

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 05/19/2020

Virtual reality. Again? Really? Yep. President John Trawick noted we will continue to follow Rotary International's recommendation against conducting face-to-face meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year.

A silver lining? Could there be one? Yep. The Board was able to donate \$5k to Manna. Since we're conducting virtual meetings, the weekly savings in meal costs contributed significantly to the Club's ability to make the donation from operating funds. He expects the Board will approve another donation going forward.

Additional remarks by President John included the ongoing recruitment campaign for committee chairs and volunteers as President-Elect Sally Fox prepares for her upcoming term, the new membership directories were recently distributed and to let Chris Bridwell know if it wasn't received, and the sad news that Rotarian Bromley Dyson died. A moment of silence was then held.

Rotarian Mark Harden introduced the day's guest speaker: Rotarian Laura Gilliam. One of our own, Laura is the President and CEO of the United Way of West Florida (UWWF), a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that unites agencies, businesses, organizations, faith-based groups, government, and individuals to fight for the health, education, and financial stability for everyone in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Rotarian Laura's remarks today regarded their response to COVID-19 (C19) since March.

The United Way is an integral part of our community. As with many businesses, which the United Way is – just non-profit, it closed its doors on March 20<sup>th</sup> in response to the C19. Work remained to be performed and, in fact, the staff have been very busy since. Laura anticipates their doors will open to the public sometime in June.

211 Northwest Florida, powered by UWWF, is a resource and referral service that provides one-stop referral information to help you when you need it most. 211 maintains up-to-date information on emergency food and shelter, services for families and senior citizens, health care, childcare, services for people with disabilities, counseling and mental health services, and more. It's a one-stop shop for people to call when help is needed.

211 has always been a valuable community resource, and the calls for help have increased around 300% as a result of C19's impact. The most frequent request for assistance is with food. The demand for assistance has increased whilst the available resources, including volunteers, have decreased. The challenges are expected to grow going forward, especially for housing once the eviction moratorium is lifted.

UWWF started a C19 funding site that has since grown to \$335k+ to help people with food, shelter, etc. \$250k was recently donated to 15 non-profits to assist them in their efforts. A second round of support is expected in the next few weeks and fund raising is actively underway now. Volunteer availability is an ongoing challenge normally but even more so given the C19 vulnerability within the normal volunteer population.

Laura shared they are looking at re-structuring and/or postponing key activities that normally involve social contact closer than six feet. The October Day of Caring, normally in October, will be postponed until February. The Stuff the Bus campaign for school supplies will still occur this summer but will utilize virtual resources as much as possible. The need is expected to be greater this year.

The annual fundraising campaign kick-off usually involves 200-300 people. UWWF is reviewing how best to conduct the campaign in light of C19 but no decision has been made yet on how they will proceed. She believes non-profits will continue to operate as long as they can and encouraged donating time and/or money if able to do so. Laura noted this is United Way's 96<sup>th</sup> year of serving our region.

President John concluded the meeting by thanking Leslie Halsall for leading us in prayer and the pledge, Jean Norman for delivering a healthy dose of sunshine, and our fellow Rotarian and guest speaker Laura Gilliam along with those who helped make it happen.

Yours in Rotary Service, Randy Ray

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

On-Line Zoom Meetings are now being held every Tuesday at noon. You will receive your invitation to join the meetings on Monday's. The meetings can be accessed with your computer, tablet or your smart phone. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. 850-619-0679. Chris

## 2019-2020 Club Officers

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□Past President	Betty Roberts
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## Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	New World Landing	Mon.	12:15 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends Restaurant	Tues.	7:00 am
	Andrews Institute		
Milton	Red Barn on Hwy. 90	Tues.	12:00 pm
Seville	Seville Quarter	Tues.	4:15 pm
Perdido	13660 Innerarity Point Road	Wed.	7:15 am
Cantonment	Scenic Hills Country Club	Wed.	12:15 pm
Cordova	Gulf Coast Kid's House	Thur.	7:00 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	The Tuscan Grill	Thur.	12:00 pm
	Hidden Creek Golf Course - Check navarrerotary.org		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

Innes Richards  
www.rotary6940.org

## Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
May 26th through June 1st

**Bob Slaby** – May 29 – born in Cleveland, OH in Rotary 1 year  
**Mike Steltenkamp** – May 31 – born in Covington, KY, in Rotary 5 years  
**Lori Kain** – June 1 – born in Elmira, NY, in Rotary 7 years

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### May 26

Prayer/Pledge - Bruce Partington      Sunshine - Henry Roberts

### June 2

Prayer/Pledge - Adam Principe      Sunshine - Grover Robinson

## Program Schedule

May 26 - Dede Flounlacker - Manna Food Pantries  
June

2 - Captain Tim Kinsella - CO, Pensacola Naval Air Station  
9 - Dr. Ken Ford - The Institute for Human & Machine Cognition

## What's Happening in Rotary

### May - Youth Service Month

26 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

### June - Rotary Fellowship Month

2 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

9 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

16 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

23 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

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