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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/18/2023

The April 18 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at the Pensacola Bay Center. President Partington called the meeting to order at 12:00 and led approximately 68 members in the Four Way Test. Rotarian Henry Roberts led the members in a thoughtful prayer that preceded the pledge of allegiance. Rotary Rooters sang Take Me Out to the Ball Game and James Brown's I feel good!

President Partington indicated that we will not have a meeting next week as the Business in Ethics luncheon will occur during that time. He announced plans to resume meetings at PYC the following week on May 2. Bruce shared several historic events that occurred on April 18:

- 1480: Lucrezia Borgia was an Italian noblewoman who was born on April 18, 1480. She was the daughter of Pope Alexander VI and became infamous for her alleged involvement in a number of scandals, including murder and incest. She was married three times.
- 1506: St. Peter's Basilica is a church located in Vatican City, Rome, and is considered one of the holiest Catholic shrines in the world. The foundation stone of the current basilica was laid on April 18, 1506, and the building was completed more than a century later, in 1626.
- 1521: Martin Luther was a German monk and theologian who played a key role in the Protestant Reformation. He was summoned to appear before a meeting of the Holy Roman Empire, on April 18, 1521, to defend his teachings. This event is considered a key moment in the history of the Reformation.
- 1775: The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere - Paul Revere and William Dawes began their famous ride from Boston to Lexington, Massachusetts, to warn American colonists that British troops were on the move.
- 1906: The San Francisco earthquake - A massive earthquake, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, struck San Francisco, California, killing thousands of people and causing widespread destruction.
- 1942: The Doolittle Raid - During World War II, American planes took off from an aircraft carrier for the first time. The dangerous raid, led by Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle, bombed Tokyo and other Japanese cities in a surprise attack. Many pilots lacked enough fuel for the return trip. The raid boosted American morale and forced Japan to divert resources to homeland defense.
- 1946: The International Court of Justice held its first meeting - The International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court, is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. Its first meeting was held on April 18, 1946, in The Hague, Netherlands.
- 1973: Derrick Brooks, a former professional American football player, was born on April 18, 1973, in Pensacola, Florida. He played as a linebacker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National Football League (NFL) from 1995 to 2008 and was one of the most dominant defensive players of his era. Brooks was a 11-time Pro Bowl selection, a nine-time All-Pro, and was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. He helped lead the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl victory in 2003 and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2014. Off the field, Brooks has been involved in a number of philanthropic and charitable endeavors, including founding the Derrick Brooks Charities, which aims to improve the educational opportunities of underprivileged children.

Rotarian Rick Fountain's ticket was selected but the Joker remains at large.

Rotarian Susan O Connor spread sunshine welcomed guests and recognized Rotarian Birthdays.

Program Chair Ed Wonders welcomed our guest speaker, Rob Doss, to share information about the Veterans Memorial Park. Major Rob Doss (retired) enlisted in the Marine Corps as an infantryman at the age of 1975, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) before accepting a commission as a Marine second lieutenant in 1983. In 1985, he was designated a Naval Aviator and was assigned to fly the CH-46E assault helicopter. He flew missions during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and he flew a nighttime raid to rescue diplomats from the besieged US Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia during Operation Eastern Exit. He later flew missions in support of Operation Decisive Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina and served as the Aviation Mission Commander during the reinforcement and noncombatant evacuation of the American Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia in support of Operation Assured Response. He also served a tour as a helicopter flight instructor at Whiting Field where he was named the Bell Jet Ranger Flight Instructor of the Year in 1992, then he became the first commanding officer of Aviation Maintenance Squadron 1 in Pensacola, Fl. He retired from the Marine Corps in December of 1998. After his retirement from the Marine Corps, he owned, operated, and managed businesses and flew helicopters offshore out of Louisiana. He later taught history, sociology, honors economics, honors American government, and entrepreneurship and coached baseball for two years at West Florida High School before accepting a position as director of transportation for the Escambia County School District for nine years. He is president of Pensacola's Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, which is the reason he is here today. He resides in Cantonment with his wife Christina, managing director and shareholder with Saltmarsh Financial Advisors. They have two children, Rob and Bryan.

Rob provided a valuable briefing on Veterans Memorial Park - located along Bayfront Parkway in Pensacola. The 5.5-acre park is dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. It features a variety of monuments and memorials, including the Wall South Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Purple Heart Memorial. The Wall South Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and features the names of all the service members from the Gulf Coast region who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. The Korean War Memorial features a statue of a soldier and a plaque honoring those who served in the conflict. The World War II Memorial features a fountain and a plaque listing the names of all the service members from the Gulf Coast region who lost their lives in the war. The Purple Heart Memorial honors all Purple Heart recipients, past and present. In addition to the memorials, Veterans Memorial Park also features a beautiful walking path, picnic areas, and a playground. The park is open to the public year-round and is a popular spot for locals and visitors alike to reflect on the sacrifices made by our nation's veterans. Doss concluded his prepared remarks by showing a drone video of the park and followed that with Q&A.

President Partington adjourned the meeting at 12:55 and a board meeting followed the general membership lunch.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nicole Gislason.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

This week's meeting will be at Pensacola Yacht Club

We are returning to Pensacola Yacht Club on May 2nd for our weekly meetings. The following 3 weeks, May 9, 16 and 23 we will be at the Yacht Club and return to the Pensacola Bay Center on May 30th and June 6th. See schedule below.

Welcome New Member Kia Goldsmith. Kia is a native of Pensacola, a graduate of University of West Florida receiving her B.A. degree and the University of Florida, Levin College of Law receiving her J.D. She is an attorney with Clark, Partington Attorneys at Law. She is actively involved in numerous professional and civic organizations. Kia and husband Paul have seven children. Her sponsor is Bruce Partington.

Welcome New Member Benjamin Grey. Ben is a native of Cleveland, Oh. He is a graduate of Kent State receiving his B.S. degree and received his M.S. from the American Military University. Ben is a former Counter-Intelligence investigator with the FBI and later transferred to the U.S. Department of State and became a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service. Currently Ben with 4 other special agents and diplomats started a small consulting service, called Tiberius International, in Washington DC. The firm specializes in international security, humanitarian assistance and is proud to be currently operating in Ukraine performing rescue operations. Ben came to Pensacola to accompany his wife a U.S. Naval Officer and Aviator. His sponsor is Bruce Partington.

2022-2023 Club Officers

•President	Bruce Partington
•Past President	Ed Wonders
•President Elect	Charles Beall
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Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	Pensacola Bay Center	Mon.	12:00 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	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

Dan Sulgar
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Registration for the Melbourne International Convention is open and information can be found at www.Rotary.Org or at www.rotarymelbourne2023.org

We are now streaming our meeting using Microsoft Teams. If you already have a Microsoft account, you can join the meeting just like any other. If you don't have a Microsoft account, there aren't any special downloads or requirements to join as a guest. Click here for a quick overview of accessing Microsoft Teams as a guest. The meeting join information will be sent out in the same manner as before. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please let me know. 850-434-0684

Our Clubs Annual Pledge Drive continues. Along with our Club Foundation, Rotary International EREY and Polio Plus, a new category has been added to give. The **Han-wash Project** collaborative national initiatives to provide and sustain clean water in order to promote prosperity and better health to the people of Haiti. Pledge forms will be available at the weekly meeting every Tuesday, or you can request a pledge form at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

In an effort to increase the membership of our club, at the most recent board meeting it was decided to extend the offer of three free lunches for potential new members.

Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter. Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card-sized ads are \$25.00, a 1/4 page is \$50.00, and a 1/2-page ad is \$75.00. To place your ad, send the prepared document to cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
April 25 through May 8

Jim Stolhanske – April 26 – born in Brainerd, MN, in Rotary 34 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Madison Currin – April 27 – born in Charleston, SC, in Rotary 15 years

Bobby Behr – April 30 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 16 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Ellen Vinson – May 1 – in Rotary less than one year

Jack Brown – May 6 – born in Perry, FL, in Rotary 7 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Matt Vinson – May 7 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 7 years

Trip Maygarden – May 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 14 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 2

Greeters: Bill Fleming and Laura Piovesana

Ticket Sales: Aaron Bercovitch and George Biggs

May 9

Greeters: Steve Black and Jack Brown

Ticket Sales: Pam Smith and Ted Brown

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 2

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill, III Sunshine: Lawrence Powell

May 9

Prayer/Pledge: John Shaffer Sunshine: Innes Richards

Program Schedule

May

2 - Steve Nissam - Studer Institute

9 - Rick Fountain - History of Pensacola High School Sports

16 - Caleb Heifner - Chiropractic and Back Safety

23 - Nan DeStafney - Alzheimer Awareness

30 - Eric Buer - Ghosts of Baghdad

What's Happening in Rotary

May

2 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

9 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

16 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

23 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and MicroSoft Teams

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and MicroSoft Teams

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