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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 09/29/2020

President Sally welcomed a gathering of the Pensacola Rotary Club members for the September 29th meeting. After the 4 Way Test, president Sally reminded everyone of the REEFS goal! President Sally called upon Rotarian Leslie Halsall for the Prayer and Pledge. She handed it over to Program Chair Chris Kelly to introduce today's speaker Carol Dover – Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association President and CEO:

BIO - Carol B. Dover has served as President/CEO of the more than 10,000 member Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) since July of 1995. Dover is a professional association manager, a lobbyist, a former government insider, and a Florida State University Dedman School of Hospitality graduate with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. After graduating from Florida State University in 1978, Dover accepted the position of Assistant Director of the Beer Industry of Florida. This position familiarized her with the rules, regulations and tax laws associated with the beverage industry – information which has been beneficial in her role with FRLA. In 1989, Dover moved inside the halls of the Florida Capitol and was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, Executive Office of the Governor, serving under the Martinez administration. As Bob Martinez's Deputy Chief of Staff, Dover was responsible for the Governor's appointments, served as his spokesperson, and represented his administration before the Florida Legislature. Dover's other professional accomplishments include positions at the Department of Business and Professional Regulation Director of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants, the first woman to serve as Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention, State Fire Marshall's Office, and President/CEO of the Florida Outdoor Advertising Association. As the FRLA's President/CEO, Dover works to protect, educate, and promote the diverse interests of Florida's hospitality industry before the Florida Legislature and lobbying against unfair government regulation. The industry represents a \$108.8 billion industry, \$11.3 billion in local and state tax revenue, and nearly 1.4 million employees, making it the state's number one industry. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Restaurant Association, Council of State Restaurant Associations, International Society of Hotel Association Executives, VISIT FLORIDA, Florida State University College of Business Board of Governors, Florida TaxWatch and the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park. On opening day of the 2003 Legislative Session, Dover was diagnosed with breast cancer and courageously fought to beat the cancer. Dover, a native of Orlando, is married and has three children and three grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities including dressage riding and running.

Carol first wanted to say her thoughts and prayers are with all of us after the hurricane. Please let us know if the FRLA can help in any way. Mentioned how world changed in March with Covid-19. This industry is largest employer in the State and with the mandatory shut down the industry seems to move forward and then move back again (riots).

For hotel as of September 2nd highest hotel job loss is Florida (only California is higher). This is also the same for hotel support jobs. Carol mentioned they are in a fight for another PPP payment as many hired back their staff with no business. Disney World has lost 5 Billion since Covid-19 started. Senator Scott in early April called and asked what is FRLA going to do to instill consumer confidence. FRLA then developed the Seal of Commitment Program to help. Carol then mentioned how other industries were allowed to stay open while Restaurant had to close and have been given a bad image in media. Over 100 have gotten the Seal. With the Governor opening up Florida last week it gave everybody the ability to open up 100% but does not require people to have to go if they don't feel comfortable. Carol ended to be mindful for amendment 2 on the upcoming ballot.

Q and A

- Discussion on Cruise Industry – Rumors maybe start up in November.
- Nopending legislation for Minimum Wage because still on ballot but looking for some tort reform for Covid-19 and lifted ban on to go Alcohol will go back to normal soon.
- With an Amendment Two passing we would have some major negative effects.
- Hotel construction has been placed on hold and November election will have a major effect on it moving forward.

Chris Kelly then thanked Carol for her time and joining us on the Zoom call and Carol gave her thoughts and prayers for our recovery.

Rotarian Rick Fountain did a great job of with a parrot joke and Sunshine along with Birthdays and Guests.

Called on Sergeant at Arms Scott Grissett for the Member Moment – None for this week but looking forward to future moments and contributions to our foundations.

Announcements

Italian Wine Tasting on 10/16/20 outdoor location

President Sally ended the meeting stating a board meeting was after our meeting, some acts of service we can help with and what great recognitions we have got for our service.

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.

The Family of Rotary Wine Tasting Event will take place Friday, October 16 from 6:00-7:30 at Nancy's Haute Affair located at 555 Scenic Hwy. Rotarian Ray Jones will be presenting fine wines from Italy paired with Mezze Tapas prepared by Chef Gus Siliivos. Cost is \$50. per person and reservations deadline is October 13. Reservations required and event is limited to 65 participants. Proceeds to go to the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundations.

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.

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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
 October 6th through October 13th

Bo Carter – October 9 – born in Atlanta, GA, in Rotary 25 years, Paul Harris +8
David Lamar – October 9 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 32 years, Paul Harris Fellow
Joe Rosenbaum – October 11 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 30 years

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

October 6

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins Sunshine: Grover Robinson

October 13

Prayer/Pledge: Jimmy Jones Sunshine: Dale Jordan

Program Schedule

October

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

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September

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

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