

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 6/4/2024

The June 4th meeting was held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. President Beall called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. and led the club in the Four Way Test. Betty Roberts followed with prayer and pledge.

### Announcements:

Only three meetings left in this Rotary year! Our Change of Command Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th at Heritage Hall. Doors open at 5:30 PM and the program begins at 6:15 PM. Please RSVP to Chris Bridwell as soon as possible.

Also, at the Banquet we will give out the 2024 Grover III and Sandra Robinson Award. We have a few excellent nominations in, but we would like to have more. Please nominate someone who you believe would be well-deserving of such an award.

\$844 in raffle money today. Winner pulled a King card. Pot continues to grow.

**Sunshine:** Nicole Gislason

**Ed Wonders introduced the program – City of Pensacola Economic Development Initiatives, presented by Erica Grancagnolo**

### Here are some highlights:

- Ms. Grancagnolo was selected in January 2023 as the Director of the newly-formed Economic Development Department at the City of Pensacola.
- American Magic
  - American Magic will be here starting in January 2025 and this will be their new headquarters.
  - Follow them on Facebook and LinkedIn. Their marketing videos are incredibly uplifting.
  - Hydrofoils allow the boats to “fly” above the water.
  - Expected to bring 150 high-wage jobs to Pensacola.
  - American Magic will also provide partnerships with IHMC and UWF.
  - Immense tourism development as people will come from all over to see the sail boat races.
  - The mainsail on the newest 75-foot boat has already been updated to sport a large “Pensacola, Florida” logo that it will carry for the entire international race series this fall, before returning to its new home in Pensacola.
  - This brings international recognition to the City of Pensacola.
  - \$15M in funds for the project come from the Governor’s job growth grant fund, Triumph Gulf Coast, and FSTED.
- Baptist Hospital Redevelopment
  - 51 acres of land all within City limits
  - In early January 2024, Mayor DC Reeves and Mark Faulkner signed a letter of intent stating that if the City received

sufficient funding to demolish and remediate the legacy campus, Baptist will donate the legacy campus to the City for redevelopment. The demolition and abatement are estimated at \$16.5 million.

- Awaiting the Governors signing of the budget into law so that an appropriation can be applied to demolition of existing site.
  - Currently doing due diligence on the property to avoid unexpected issues.
  - Purchase of waterfront Industrial property on Bayou Chico
    - To be used in the event we need additional waterfront for American Magic or for other uses.
  - Port of Pensacola
    - Buildout of Northeastern 20 acres
    - Focus on innovative marine tech
    - There is a 2019 Portside Masterplan, which includes waterfront seating areas to experience American Magic boats sailing in and out of the harbor.
    - The goal is to build off the momentum of American Magic.
  - Airport Expansion
    - The well-known dirt overflow lot will be paved to add more parking. An additional dirt lot will also be paved eventually.
    - Long-term goal is to build another parking garage. However, parking garages are extremely expensive and this will take time.
    - A design for a 5 gate expansion is underway. The new gates will be added to the right side of the terminal.
    - The new gates will be designed for larger planes, which means more seating space for travelers. The seating space is minimal at the current gates because our airport was initially only intended for regional flights. We are thankful and prepared for growth.
  - ST Engineering Titan Hangar
    - Partnership with PSC — A&P training school will be constructed adjacent to future hangar 4.
    - Recent approval from school board to bring students in for regular tours.
    - This will promote early interest in aviation for our local children.
  - Habitat for Humanity Community Land Trust
    - Our wages do not balance with our housing market.
    - The goal is to bring balance and to bridge the gap.
- President Beall adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**TODAY, TUESDAY, June 11, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club**

**RSVP to attend the Change of Command Banquet on Thursday, June 20th, at Heritage Hall located at 130 East Government Street. Doors open at 5:30pm and the program begins at 6:15.**

**Last chance to make your nominations for the 2024 Grover III and Sandra Robinson Award.** These awards were first presented in June 2000 to recognize an outstanding Rotarian from our Club and a community leader who exemplify “Service Above Self”. Both Grover and Sandra Robinson exhibited the highest examples of this service to Rotary and concomitant community concern and action. Please honor their memory and legacy with your nomination. Submit your nomination no later than Wednesday June 12th 5:00pm.

**We will continue to stream our meeting using Microsoft Teams; however, changes will be made due to poor wi-fi reception at PYC.** You will no longer receive visual video of the meetings but will be able to listen to the announcements and hear the speaker. The link to join 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.

## 2023-2024 Club Officers

•President	Charles Beall
•Past President	Bruce Partington
•President Elect	Henry Roberts
•Secretary	Randall Richardson
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•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.	5:15 pm
	meets every other Tuesday		
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	Hancock Bank, Creighton Rd.	Fri.	12:00 pm

## District Governor

Kerry Anne Schultz  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

To increase the membership of our club, we will continue to offer 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](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/paymentr>. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
June 11 through June 17

**John Trawick** – June 11 – born in Atlanta, GA, in Rotary 26 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Margaret Stopp** – June 15 – born in Binghamton, NY, in Rotary 22 years, Paul Harris Fellow +8



## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### June 11

Greeters: Bob Perkins and Lawrence Powell

Ticket Sales: Kelsey Powell and Ed Ranelli

### June 18

Greeters: Howard Reddy

Ticket Sales: Jean Norman and Randall Richardson

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### June 11

Prayer/Pledge: Leslie Halsall

Sunshine: Caleb Heifner

### June 18

Prayer/Pledge: Craig Hindsman

Sunshine: David DelGallo

## Program Schedule

### June

11 - Brian Hilson - FloridaWest Economic Development

18 - Mike Papantonio - Sex Trafficking

## Meeting Schedule

### June

11 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

20 - Change of Command Installation Banquet - Heritage Hall at Seville Quarters