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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 05/12/2020

Virtual reality took place once again for our Rotary meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. It would appear that “no shave November” became the norm for 2020 based on a visual survey of the male participants. Following the Four Way Test, President John Trawick noted in his opening remarks that Rotary International has now recommended against face-to-face meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year. We will follow that guidance and continue with virtual meetings for now. Perhaps we will see braided beards the next time we gather in person.

Rotarian Trey Manderson led us in prayer and pledge. President John continued with announcements that the Board of Directors voted to provide an initial \$5k to the local Manna Food Bank based on increased demands experienced with COVID-19. The Board will continue to seek ways to help them. Also COVID related, our insurance policy will exclude COVID-related liability claims beginning July. Other comments included the need President-Elect Sally Fox has for additional volunteers for committees and that the member directory will be published shortly.

Rotarian Collier Merrill (at least it looked like him behind the beard) brought Sunshine to the meeting. His first time in this role, newbie Collier successfully recognized there were no guests to introduce but there were birthdays to celebrate. And we did. We once again attempted singing the happy birthday song, but it is obvious we need much more practice in the virtual world. He is successfully initiated into the Sunshine gang.

Rotarian Mark Harden introduced our guest speaker: Representative Alexander (Alex) Andrade. Elected to a two-year term in 2018, Alex is a member of the Florida legislature representing the state's 2<sup>nd</sup> House district, which includes parts of Escambia and Santa

Rosa counties. Alex shared that the legislature is only in session two months of the year in which bills are introduced, voted on, etc. This year's session occurred prior to the emergence of COVID-19. As such, the approved budget didn't envision the impact to the state's revenue.

The recent approvals included a 3% pay increase for state employees and raises for teachers including an increase to the annual starting pay to \$47k. Aside from the fact that the state is in a sound fiscal position with over \$2B in reserves, the State has \$9B from the Federal government and is in the process of clarifying how it is to be spent. Whether this requires a special legislative session remains to be seen.

Rep. Alex shared many highlights with us. Those included 207 bills having been passed, with the vast majority bi-partisan. COVID-19 has presented many issues to be resolved such as business disruption insurance, short term rental restrictions, nursing home liability, re-opening restaurants, bars, etc. More local issues like downtown parking and partial closing of auto traffic on Palafox were also discussed. Rep. Alex addressed several questions from members as well.

President John concluded the meeting by thanking those who helped make it happen.

Yours in Rotary Service, Randy Ray

## 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

## 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  
www.rotary6940.org

## Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
May 19th through May 25th

**Hank Bell** – May 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 36 years  
**Kaberi Samanta** – May 19 – born in Calcutta, India, in Rotary 4 years  
**John Clark** – May 21 – born in Lewiston, Maine, in Rotary 13 years  
**Donn Scott** – May 23 – born in Brewton, AL, in Rotary 24 years  
**Art Hufford** – May 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### May 19

Prayer/Pledge - Leslie Halsall      Sunshine - Jean Norman

### May 26

Prayer/Pledge - Bruce Partington      Sunshine - Henry Roberts

## Program Schedule

19 - Laura Gilliam - United Way of West Florida  
26 - Dede Flounlacker - Manna Food Pantries

## What's Happening in Rotary

May - Youth Service Month

19 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting  
26 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

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