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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 11/03/2020

President Sally Fox called the Zoom meeting to order and welcomed Rotarians, friends and guests. She called on Judge Charles Kahn to lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Rotarians later recited the Four Way Test.

Program Chair Chris Kelly announced that Rotarian Jack Brown would introduce today's Speaker Darien Schaefer, President and CEO of Visit Pensacola. Brown shared with the members that CEO Schaefer hailed from Bear Lake, California, and had many years of tourism and destination marketing in his work experiences. He and family moved to Pensacola in April and is enjoying this opportunity.

President/CEO Darien gave an overview of the goals of Visit Pensacola. Even though the COVID-19 Virus has decreased tourism and the annual budget from the State, he feels it is picking up slowly and is determined to make tourism an economic engine in Escambia County. As he noted, Visit Pensacola is responsible for the tourism throughout the county and Pensacola. He is determined to make Pensacola a coastal destination model and to showcase why a visit to Pensacola is a different experience that includes: the beaches, military, history, sports, new events, fine restaurants, staycations and a place of family values. He said he and his team are looking at all the many fine events that can be promoted as special to this area such as the upcoming SnowBall Derby. He also said we could look at the webpage for Visit Pensacola and see the calendar of events and happenings posted as well as locate some information as to how the traffic is over the Garcon Point Bridge at [3milebridge.com](http://3milebridge.com). President Sally graciously thanked him for his time and shared with the members that he too, is a Rotarian.

Ret. Admiral Paul Tobin presented a resolution of remembrance for deceased member Michael L. Ferguson (1938-2020). General Ferguson who recently passed had a remarkable and respected military career. After retiring, General Ferguson attended law school at the University of Florida and then joined McDonald, Moorhead, Ferguson as a law partner. In 1990, he was appointed Civilian Aid for the Secretary of the Army where he continued to help not only those in the military but ways the community could support the military. He was a Rotarian, a Paul Harris Fellow<sup>2</sup> and received various awards such as the Grover Robinson III Leadership Award. He leaves his wife Jane, two daughters, and family members. He was indeed a gentleman with humor and outstanding leadership qualities which we fondly remember and miss.

Scott Grissett managed SUNSHINE and Member Moments for

the day. He called on Rotarian Jerry Maygarden to give a Member Moment. Rather than Jerry talking about himself he directed attention to the Richards Memorial Church Program Bright Bridges and Henry Roberts for his role in the program. Bright Bridges is a program for the homelessness which makes great efforts to restore hope, end addictions, address hunger and help lead the way to return to a productive life in society. To learn more about the program simply check the website page for more information. Please contact Scott if you would like to give a Member Moment (something we don't know about you) at the next meeting.

Scott suggested a committee to assist with a John Appleyard Spirit of Rotary Award. He asked for members to contact him and become a member of the committee. Also, Scott welcomed guests and named those having birthdays. We were invited to join in birthday song plus a little Sunshine humor.

President Sally thanked those who made recent donations to the Club Foundation and reminded all that annual donations are welcome.

She also thanked Lori NeSmith, Julie Tippins Parker, Sorna Kaskzad and others who recently attended the presentation of fifty Vertech Teacher Desk Shields to Oakcrest Elementary School. School Principal, teachers and administrators accepted the desk shields and were most gracious to Rotarians for help in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.

Rotarian Andrea Kreiger introduced Pensacola State College students that received Rotarian funded scholarships to members. Each spoke to the membership giving majors in Cybersecurity and Business and thanked Rotarians for "without those funds it would not have been possible to go to college". President Sally also noted that they could become Rotarians and join us in the future.

As to the grand Wine Tasting at Nancy's Haute Affairs, a big thank you to President Sally, Rotarian & Wine Distributor C. Ray Jones and Chef Gus Silivos was shared. Members attending the open-air wine tasting event with fabulous food helped build the Club's foundation account. Approximately \$500.00 was made.

President Sally announced that in place of the Military Appreciation Dinner annually held in November that CROP had decided to use the \$7,000 budget to fund \$5,000 for the USO Holiday Festivities and \$2,000 for Toys for Tots Holiday Fun.

President Fox, adjourned the meeting.

## 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

Scott Grissett has suggested a committee to recognize outstanding Rotarian with a John Appleyard Spirit of Rotary Award. Contact Scott if you are interested in participating and becoming a member of this committee. [sjgrissett@gmail.com](mailto:sjgrissett@gmail.com)

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

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. Scott has increased the time to a five 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](mailto:sjgrissett@gmail.com)) with your bid by 5 pm on Fridays.

## 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 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  
 November 10th through November 16th

**Bruce Partington** - November 11 - born in Annapolis, MD, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris +1

**Britt Landrum** - November 12 - born in Montgomery, AL, in Rotary 38 years, Paul Harris +3

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### November 10

Prayer/Pledge: Dale Jordan      Sunshine: Scott Ford

### November 17

Prayer/Pledge: Trey Manderson      Sunshine: Collier Merrill

## Program Schedule

### November

10 - Amy Parker, 19th Amendment  
 17 - Dr. Bill Lees, Confederate Monuments  
 24 - Chris Warner & Joe Gilchrist, FloraBama

## What's Happening in Rotary

### November - Rotary Foundation Month

10 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
 1:00 Virtual Board Meeting  
 17 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
 24 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

## Proud Members of the Downtown Rotary Club of Pensacola



### Alan B. Bookman

Attorney

Rotarian & Former President 2011 - 2012

Alan is board-certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar and is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Civil Trial Mediator. As one of the firm's senior attorneys, his practice areas include real estate law, probate, guardianship and trust litigation, and commercial litigation.



### Sally B. Fox

Attorney and Shareholder

Rotary President

Sally is board-certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar. She also handles creditors' rights, including bankruptcy, foreclosures, and collections, as well as residential closings, title matters, simple estate planning and business entity planning, including as they relate to real estate considerations.



### John Monroe

Attorney and Shareholder

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John is board-certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar and represents numerous builders, developers, and lenders in the areas of real estate and probate law. He also is an agent for Attorney's Title Insurance Fund, Chicago Title, American Pioneer Title, and Fidelity Title.



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