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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 06/16/2020

The June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club was called to order by President John Trawick at 12:10 pm. With it being the last meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Rotary Year, the order of the day was to focus on Rotary Business.

Rotarian Vicki Campbell led the Rotarians in attendance in prayer and pledge. Rotarian Vicki shared the story of spending time with her grandfather in North Carolina and recalled fondly a saying of his, "This, too, shall pass." Vicki encouraged all Rotarians to find their favorite quote and share it.

With smiles and good cheer facing him, President John began presiding over what would be his last meeting as President.

Before digging into the heart of the meeting, President John took care of the following meat and potatoes items: the District Conference will be taking place virtually on June 20<sup>th</sup>; President-Elect Sally Fox has plenty of committee serving opportunities available; and while Zoom meetings will resume on July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board is discussing when to return to in person meetings.

The Change of Command Ceremony is set for Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's extravaganza will be taking place aboard the Pensacola Ferry and consist of a two-hour cocktail cruise. Please plan on arriving by 5:45 pm for the 6 pm push back from the pier. There will be plenty of space aboard the ferry and hors d'oeuvres will be served. While the RSVP has passed, please connect with Executive Secretary Chris Bridwell for options to attend.

Rotarian Martha Saunders regaled the Zoom collection of Rotarians with what appeared to be a great joke. Unfortunately, phone difficulties allowed the author of this recap to only see smiling happy Rotarians as Rotarian Martha delivered the punch line. Even though one missed the punch line, it was great to see that large of a gathering of folks laughing and smiling.

With Community Grant Committee Chairperson Bruce Partington unable to make the meeting, President John provided an update on the grants administered by the committee. Ten different organizations combined to

receive \$15,002 in grants.

The Pensacola Rotary Club currently stands at 184 members. A year ago, membership totaled 195. While there had been a slow decline over the past two years, the decline has plateaued. President John's goal was to end the year with 195 members and the Club was on pace to achieve the goal through February & March. The Club will always face the decision of growing membership through quality versus quantity. Currently, half of the membership regularly attends the meetings. If one knows an individual that would make a good Rotarian, please extend an invitation. First 3 luncheons are free.

Before asking Rotarian Ray Jones to provide a financial update, President John encouraged all members to consider their level of giving. A goal of President John was to have half the Club contributing by the conclusion of your presidency. The number fell short by eight percentage points, 42%. Some Clubs have built in contributions into quarterly dues.

As mentioned, Rotarian Ray shared with the Club that there is roughly a \$17,000 budget surplus. A large part of this was driven by not having to pay for Tuesday meals and keeping an eye on costs during COVID19. Only two weeks remain to bring financial obligations to the Club current. Rotarian Ray did mention that the Club provided a \$5,000 gift to Manna for COVID19.

Pensacola Rotary Club Foundation Chairperson Preston Forshee gave an update that included sharing the Foundation's balance is \$226,000. Foundation income is up slightly over budget. Money is used to pay for projects and gifts to various organizations within the community.

As the meeting drew to a close, President-Elect Sally congratulated President John on a successful Presidency, noting that he led the Club through an unprecedented time of uncertainty. This was followed by virtual applause through Zoom by all members in attendance. President-Elect reminded all that hors d'oeuvres will be served in boxes during the Change in Command Ceremony. It is free to Rotarians and \$20 for guests.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

This year the Grover Robinson, III Award was presented to Dr. Ed Meadows for his leadership at Pensacola State College and to the community. Through his leadership since 2008, he has touched the lives of most people in the community through the military, healthcare, art, music, including new buildings, new programs and much more. Dr. Meadows turned Pensacola Junior College into Pensacola State College, where students can receive a 4 year degree, while still providing two year transferable programs.

This year the Sandra Robinson Award was presented to Teri Levin for her service and leadership in the community including Gulf Coast Kids House, Pensacola Opera, Pensacola Symphony, Pensacola Art Museum, University of West Florida Historic Trust, Pensacola State College, Pace Center for Girls and many, many more.

On-Line Zoom Meetings 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
□Secretary	Claudia Simmons
□Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
□Sergeant At Arms	Tim Kane
□Historian	John Appleyard

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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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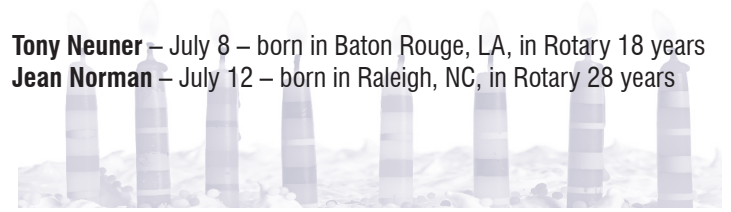
## Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
July 2nd through July 13th

**Tony Neuner** – July 8 – born in Baton Rouge, LA, in Rotary 18 years  
**Jean Norman** – July 12 – born in Raleigh, NC, in Rotary 28 years



## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### July 7

Prayer/Pledge - John Tice Sunshine - Scott Grissett

### July 14

Prayer/Pledge - Sunshine - Charles Beall

## Program Schedule

### July

7 - Kaitlin Wright, WEAR TV Hurricane Season  
14 - Chief Tommy Lyter, Pensacola Police Department  
21 - Coach Pete Shinnick, UWF Football  
28 - Martha Saunders, UWF, President

## What's Happening in Rotary

### July - New Leadership Month

7 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
14 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
21 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
1:00pm On Line Virtual Board of Directors Meeting  
28 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

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