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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 12/1/2020

The December 1, 2020 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:03pm by President Sally Fox. She led the Four-Way Test and reiterated her goal of REEFS: Recognition, Education, Engagement, Fun, and Service. There were 46 participants in the Zoom meeting.

Rotarian Bruce Partington led the prayer and pledge. Dr. Judy Bense reminded members that the last two weeks in December (22nd and 29th) will have no meeting, and she introduced the week's speaker, Dr. Richard Hough. He is an instructor in the UWF Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice who worked his way up as a police detective and law enforcement director. His research includes police use-of-force, murder investigations and development of policy, and he has coauthored a book called American Homicide.

Dr. Hough spent last fall in the UK and contrasts their law enforcement system with America's. There are only 42 law enforcement agencies in the UK vs. 18,000 in the US. Most of their agencies are larger, while 85% of our agencies have fewer than 45 people. (Pensacola PD has about 100 personnel; Milton and Gulf Breeze PDs have about 24.)

The National Institute of Justice polled agencies in February and received five main questions and concerns:

1. How can law enforcement agencies improve officers' safety? (45 officers have been killed in the line of duty this year, but over 60 have died from Covid-19.)
2. How can agencies manage the vast volume of digital data?
3. How can they be better prepared to fight cyber crime and protect their own systems?
4. Can they reach a consensus on noninvasive field tests for detecting drug impairment?
5. Is it time to establish national commission to revamp criminal justice? This would include examining social justice issues like systemic racism.

Local officers are "inserted at the point of social friction," like arguing neighbors or traffic issues. Very rarely does it mean bank robberies or other things people tend to think of. We've gone from a volunteer community watch to the "professionalism era" (exemplified by the TV show *Dagnet*) to the "community-oriented policing era" starting in the 80s. There are conflicts and situations that "may require major surgery, but we basically provide officers with a box of band-aids." He's still optimistic and sees academy students are still energized about the future.

Rotarian Chris Kelly recalled Chief Lyter's remarks on how hard it is to recruit new officers now. Dr. Hough noted that in the UK they have a

deficit of over 5,000 detectives. In a recent US survey asking whether people would encourage their children to go into law enforcement, 90% said no. There's also the issue of many officers leaving local forces to join federal law enforcement. Jerry Maygarden asked whether the issue is a lack of training. Most of the time, Dr. Hough replied, it's a question of supervision, but there's a finite amount of resources available for a nearly infinite number of things that could benefit from training, so "high-liability" situations get priority. Rotarian Margaret Stopp asked if we can change the look of a police department to include social workers, mental health workers, etc. Dr. Hough says that specialists are hard to support within a small budget, which is why police don't need helicopters — the number of situations where a helicopter would be useful doesn't justify hiring a dedicated pilot. Ted Brown asked if we're making progress in arrests of children. Young people in the world of corrections can be the hardest interactions because they don't connect the danger/consequences of their actions.

Rotarian Henry Roberts led Sunshine. He welcomed the one guest, Teshia Haynes, a Delta flight attendant, and celebrated the birthday of Randy Ray. He said the Rotary magazine reminds us we're part of a great worldwide organization. He joked that Target's huge Cyber Monday sales had overwhelmed the USPS and other delivery services. Luckily, an elderly, bearded representative of an offshore company called Reindeer Sleigh Inc. guaranteed the packages would be delivered on time.

Sergeant-at-arms Scott Grissett reminded members about the kettle drive at Sam's Club that kicked off last Saturday and will continue until the weekend before Christmas. RegisterToRing.com is the website. Contact Chris Bridwell for login information.

President Fox said that club funds were used to feed Hurricane Sally Americorps volunteers so they could have a Thanksgiving meal, thanks to work by Sorna Khakzad and Chris Bridwell in coordination with Nancy's Haute Affairs. Next week will be the board elections for the year that will start in July. On December 9 at noon is a Toys for Tots presentation by Combined Rotaries of Pensacola at Veterans Park. Year-end annual pledges for local and international foundations. Please consider advertising in the Helicopter. If you know of any needs not being met, let us know. Gloria Haywood from Brampton, Cambridgeshire in England sent a "Dogoodery" bag.

She closed the meeting with a quote: "Appreciation can make someone's day and even change a life. Your willingness to put appreciation into words is all that is necessary." Meeting adjourned at 12:57. 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

Todays, Tuesday, December 8, we will have our annual meeting announcements from the Nominating Committee regarding the new President Elect for 2022-2023 and approval of incoming officers and directors.

With Holidays Upon Us It Is More Important Than Ever That We Come Out for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. To sign-up go to Website address: www.registertoring.com. Next select "I'm ringing with a Group." (box located middle of page). In the box asking for "Group Code," enter RotaryPcola. Then select "submit." There you will find the listing of available shifts, next you will select desired shift followed by "Reserve Shifts" in the upper quarter of the page. You will then be prompted to enter username & password or to create a username & password. Once you are logged in, the selected shift will be reserved and you'll receive e-mail confirmation. Your spouse and older children are welcome to join you and you can take as many shifts as you would like.

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

President Elect Ed Wonders is Looking For Members Who Are Interested in Serving on The Board Directors for our club. The commitment requires attending the monthly board meetings which are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This is a two year commitment. If you are interested please let Ed know at wonderse@bellsouth.net

Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter. The Rotary Club of Pensacola will advertise your business in our weekly newsletter with ads running for a full month. Business cards \$250. 1/4 page \$500. 1/2 page \$750. To place your ad send prepared document to rcopens@bellsouth.net stating the size ad you wish to place. Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.

It is that time of the year again to make your annual pledge to our local Foundation and Rotary International. You should have already received your 2020-2021 pledge form. To receive a new pledge form email request to rcopens@bellsouth.net.

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) 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
December 8th through December 14th

Jamie Medlock – December 10 – born in Bedford, Ind. In Rotary 2 years

Brian Wyer – December 10 – born in Pensacola, in Rotary less than one year

Nicole Gislason – December 13 – born in Newbern, NC, in Rotary 1 year

Bryan McCall – December 14 – born in Pasadena, Texas, in Rotary 15 years, Paul Harris +1

Richard Sherrill - December 14 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 21 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

December 8

Prayer/Pledge: Adam Principe Sunshine: Grover Robinson

December 15

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Sallis Sunshine: Martha Saunders

Program Schedule

December

8 - Peter Rubardt, Pensacola Symphony
15 - Christmas Program

What's Happening in Rotary

December - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

8 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
Board Meeting
15 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
22 - Holiday Break
29 - Holiday Break