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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 12/8/2020

President Sally Fox opened the meeting with the traditional 4 Way Test. Prayer and Pledge were led by Adam Principe.

Charles Beall who is the current president of the PSO Board, introduced our speaker, Maestro Peter Rubardt. He also mentioned Bret Barrow attending and Courtney Dell who is a member of our Rotary. Maestro Rubardt began his talk with a video of Christmas carols performed by Tina Buran, piano, and Stephanie Riegle, Flute. Maestro Rubardt stated that the pandemic shut down hit at an unfortunate time in the Symphony calendar as the Verdi Requiem had been in preparation for 5 years and the March, April, May and July performances had to be canceled. Peter and Bret provided a slide show to explain the Symphony's new objectives and thinking on the way forward. The objectives are safety for the audience and the orchestra players, vigilance and stewardship to preserve the vitality of the organization, and continuing to serve responsibly by innovating and finding new ways to add value to what the symphony provides to the community. They are working with the Saenger theater on how to bring the audience in safely. This may mean changes in entrance and egress, concessions, and intermission.

The musicians' safety will require masks and ventilation. The winds and the strings have different issues to overcome. (Factoid: the flute is the most dangerous instrument in this pandemic!). Travel may affect who can play. Rehearsal times will have to be adjusted. Some guest artists who had planned to be here are now having to change their plans for their own safety reasons.

"Vigilant stewardship" means being present in the community and preserving the PSO team of staff, musicians, patrons and volunteers. The PSO is preparing now for the recovery ahead.

Meanwhile, the PSO is continuing to serve the community. The Fifth Grade concerts have been a huge part of community outreach, and this year the schools requested virtual concerts that they could watch from home or from school. The symphony was able to provide the schools with videos that are introductions to the instruments as well. Mozart Madness was moved from last spring to early October with the PSO playing in the Saenger with no audience but the video camera. The PSO website now has quite a library and can stream performances on demand. They were able this fall to provide PSO in the Park – free outdoor mini concerts.

The orchestra plans to continue to serve responsibly and is moving the Pops series to the fall of 2021. The Masterworks series will have 6 concerts in the spring of 2021 beginning February 20. All concerts will be recorded on video. The plan is for no intermissions and no concessions. In order to keep the audience "distanced", there will be

2 rehearsals and 2 performances of each concert. There will be fewer musicians performing.

The PSO has created a "Stability Fund" with the goal of raising \$200,000. They have raised \$110,000 so far. Usually, 40% of the symphony's income is from ticket sales but this has obviously changed. 64% of patrons donated their tickets for the spring concerts back to the PSO. They were also able to get a PPP loan which has been forgiven. They also have DCA funding from the state. Business partners and sponsors continue to be very supportive.

Looking ahead, the PSO as an organization feels that they will need to find a new way to plan or perhaps just plan less with so many unknowns. They are innovating with more video and increasing their skill level at this. Education, access, and engagement are more important than ever. The importance of live music is even more apparent now. The website Pensacolasympphony.com provides up to date information on concerts and calendars and links to the videos.

Chris Kelly announced that next week's program will be provided by the Pensacola Opera.

President Sally mentioned that our Rotary will not be able to return to meeting at New World Landing as the banquet rooms may not be restored for another year. Hurricane Sally was devastating to New World. We are looking for a place to relocate temporarily.

Martha Saunders provided Sunshine with some seasonally appropriate jokes and birthday announcements.

Elections were held for new Board members. President Elect Ed Wonders reviewed the names of new Board members to be voted on. (Please see the Helicopter for names). Since Ray Jones is leaving, Laurie Niesmith will be the Treasurer. Bruce Partington is the President Elect Elect (Rotary plans ahead). Chris Bridwell created an onscreen voting process or poll so that everyone could vote and 100% of those attending did so.

Adam Principe is looking for committee members for Prayer and Pledge and for Sunshine. Please let Adam or Chris Bridwell know if you would like to volunteer.

President Sally announced that Governor De Santis has approved the Rotary license plate and the money from sales will come to your own Rotary Club.

The meeting was adjourned to be followed by a Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Teshia Haynes. Teshia is a Pensacola native. She is a graduate of UWF with a bachelors degree in Community Health and a Masters Degree in Public Health. Teshia is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. She is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues, Inc and Alpha Kappa Alpha Society, Inc. Her sponsor is Jerry Maygarden.

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

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
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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 15th through December 31st

Ray Jones - December 15 - born in Rockingham, NC, in Rotary 19 years, Paul Harris +1

Scott Barrow - December 17 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 17 years

Eric Bostwick - December 19 - born in Smyrna, Ga in Rotary 1 year

Jerry Maygarden - December 22 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 31 years, Paul Harris +8

Alan Moore - December 23 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 17 years, Paul Harris +1

LaVonne Agerton - December 26 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 25 years, Paul Harris +1

Dale Jordan - December 27 - born in Huntsville, AL, in Rotary 28 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

December 15

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Sallis Sunshine: Grover Robinson

January 5

Prayer/Pledge: Vicki Campbell Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

Program Schedule

December

15 - Christmas Program, Pensacola Opera

January

5 - Jerry Maygarden, Term Limits, The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

12 - David Hart, EVP, Florida Chamber

19 - Tim Gleason, Facilities Mgmt Director, NAS Whiting

26 - Hon. Tom Feeny, President/CEO Assoc Indust of Florida

What's Happening in Rotary

December - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

22 - Holiday Break

29 - Holiday Break

January

5 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

12 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

1:00 Board Meeting

19 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

26 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting