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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/4/2021

The May 4, 2021 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:06pm. There were 42 in-person and 13 Zoom attendees.

President Sally Fox said that Ed Wonders is finalizing the bylaws, so send in any additional comments now. She reminded everyone to register for the Rotary district conference, May 14-16. Cost is only \$49 and can be attended virtually or in-person. Our club has reserved a covered deck for the June 16 Wahoo's baseball game. Chris Bridwell will send details. Price includes standard food, non-alcoholic drinks and a hat. It will be a great opportunity to meet and support our baseball team.

Rotarian Charles Thornton led the prayer and pledge. Rotarian Scott Sallis led Sunshine. Today's guests include Ms Morgan Gleeson, Christian school director; Mr Mike Morette, contractor; Ms Rhonda Maygarden, Mr Marcus McBride, Career EscaRosa; and Brett Barrow, Renasant Bank. Scott Sallis told an amazingly funny joke that unfortunately could not be heard by the Zoom attendees. He celebrated the birthdays for the week: Jack Brown, Matt Vinson, and Tripp Maygarden.

The week's speaker, Dr. Troy Shoemaker from Pensacola Christian College, was in a car accident on the way to the Yacht Club. He was uninjured but unable to attend, so in lieu of a program, different members were invited to speak briefly on various topics.

Jerry Kindle gave an update on Covid efforts from Ascension Sacred Heart and the Red Cross. House fires remain one of the main disasters affecting people in our area, but because of the pandemic, volunteers have not been installing smoke alarms in people's houses, so they've been

working with others to install them. John Clark from the Council of Aging said that on May 21, Lowe's stores will hold "Project Chill Out" when a portion of sales will go towards buying AC units for elderly residents. Joe Vinson asked members to get involved with the 1821 Sampler Project and submit their photos through the form at pco.la/1821.

Attendees were challenged by Chris Kelly to answer some questions: who sponsored you in Rotary, how long have you been in Rotary, what you most enjoy about meetings, your favorite band or who you had a crush on in high school. Joe Vinson was sponsored by Ray Jones and has been in Rotary for under 2 years. Leonard Swartz gave his answers to the questions. Nicole Gislason said she liked all music, and Julio Iglesias was her grandmother's crush. Ray Jones said his favorite musician was Johnny Mathis.

Rotarian Betty Roberts said in 1961, the PHS band went to DC to represent Florida at the Kennedy inauguration. She was a drum major and recounted her memories from the experience. Her favorite musician was Andy Williams.

The raffle pot is up to \$2023. Norris McMahan had the winning ticket but didn't draw the joker. Closing quote from Teddy Roosevelt: "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." Meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

RSVP NOW For Upcoming Family of Rotary Event at the Pensacola Blue Wahoo Stadium. Join us for the Blue Wahoo's vs. the Montgomery Biscuits at the Dignity Deck on June 16th. The event is free to all members and \$33. for each guest. Event Includes admission into the park, free buffet, non-alcoholic drinks, a Blue Wahoo baseball cap, group photo, club recognition, fun and fireworks. Come be a part of this great event! rsvp at rcopens@bellsouth.net.

The Pensacola Yacht Club meetings are now open to unlimited number of people. However is very important that you RSVP every week, between Wednesday through Friday at 5:00pm.

We will continue to have On-Line Zoom Meetings along with the In-person meetings at Pensacola Yacht Club. You will continue to get a Zoom invitation every Monday. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. 850-619-0679. Chris

Last opportunity to give. A food pantry service project coordinated by FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians United in Service) will take place during the District Conference at Calloway Gardens on May 14-16. Rotarians will participate by donating and sorting nonperishable items. To help ensure an even distribution of food types, our club's item of focus is mac and cheese. We will start collecting mac and cheese at our weekly meetings. If you want to contribute and not planning to attend meetings, you can make a donation by going to our website and making a credit card donations or send a check payable to Rotary Club of Pensacola and Chris will make the purchase for you.

Mark Your Calendar to connect with Rotary members worldwide at the 2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities, 12-16 June. Registration is now open at a special rate of \$49. After 21 days you will pay \$65. Don't forget to visit the convention event page on Facebook to connect with others and stay up to date on event news and program highlights.

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>

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. **Since we will be meeting in person these ads will go to print.**

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.

Ever find yourself wanting to impress your fellow Rotarians with an interesting tidbit or three about yourself? Well, **Choppering with a Rotarian** is for you! This is a President Sally & Rotarian Scott collaboration, **Choppering with a Rotarian** is a creative way for Rotarians to get to know each other through the unveiling of unknown tidbits about Club members. How does it work? Each week, a Rotarian will be identified through a highly advanced randomization selection process. Rotarian Scott will then notify the selected Rotarian and together, they will place three unknown facts on a PowerPoint to be presented during the next meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club. On the off chance that we do not have a **Choppering with a Rotarian**, President Sally & Rotarian Scott will serenade the audience with a medley of Donnie & Marie Osmond's greatest hits. So let the guessing begin!

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	McQuire's Irish Pub	Mon.	12:15 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends at Andrews Institute	Tues.	7:00 am
Milton	The Hangar Restaurant	Tues.	12:00 pm
Seville	Seville Quarter	Tues.	4:15 pm
Cantonment	St. Luke's United Methodist Church	Wed.	12:15 pm
Perdido	The Point Church	Wed.	7:30 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village Country Club	Thur.	7:00 am
Cordova	Gulf Coast Kid's House	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	Broussard's Cajun Restaurant	Fri.	12:00 pm
Pensacola North	Asbury Place, Cokesbury United Methodist Church	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

Jan Pooley
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
May 11th through May 17th

- Carol Powell** – May 11 – born in Boston, MA, in Rotary 29 years, Paul Harris +1
William Stafford – May 11 – born in Masury, OH, in Rotary 46 years, Paul Harris +1
John Monroe – May 15 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 33 years, Paul Harris +1
Teshia Haynes – May 17 – born in Pensacola, in Rotary less than one year

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 11

Prayer/Pledge: Frank Beall

Sunshine: Madison Currin

May 18

Prayer/Pledge: Henry Roberts

Sunshine: Lawrence Powell

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 11

Greeters: Ted Brown & Auby Smith

Ticket Sales: Ron Martin & Margaret Stopp

Program Schedule

May

- 11 - Joe Berninger, Rise Program, Guatemala Literacy Project
18 - Jen Groves, Baptist Health Care - Covid & Vaccine Updates
25 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker, President, Pensacola Christian College

What's Happening in Rotary

May

- 11 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only
1:00 Board Meeting
18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only
25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only