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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 07/28/2020

The Rotary Club of Pensacola's Zoom meeting was called to order by President Sally Fox on Tuesday, 28 July, 2020 at 12:03 PM. President Fox reminded all of her REEFS goal. Ted Brown provided the Prayer and Pledge. There were 59 members participating in the meeting.

Chris Kelly, Program Chair, after some announcements, introduced our very own Rotarian and President of UWF, Martha Saunders, as our speaker today.

President Saunders acknowledged the unusual and difficult decisions that were required to manage during this pandemic. She stated that it was first important to reflect on the mission of the university and the long-term goals. Highlights of the year so far are that UWF in conjunction with IHMC has begun Florida's first doctoral program in intelligent systems and robotics. Dr. Kristin "Brent" Venable is the director of this program. It has attracted highly qualified applicants – so many that not all can be accepted.

The university has launched the Guardian Campus Safety App, keeping students safe on campus. They have a Cyber Security Grant to assist students studying in that field.

The University of West Florida has been awarded the 2019 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity, or HEED, Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. The award recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. UWF also received this national honor in 2015, 2016 and 2018. They have also received the Gold Award as a Military Friendly School.

And never forget that football team! UWF is the NCAA Division 2 Champion and will remain so until or maybe even after football is resumed.

In March, the campus went online only, sending students home. 150 remained on campus as they had nowhere to go. With experience from hurricane planning, the faculty was able to activate their e-learning shells and students hung in there. There

were creative online counseling, health and wellness courses, and federal funding through CARES for students. UWF was able to refund housing and dining plans. They extended deadlines so that students were not charged cancellation fees. UWF recognized that families had many difficult decisions to make. The faculty helped each other in "how" to teach online. And WUWF kept everyone up to date.

Enrollment was actually up 7% this summer and is now holding strong for Fall. Reopening in the Fall will start August 21. UWF is working with the county and the city in ways to manage safely. President Saunders has great confidence in the spirit of UWF. Not to mention that she is herself a very upbeat cheerleader. President Saunders will teach a class in Leadership Communication the Fall and this group of Rotarians just experienced her first class!

Scott Grissett reminded us all that Lisa York has made a Beach Basket for auction, the proceeds will go to the Rotary Foundation.

Allan Bookman provided Sunshine and several virus jokes. Birthdays were recognized and some singing ensued.

President Sally Fox recognized the following Paul Harris fellows: Dr. Kaberi Samanta, Frank Beall +1, and Julie Tippins Parker +1.

Please let Scott Grissett know if you would like to do a Member Minute.

President Fox said there will be an educational wine tasting event in the near future. Members should let her know whether Thursday or Friday evening is preferred.

Our next week's speaker will be District Governor Jan Pooley.

If you know of needs in the community, please let President Fox or the Board know.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Lynne Tobin.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

On-Line Zoom Meetings 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

Welcome New Member Bob Perkins. Bob is a native of Kansas City, Mo. He graduated from Kent State University where he received his B.A., Ohio State University where he received his M.A. and Colorado State University where he received his PhD. Bob was a Rotarian with the Downtown Rotary Club of Atlanta for 6 years. As a member of the Atlanta club he created a mentor program with Rotarians and MBA students. He is married to Susan and they have three children. His sponsor is Marty Longworth.

In an effort to raise funds for our Rotary Club's Foundation, Sergeant of Arms Scott Grissett is looking for Rotarians to participate in Member Moments. He is providing a two minute platform for a member to share such facts as occupation (now/in the past), hobbies, community passion and something no one knows about the Rotarian. In order to get the opportunity to participate in what surely will be a fun and informative activity simply make the winning bid in the Member Moment auction. The winning bid will go to our Club's Foundation. The bid begins at \$20. for each auction. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Scott Grissett (sjgrissett@gmail.com) with your bid by 5 pm on Friday.

## 2020-2021 Club Officers

•President	Sally Fox
•Past President	John Trawick
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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 <a href="http://navarrerotary.org">navarrerotary.org</a>		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

Jan Pooley  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
August 1st through August 10th

**Lisa York** – August 1 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 3 years  
**Bob Perkins** – August 2 – born in Kansas City, Mo in Rotary 6 years  
**Kim Ray** – August 4 – born in Mesa, Az, in Rotary 4 years  
**Rick Fountain** – August 4 - born in Pensacola, in Rotary 12 years  
**Jonathan Griffith** – August 6 – born in Olney, MD, in Rotary 6 years  
**Pete Doyle** – August 7 – born in Erie, PA, in Rotary 22 years  
**Mark Harden** – August 7 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 14 years  
**Janet Pilcher** – August 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years  
**Lawrence Powell** – August 8 – born in Pensacola, FL in Rotary less than one year  
**Verdell Hawkins** – August 10 – born in Natchez, MS, in Rotary 5 years

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### August 4

Prayer/Pledge - John Clark                      Sunshine - Al Coby

### August 11

Prayer/Pledge - Jimmy Jones                      Sunshine - Dale Jordan

## Program Schedule

### August

4 - Jan Pooley, District 6940, Governor  
11 - Senator Don Gaetz, Triumph Board  
18 - TBD  
25 - Dan Shugart - WEAR TV - College football

## What's Happening in Rotary

### August - Membership and New Club Development

4 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
11 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
18 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
1:00 On Line Board of Directors Meeting  
25 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

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