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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 01/07/2020

It was the first meeting of the year, and what a beautiful day it was indeed. Clear, blue sky with a cool 63 degrees. Members and guests were warmly greeted upon entry by Charles Sherrill, III and Richard Sherrill. After which, Robert Slaby and Auby Smith present the opportunity to purchase a chance to win the Joker's Jackpot.

President John Trawick opened the meeting noting that 2020 is this Club's 105th year. He also led with the Four-Way Test. David Delgallo then led us in prayer and pledge. President John's remarks followed and included a reminder that our membership drive continues into the new year as does the pledge drive. Regarding the latter, John noted that we are falling short of the target and encouraged members to make a pledge if they haven't done so already. And then, with breathes held, the drawing for the \$1,011 jackpot was conducted. With disappointment ensued for the winner who won \$7, there were sighs of relief by others in pursuit of the Joker. We are about halfway through the deck, and the jackpot continues to grow!

Sunshine was delivered indoors by Charles Beall as he welcomed us to the "roaring '20s." He recognized our six guests, two of whom were military. He then reviewed the week's birthdays and we sang happy birthday to those celebrating their special day. Sally Fox took the podium as President Elect to let members know if they'd like to serve on the upcoming new Board or on a committee. Rick Fountain also took the podium to introduce our newest member: Eric Bostwick.

Mark Harden introduced the day's speaker: Our very own Past President, Admiral Paul Tobin. Paul introduced us to Sir Frank Whittle, a modern-day history maker most of us had never heard of but most likely have utilized his invention, which is the jet engine.

Aside from a keen interest in military history, Paul has an interest in Sir Whittle since Paul also has an interest in aviation with a pilot license and over 500 pilot in command hours.

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle (1907 - 1996) was an English Royal Air Force officer. He is credited with single-handedly inventing the turbojet engine. Whittle obtained a patent for his jet engine idea in 1930. Unfortunately for Whittle, the patent was allowed to lapse in 1935 due to personal financial difficulties.

Nevertheless, Whittle continued to pursue the development and use of the jet engine in the years ahead, including during WW II, during which renewed interest in Whittle's ideas emerged. Jet engine development was undertaken by the British, Americans and Germany during the war but deferred in favor of "reciprocating" engines in use at the time. This occurred despite the British having flown the first jet in 1941. Jet engines would not emerge as the preferred propulsion system until many years later. Despite having had health, mental health, financial and marital issues over the years, Whittle persevered with his ideas and by the 1950's was recognized worldwide as the Genius of the Jet. Paul made an interesting observation that a similar paradigm shift in engine technology is taking place today in the auto industry with the transition from the internal combustion engine to electric motors.

President John concluded the meeting by thanking our speaker, visiting guests, greeters, ticket sellers and all that contributed to another successful meeting the downtown Rotary Club.

- Yours in Rotary Service, Randy Ray

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

If you have not already made your Annual Foundation Member Pledge it is not too late. Your pledge can be made by simply putting a check in the mail or picking up a pledge form at the weekly meeting or requesting a pledge form on line or just going on line to: Rotary Club of Pensacola: Pledge Form.

Our new member drive continues. Bring any potential new member to the meeting and their first three lunches are free.

## 2019-2020 Club Officers

◆ President	John Trawick
◆ Past President	Betty Roberts
◆ President Elect	Sally Fox
◆ Secretary	Claudia Simmons
◆ Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
◆ Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
◆ 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 <a href="http://navarrerotary.org">navarrerotary.org</a>		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

Innes Richards  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
January 14th through January 20th

**Carter Herman** - January 15 - born in Niceville, FL in Rotary 1 year

**Sally Fox** - January 17 - born in Arlington, VA, in Rotary 24 years

**Mort O'Sullivan** - January 19 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 35 years

**Trey Poirier** - January 19 - born in Saddle River, NJ, in Rotary 2 year

## Greeters / Ticket Sales

### January 14

Greeters - Tommy Smith and Zack Smith

Ticket Sales - Margaret Stopp and Mike Steltenkamp

### January 21

Greeters - Charles Stewart and Jim Stohlanske

Ticket Sales - David Stafford and Hill Turner

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### January 14

Prayer/Pledge - LaVonne Agerton

Sunshine - Scott Ford

### January 21

Prayer/Pledge - Ted Brown

Sunshine - Vicki Campbell

## Program Schedule

### January - Vocational Service Month

14 - Grover Robinson - City of Pensacola

21 - Melissa Brode, Assistant Dean of the College of Business , UWF, German MBA's  
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## What's Happening in Rotary

### January -

14 - Noon Regular Meeting

21 Noon Regular Meeting 1:00 Board Meeting

28 Noon Regular Meeting

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