

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 01/28/2020

President Elect Sally Fox opened the meeting in place of President John Trawick. Sally shared that John was attending the Celebration of Life for Rotarian Mike Ferguson along with many other Club members. She then called for a moment of silence in honor of Mike's life. Following the Four-Way Test led by Sally, her opening remarks included reminders about our Club's ongoing membership and Foundation donation drives. The three free lunch program for prospective members remains in place.

Of utmost interest to members present was the hunt for the infamous Joker, whose bounty was placed at over \$1,200. A collective sigh of relief occurred as the lucky split ticket winner walked away with only \$9 leaving the pot to grow bigger for the next drawing. You've got to pay to play. It takes money to make money. Catch him if you can. And, remember, half of the ticket sales go to the Club – a good cause regardless of whether you catch the Joker.

Rotarian Al Coby served in the Sunshine role. Al set expectations from the start: If you don't laugh at his jokes you can laugh at the joke teller. Given that the weather (global change that is) is in all the news, he chose weather as the subject of his jokes. Ball lightning, utter disaster, "I have my eye on you," and fog were the answers. Remember the questions? He also recognized our guests and birthdays for the week. We then sang happy birthday to Rotarian Leslie Hunter-Huff, the only birthday celebrant present, led by our very own maestro Rotarian John Appleyard.

Mark Harden introduced the day's guest speaker: Connie Bookman. Connie is the founder of Pathways for Change, a faith-based addiction treatment program she started in 2005. Pathways provides mental health counseling, case management, and vocational and educational training. The goal is to assure employment upon graduation. What is unique about Pathways is that it is recognized by courts as a viable alternative to prison. It also costs significantly less (~42%) than regular imprisonment. Estimated savings to taxpayers is over \$1M per year with a 70% success rate.

Connie is no stranger to service having dedicated her career as an advocate for vulnerable members of the community. Her impact is attributed to her ability to facilitate community organization. For Pathways, Connie recruited twelve non-profit executive directors for one year to establish what would be most effective for its clients. She acquired over 30 community partners who share in the success of this cost-effective program. Connie noted their relationship with community partners is vital to their success.

Connie's efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 2019, she was honored as the 2019 Liberty Bell recipient. She has also received the FSU School of Social Work Field Educator of the Year, the Quint Studer Servant Leaders Award, the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal, and the 1st Judicial Circuit Court Chief Judge Award of Service to name a few. No doubt, Rotarian Alan Bookman has every reason to be proud of his spouse.

President Elect Sally concluded the meeting by thanking our speaker, visiting guests, greeters – Terry Terrell & Malcolm Thomas, ticket sellers – Matthew Massey & Vicki Campbell, plus Pueschel Schneier for the prayer & pledge, and everyone else who contributed to another successful meeting of the downtown Rotary Club.

Question: Do you routinely read this article? Would you miss this meeting recap if it is eliminated? Volunteers within this Club give their time in service of Rotary when participating on Club committees in addition to whatever community service is provided. Everyone is busy. Please let me or any current Helicopter Committee members know if you find these articles worthwhile, and if so, whether you'd care to join the Committee to spread the workload.

- 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.

Again it is time for The Rotary Against Hunger Event to provide healthy food to our neighbors! Rotary Against Hunger will be held on Saturday, February 22 at Manna. Two shifts will be available – 8AM to 10AM and 10:30AM – 12:30PM. The goal this year is to pack 50,000+ meals! Volunteer Sign Up sheets will be available for the next couple weeks on the tables at the Tuesday, Rotary Club meetings. If you have any questions or would like to sign-up please contact Trey Poirier at richard.poirier@ml.com.

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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

Innes Richards
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Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
February 4th through February 10th

Norris McMahan - February 5 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 14 years

Lori NeSmith - February 7 - born in Pensacola FL, in Rotary less than one year

Ed Ranelli - February 8 - born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 19 years

Greeters / Ticket Sales

February 4

Greeters - Morgan Crawford and Joe Vinson

Ticket Sales - Jack Williams and Denise Windham

February 11

Greeters - LaVonne Agerton and Ken Woolf

Ticket Sales - Ed Wonders and Charles Beall

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

February 4

Prayer/Pledge - Jimmy Jones

Sunshine - Dale Jordan

February 11

Prayer/Pledge - Vince Currie

Sunshine - Pete Doyle

Program Schedule

February - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

4 - Jena Melancon, Gulf Coast Citizens Diplomacy Council

11 - Dawn Rudolph, CEO Ascension, Sacred Heart Update

18 - Jerry Kindle, Red Cross Update

25 - PDG, Bharath Reddy, Rotary District 2160, India, International Efforts to Eradicate Polio

What's Happening in Rotary

February -

4 Noon Regular Meeting

11 Noon Regular Meeting

18 Noon Regular Meeting 1:00 Board Meeting

25 Noon Regular Meeting

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