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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 2/16/2021

With Mardi Gras 2021 being curtailed, there was no better place to be than the February 16th meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club. Complete with a history of the origin of Mardi Gras, President Sally welcomed a Zoomful of roughly 55 Rotarians to the virtual gathering. After she reminded us of our Club's 2021 focus on REEFS, President Sally gave a shout out to Rotarian Lisa Minchew, Rotarian Vicki Campbell and Executive Secretary Chris Bridwell for their work in putting together the highly successful Wine & Tapas event at the Pensacola Country Club. Door prizes were awarded. Money was raised for the Rotary Foundation. Contribution was made to the Manna Food Bank. A good time was had by all.

After Rotarian Lori NeSmith led the prayer and pledge, Rotarian Margaret Stopp introduced Dr. Marcus McBride, Chief Executive Officer of CareerSource ESCAROSA. CareerSource ESCAROSA is a 501 (c) 3 and is a collaborative effort to serve the workforce related needs of the community. The goal is to move the needle to improve lives of those in the community.

Dr. McBride describes CareerSource ESCAROSA as the Match.com of the workforce, matching job seekers with appropriate companies. Being one of twenty-four members of the statewide workforce development board affords CareerSource ESCAROSA the necessary resources to help both employees and employers find each other. The funding for the twenty-four workforce development boards comes through the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity.

EMPLOY Florida is another resource that is utilized to help employers find employees. The statewide platform allows for job postings at no cost.

COVID-19 has caused visits to CareerSource ESCAROSA offices (Century, Milton and Pensacola) to now be scheduled by appointments. For the most recent fiscal year completed on June 30, 2020, the locations had 14,571 one stop visits; 4,841 referrals to jobs; and 320 re-employment services.

Programs offered through CareerSource ESCAROSA include Business Services, Veterans Resources, Military Family Employee Assistance Program, Workforce Innovation Opportunity, Welfare Transition Program and Basic Career Services.

After describing each of these programs, descriptions of which can be found at careersourceescarosa.com, Dr. McBride answered a few questions from the audience. In one of his replies, he described

how CAREERSOURCE Escarosa serves the community through a collaboration with its economic partners, two of which include Achieve Escambia and Florida West.

In an effort to continue to reach out to both employers and employees during COVID-19, virtual job fairs have been held. Unfortunately, not everyone always has access to technology and missing the in-person element is hard to overcome.

Dr. McBride is hopeful that there will be a smart phased-in approach to the move to \$15 an hour minimum wage. This approach would be one that includes consideration for both the employer and employee. Businesses cannot employ individuals if their doors are closed.

In closing, Dr. McBride reminded the Rotarians in attendance that CareerSource Escarosa is also available to help with career transitions.

Rotarian Joe Vinson next provided the meeting with what can simply be described as a hilariously delightful round of Mardi Gras themed Sunshine. While the material was solid, Rotarian Joe's delivery was impeccable!

New Rotarian Kelsey Powell was introduced by Rotarian Leslie Mickles. Rotarian Kelsey is a Pensacola native, a graduate of UWF earning a B.A. in Journalism and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction. He is employed as the Community Liaison with the City of Pensacola. Kelsey is a member of the National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, and Escambia Educators Association. He also is the engagement and volunteerism chair with United Way and a Board Member with the Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast. He is married to Stephanie and has two children.

Sorna Knight provided the Club with an update concerning the recent \$1000 contribution to the Boys & Girls Club garden project located at H & Leonard Streets.

After a reminder concerning the District Conference and Grant Application process, the meeting was adjourned by President Sally.

Scott Grissett/ February 18, 2021

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

On-Line Zoom Meetings every Tuesday at noon. You will receive your invitation to join the meetings on Mondays. The meetings can be accessed with your computer, tablet, or your smartphone. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. 850-619-0679. Chris

You are now able to pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment. The link can be found on our website at <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>

Due to the increased needs in the community, The Rotary Club of Pensacola Community Grant application process will begin on February 1. If you know of an organization that qualifies, the following is the link listing the requirements and the application. http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/page/community_grants/?grants

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 the 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 not too late to make your annual pledge to our local Foundation and Rotary International. If you need a pledge form, send an email request to rcopens@bellsouth.net.

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 an occupation (now/in the past), hobbies, community passion, and something no one knows about the Rotarian. 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
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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
February 23rd through March 1st

Frank Beall – February 23- born in Dothan, AL, in Rotary 53 years,
Paul Harris + 1

Lori Menke – February 26 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 8 years

Scott Sallis – February 28 – born in Springdale, AR, in Rotary 12
years



Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

February 23

Prayer/Pledge: Howard Reddy Sunshine: Bob Perkins

March 2

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill, III Sunshine: Bob Slaby

Program Schedule

February

23 - Tony Ortiz, President, Florida League of Cities

March

2 - Verdell Hawkins & Rick Byars, Gulf Power Co.

9 - David Hart, Executive V. President Florida Chamber

16 - Karen Worcester, Founder, Wreaths Across America

23 - Amy Miller, Port of Pensacola

30 - Chris Warner & Joe Gilchrist, The History of the Flora Bama

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February

23 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

March

2 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

9 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

1:00 Virtual Board Meeting

16 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

23 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting