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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 04/21/2020

Our second online meeting via Zoom began at noon with a welcome from President John Trawick and then he led 63 participants in the Four Way Test. Charles Kahn led us in Prayer and Pledge. Pueschel Schneiert was tasked with Sunshine.

President John said Sally Fox was still looking for committee members and hoped to have those committees complete by early July. He said we would continue to try to do weekly meetings using Zoom and we would continue to concentrate on Covid-19 issues for now. The Board is exploring changes for dues and meetings. Pueschel gave us a lengthy list of birthdays for us to sing to – at least 2 weeks worth!

Our speaker was Grover T. Robinson, the mayor of Pensacola as well as a Downtown Rotarian. Grover stopped what might have been a very long introduction and said that we all knew him. He discussed the future opening of Pensacola as we continue to monitor the virus situation. There are fewer people coming into hospitals. There is still a significant problem in nursing homes and ALF (assisted living facilities) as this is the most vulnerable population. Testing staff will be important and these facilities will likely be the last to “open.” The mayor reminded us that many in Rotary are over the age of 65. The Florida governor will send out guidelines for the counties and cities. Police and Fire can handle working with 15% less staff and that would keep them at a “green” level, meaning the city could continue opening. If they got to a 15%-30% less staff level, that would put us at “yellow” requiring a pause in opening. Above that would be “red” and mean that we would have to return to the restraints in place now. Pensacola and the 2 counties, Escambia and Santa Rosa, will work

together. Pensacola parks have been open but equipment is not allowed to be used. Basketball and Tennis nets would go back up as the city opened. For restaurants, gyms, and theaters, more guidance is needed as they would involve groups of 50. Pensacola is currently at a level of “green.”

Questions: Jorge Pelez asked Grover what the Rotary club could do to help, and Grover responded that food banks and food distribution were places that needed assistance. He had spoken with Andrea Kreiger who said that Dee Dee Flounlacker at Manna requested cash rather than actual food as they can purchase palletized food at better cost. Laura Gillam mentioned that Feeding the Gulf Coast is increasing distribution sites and also that Manna requires about \$80 to \$90 thousand per month. There are many volunteers who are over 65 so they are unable to assist now. Mayor Robinson stated that local conditions vary widely in the state. He anticipates May 1 through June 30 for the opening process. He was asked how much authority he has in this process and responded that there are 55,000 residents in Pensacola and it is important to work with the counties and other cities such as Gulf Breeze and Milton. We will learn and get better. John Trawick jokingly asked how much longer there would be free parking downtown, and the mayor agreed there was a loss of \$\$ to the DIB. However, the city is continuing road projects while paying attention to the health of the workers. Drainage projects are also continuing.

Thank you to Grover Robinson – like having our own Andrew Cuomo!

See you next Tuesday. Minutes taken by Lynne Tobin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

On-Line Zoom Meetings are now being held every Tuesday at noon. You will receive your invitation to join the meetings on Monday's. The meetings can be accessed with your computer, tablet or your smart phone. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. 850-619-0679. Chris

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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
April 28th through May 4th

Bobby Behr – April 30 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 13 years

Carol Law – May 1 – born in New York, NY, in Rotary 28 years

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

April 28

Prayer/Pledge - Verdell Hawkins Sunshine - Scott Grissett

May 5

Prayer/Pledge - Laura Gilliam Sunshine - Vicki Campbell

Program Schedule

April -

28 - Dr. Ed Meadows - Pensacola State College

May -

5 - Quint Studer - SLI

12 - Rep. Alex Andrade - Florida Legislature

19 - TBD

26 - TBD

What's Happening in Rotary

April - Maternal and Child Health Month

28 Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

May - Youth Service Month

5 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

1:15 On-Line Virtual Board Meeting

12 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

19 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

26 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

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