, and over 1,000 people have completed it. Many in the room responded with their class year! The intent of the program is to build a stronger Pensacola region for current and future generations. There are many participants this year and so they have chosen to work on 2 projects, partnering with existing nonprofits to work in the 32505 zip code. They are working with Feed the Gulf Coast to bring mobile food pantries to this area which is a “food desert”, building and sustaining a way to bring 5 years of food to the area. Additionally, C. A. Weis elementary school, in partnership with other organizations, will have a food pantry and a clothing closet. Many families of children in this school lack running water and power to their homes. For more information, text LEAP2023 to 44321 or go online to [leapforchangpensacola.org](http://leapforchangpensacola.org).

The Rotary Rooters closed the meeting with two fun songs introduced humorously by leader Auby Smith.

Submitted by Lynne Tobin

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**This week's meeting will be only on MicroSoft Teams. The March 7th meeting is on line only.**

**We will return next week March 14th to Pensacola Bay Center for our weekly meeting.** Due to remodeling at Pensacola Yacht Club, for the next 3 months, we will be meeting at Pensacola Bay Center at 201 East Gregory Street (previously known as the Pensacola Civic Center),

**The Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola along with the University of West Florida** are looking for individuals who exhibit outstanding ethical practices. They are looking to identifying those persons who should be given community-wide recognition. That is why the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola, along with the University of West Florida College of Business, established an Ethics in Business Award. This year's award is the 21st annual award and will be awarded during a luncheon meeting on April 27, 2023. Two awards will be given, one for an individual from an organization with 50 or more employees and one for an individual from an organization with 49 or fewer employees. The 2023 instructions and nomination forms can be found on our website at: [www.pensacolarotaryclub.org](http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org). Copies are available at our weekly meeting or you can request a form by emailing Chris at: [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org). Nominations must be received by Friday, March 24, 2023.

**The Rotary Club of Pensacola Community Grant** application is now available online at [https://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/page/community\\_grants/](https://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/page/community_grants/), also on our home page. You can also use the shorter URL [www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/grants](http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/grants). Application can be made starting March 1 through March 31st.

**Last chance to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute Training.** RLI information is available on [www.dacdb](http://www.dacdb). Save the date and register.

**You can now book your trip to the “Celebration of Clubs” District 6940 Conference for 2023!** Click here to register for the conference: Start date: Friday April 28th, end date: Sunday April 30th, 2023. Cost of conference: \$210, and \$105 for any Rotarian a member for 1 year or less (50%). Last date to register for the conference: April 15, 2023

**Registration for the Melbourne International Convention** is open and information can be found at [www.Rotary.Org](http://www.Rotary.Org) or at [www.rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://www.rotarymelbourne2023.org)

**Please forward any updated information you want listed in the Rotary Club of Pensacola Directory.** If your personal information has changed or if you want a current photo in the directory, please forward that information to me as soon as possible at [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.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

**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.

## 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

## Bulletin Information

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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

**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](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org).

**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](mailto: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  
March 7th through March 13th

**Joe Vinson** – March 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 3 years  
**Clark Merritt** – March 10 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years  
**Doug Werber** – March 13 – born in Cleveland, OH, in Rotary 16 years,  
Paul Harris Fellow +1

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### March 14

Greeters: Richard Sherrill and Tory Sokul  
Ticket Sales: Auby Smith and David Stafford

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### March 7

Prayer/Pledge: Leslie Halsall                      Sunshine: Scott Grissett

### March 14

Prayer/Pledge: Allison Hill                      Sunshine: David Henriquez

## Program Schedule

### March

7 - Leigh Davis - Santa Rosa Island Authority  
14 - Mike Bunn - Battle of Fort Blakeley  
21 - Terri Jenkins - American Red Cross  
28 - Warden - Prison System

## What's Happening in Rotary

### March

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting - Microsoft Teams Only  
14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams  
21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams  
1:00 Board of Director March Meeting  
28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams