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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 3/10/2020

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing on a Spring like Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Laura Gilliam and Eric Bostwick greeted members and guests at the door. Courtney Dell and David DelGallo teamed up and did a great job on the raffle. President John Trawick called the meeting to order and led us in the Four Way Test. A moment of silence was held for the passing of dear long time member Will Merrill. DG Innes Richards provided an update on the upcoming district conference and invited all to attend. The winning ticket for this week was held by Wylie Hogeman and with great anticipation he drew for a chance at the Jackpot, now at \$1,787. Alas, he won \$4 and the pot rolls over for next week. Lee Elebash led us in a prayer and pledge to the flag. Rick Fountain provided Sunshine and introduced and welcomed two military guests, Visiting Rotarians and guests of members. Clark Merritt, Doug Weber and Charlie Sherrill Jr were on hand for birthday greetings. DG Innes Richards introduced the Speaker, past DG Leon Hirsh, representing Rotary International who was here to speak on "The Fight for the Polio Vaccine". Leon is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio which is the birthplace of the oral polio vaccine used today in the fight to eradicate the disease. He provided an informative and entertaining history of Cincinnati and highlighted the many contributions to industry, sports, manufacturing, entertainment and most important to the fight against polio and other viral diseases by Dr. Albert Sabin. After graduating from New York University, Dr. Sabin moved to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Research Foundation where he began to research the root cause of the polio virus. He found that not only do polio viruses grow in the nervous tissue, they also live in the small intestine. He proved that polio is essentially an infection and could therefore be prevented by an oral vaccine. His research was interrupted by the beginning of World War II. Choosing to hold off on polio research, Sabin joined the US Army Epidemiological Board's Virus Committee and traveled to Europe, Africa, the

Middle East, and the Pacific where he developed vaccines for sleeping sickness, sand-fly fever, and dengue fever- three diseases that had previously reaped havoc on communities around the world. Meanwhile, Dr. Jonas Salk was working on and developed the first effective vaccine for polio, an injectable form of the vaccine while serving as head of the Virus Research Laboratory at the University of Pittsburg School of Medicine. In 1952 the first vaccine was successfully tested on children and in 1954 a mass trial of the injectable vaccine was successful in reducing the effects of the virus and on April 12, 1955 the vaccine was released for use in the United States. It appeared the the Salk vaccine had taken over the market with the injectable form of the vaccine. When the war ended, Sabin returned to Cincinnati to resume his polio research. His goal was to identify a safe, live form of the polio virus that could be administered orally to prevent a person from becoming infected. After several experiments, one was developed and tested outside the United States in 1957. It was tested for another two years before it was brought back to the United States for testing and distribution on April 24, 1960, a day referred to as 'Sabin Sunday'. On that day, families from all over the Cincinnati area lined up to receive the vaccine, which was administered as an oral medicine. The OPV or Sabin vaccine is still used in the battle to eradicate polio around the world. In June of 1985, Rotary International took up the cause of eradicating polio throughout the world. Dr Sabin was instrumental in that effort. Today, there will be fewer than 200 cases worldwide, with Pakistan leading the world in reported cases of the disease. The effort still continues and contributions made to RI for Polio eradication are matched by the Gates Fund on a \$2 to \$1 ratio and that amount is matched \$1 for \$1 from the RI World Fund. After a very interesting presentation, President thanked all who helped with the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/14/2020

Our first virtual meeting was called to order Tuesday, April 14 at noon by President John Trawick, leading everyone in the Four-Way Test. Sally Fox led members in prayer and the Pledge of Alliance.

President John thanked everyone for attending our first virtual meeting. He reminded everyone that it could be a while before we will be able to be together again and that once we are, there will be changes in place as to how our lunches will be handled in order keep everyone safe.

Sally Fox introduced our speaker Rotarian Dr. Issa Epthimios. Dr. Epthimios is a Infectious Disease Specialist and the Medical Director at West Florida Hospital. His background includes working in Toronto during the SARS epidemic in 2003. Sally recommended following the slide show that had been sent earlier that morning along with Dr. Epthimios presentation.

Dr Issa Epthimios explained the stages of an pandemic, and the origin and the spread of the Covid 19 virus. The routes of transmission and the spread from contact with surfaces and objects. The spread can take place from individuals with or without symptoms. Patients with underlying health conditions, and older populations are more vulnerable. Dr. Issa

explained the importance of protecting yourself by social distance, hand washing and covering your mouth and nose while in public locations. Also keeping surfaces like countertops, bathrooms and doorknobs cleaned and disinfected. Currently there is no vaccine and antibody. [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Many items were covered including, traveling, the mental impact on patient and the medical teams and lifting restrictions to soon. I would recommend reviewing the slide show as there is valuable information to become more knowledgeable and keep ourselves safe during these vulnerable times.

Following his presentation President John Trawick thanked Dr. Epthimios, he asked everyone to join us every Tuesday on Zoom and the meeting was adjourned.

Our first virtual meeting had an attendance of 52 members.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Tuesday, April 14, we launched our first virtual meeting. We received very positive feedback and had 52 members join in. Each Sunday or Monday I will send you a link that you will use to join the meeting. If you are connecting through your cell phone you will need to download the "Zoom App" from your app store. If you have any questions or problems connecting please feel free to contact me.

2019-2020 Club Officers

◆President	John Trawick
◆Past President	Betty Roberts
◆President Elect	Sally Fox
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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
March 17th through April 27th

Andrea Krieger - March 17 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years
DeDe Flounlacker - March 17 - born in Blountsville, AL, in Rotary 9 years
Wylie Hogeman - March 20 - born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 24 years
Lew Doman - March 21 - born in Alton, IL, in Rotary 54 years
Stacy Robello - March 27 - born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary less than one year
Donnie McMahon - March 28 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years
Judy Bense - March 29 - Morristown, New Jersey, in Rotary 11 years
Tommy Tait - March 31 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 23 years
Nathan Kahn - April 1 - born in Mobile, AL, in Rotary 43 years
Laura Gilliam - April 2 - born in Chapel Hill, NC in Rotary 14 years
Charles Sherrill, III - April 4 - born in Pensacola, FL in Rotary 6 years
Handsel Butts - April 8 - born in Natchez, MS, in Rotary 57 years
Chris Kelly - April 8 - born in Landstuhl, Germany, in Rotary 10 years
Barry Cole - April 8 - born in Jackson, MS, in Rotary 12 years
Cedric Durre - April 10 - born in Pensacola, in Rotary 8 years
Charles Thornton - April 11 - born in Dothan, AL in Rotary less than one year
Clif Payne - April 12 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 27 years
Ed Wonders - April 13 - born in Newton, KS, in Rotary 17 years
Henry Roberts - April 14 - born in Selma, AL, in Rotary 13 years
David Stafford - April 16 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 14 years
Ted Brown - April 16 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 41 years
Edwin Roberts - April 17 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 35 years
Scott Grissett - April 17 - born in Atmore, AL, in Rotary 12 years
Claudia Simmons - April 18 - born in Tallahassee, FL, in Rotary 13 years
Eric Nickelsen - April 23 - born in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, in Rotary 40 years
Sheila Nichols - April 23 - born in Houston, MS, in Rotary 3 years
Jim Stolhanske - April 26 - born in Brainerd, MN, in Rotary 31 years
Madison Currin - April 27 - born in Charleston, SC, in Rotary 12 years

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

April 21

Prayer/Pledge - Charles Kahn Sunshine - Pueschel Schneierl

April 28

Prayer/Pledge - Verdell Hawkins Sunshine - Scott Grissett

Program Schedule

April

21 - Mayor Grover Robinson - Covid-19 City of Pensacola

28 - Dr. Ed Meadows - Pensacola State College

What's Happening in Rotary

April

21 Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

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