

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 09/22/2020

The September 22 Zoom meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order by President Sally Fox at 12:04pm. The meeting (which had 33 Zoom attendees) had no speaker and was intended to foster a conversation between members in the wake of Hurricane Sally (no relation). President Fox led the Four-Way Test and reminded everyone of her “REEFS” goal for the meetings during her presidency: Recognition, Education, Engagement, Fun and Service. Given the storm’s damage to the community, we are focusing on “service” especially. Members are asked to give feedback on what the club can do to help those who have been affected. An emergency meeting of Combined Rotaries of Pensacola will take place Wednesday night to plan a coordinated response.

Rotarian Laura Gilliam led the prayer and pledge and gave an update on the United Way disaster response. The 211 call-in service has an average of 150 calls per day, but on Monday there were already 900 calls by noon, which shows the need in the community. United Way is working closely with BRACE (Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies) to recruit and deploy volunteers in the community. There’s a concern that northwest Florida has not received a major disaster declaration from FEMA and may not, so people are asked to call their congressional delegation and to document any damage to their properties. President Fox said an email would go out to the membership.

Sergeant-at-arms Scott Grissett handled Sunshine and introduced two “member moments”: Ted Brown and Judge William Stafford. A “Tickle-Me-Elmo” doll will let members know when they approach their 120-second limit. Rotarian Ted Brown continued his previous member moment by discussing his entry into real estate and purchase of Beck’s Fish Camp, one of the best nature preserves in the area. The Bluffs of Northwest Florida is a nearby development that is hoped to grow much like Navy Federal. Judge Stafford talked about his alma mater, Temple University, where he attended his first football game 71 years ago. The visiting University of Texas Longhorns beat them so badly, he knew what it meant to attend “a basketball school that incidentally

had a football team.” His consolation was marrying Nancy, a loyal Pennsylvania State alum. They moved to Tallahassee the same year as Bobby Bowden and shared in FSU’s rise to glory.

Scott welcomed this week’s guests, Doug Gibson and Gay Nord. He joked that preseason football is a lot like “being told there’s pizza in the office refrigerator, but when you get there it’s only Hawaiian pizza.” Rotarian Deb Hawkins sang “happy birthday” to Maria Goldberg, Trey Manderson, Jorge Pelaez, Tommy Smith, and Susan O’Connor.

President Fox said that the upcoming wine tasting event has been cancelled because of damage to New World Landing. Rotarian Julie Tippins Parker updated the members on Rotary grants. A district grant (to fund more desk shields for Oakcrest Elementary) and international grant (focused on literacy in Guatemala) were both approved. CROP is looking for volunteers to deliver clothing to “littles” of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Military Appreciation Day, which normally has 500 people, may not happen this year because of the New World Landing damage. President Fox recognized Bryan McCall for revamping the pledge form and thanked everyone who has sent in their pledge forms already. Foundation Chair Preston Forshee will update us later about recovery plans.

President Fox closed the official portion of the meeting with the quote: “Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.” She then opened the floor to member comments. Rotarian Art Hufford said he enjoyed the member moments but felt two minutes was not enough time. Rotarian Alan Bookman said he’d like to hear “something we don’t know” about the two members who spoke earlier.

President Fox thanked everyone for attending and said she looked forward to getting “more back to normal” at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:40. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

## 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

Due to Hurricane Sally damage, resuming to in person meetings at New World Landing has been postponed for 6-8 weeks.

It is that time of the year again to make your annual pledge to our local Foundation and Rotary International. You should have received your 2020-2021 pledge form last week.

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 Fridays.

## 2020-2021 Club Officers

•President	Sally Fox
•Past President	John Trawick
•President Elect	Ed Wonders
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•Historian	John Appleyard

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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

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

## Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
September 29th through October 5th

**George "Ray" Fox** – September 29 – born in Providence, RI, in Rotary 8 years, Paul Harris Fellow

**Innes Richards** – September 29 – born in Washington, DC, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris +8

**Scott Adams** – September 30 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 5 years

**Ellis Bullock** – October 1 – born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary 34 years, Paul Harris +2

**Peit Hudson** – October 1- born in Long Beach, MS, in Rotary 15 years, Paul Harris Fellow

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### September 29

Prayer/Pledge: Leslie Halsall      Sunshine: Rick Fountain

### October 6

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins      Sunshine: Grover Robinson

## Program Schedule

### September

29 - Carol Dover, Florida Restaurant and Lodging

### October

- 6 - Cherry Fitch, Mayor City of Gulf Breeze
- 13 - Brian Wyer, Gulf Coast Minority Chamber of Commerce
- 20 - Strider Elass Senior Economist - First Trust
- 27 - Todd Thomson, Pensacola Chamber of Commerce

## What's Happening in Rotary

### September

29 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
1:00 Board Meeting

### October

6 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
13 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
20 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
1:00 Board Meeting  
27 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

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