

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 1/19/2021

The January 19, 2021 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:04 by President Sally Fox. She also led the Four-Way Test and reminded everyone of her meeting goals, REEFS: Recognition, Education, Engagement, Fun, and Service. Rotarian Lee Elebash led the 50 attendees in the prayer and pledge. Vicki Campbell had details about next dinner event on Feb. 11, to be held at the Pensacola Country Club with distancing measures. The Pensacola Yacht Club is the likely venue for in-person meetings when Covid numbers decline. She also welcomed back "Covid survivor" Jerry Maygarden.

Trip Maygarden introduced speaker Tim Gleason, facilities management director at NAS Whiting Field, where he is in charge of more than \$1 billion in Navy assets, to give a "staff-level" overview of Whiting's operations and the Advanced Helicopter Training System (AHTS) transition. Whiting Field has received Installation Excellence awards in 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2020. Whiting is unique in the Navy in that it has two separate FAA-certified airfields, required for "airspace decongestion" to geographically distance operations to be safe, plus NOLF Choctaw for high-performance jets. NAS Whiting also controls 18 other outlying fields in two states and four counties and a massive solar panel array at Navy Field Holley. It conducts over 1 million flight operations per year, and 17% of all Navy flight hours (and 12% of Marine flight hours) route through Whiting Field. Gleason works for NAVFAC, which "takes requirements from the fleet and turns those into things you can touch, see, smell to advance the military's lethality."

The Advance Helicopter Training System started in 2017 to fill the needs of the platform that would replace the TH-57 Sea Ranger. Whiting airfield needed to grow bandwidth, but there were many unknown variables, and they would need to support both old and new platforms for 3 years. They tripled simulator capacity, from 6 to 18 living-room-sized units with tremendous life support and power requirements. Gleason's team established planning conferences to tease out unknown conflicts and solicit feedback from stakeholders and experts. Facilities were identified as number one risk to timetable for deployment. They formulated an equation to determine hangar size using metrics for military and commercial-equivalent aircraft, then initiated MILCON programming request, balancing cost, schedule and quality. "It was like a puzzle where you had to undo and redo the puzzle every time you got a new piece."

Leonardo's TH-119 was selected as the new training helicopter (TH-73A) replacing the Bell-variant TH-57. All 32 aircraft will be at Whiting by end of 2021.

Sergeant-at-arms Scott Grissett led Sunshine, giving an update on the John Appleyard "Spirit of Pensacola" award that the committee has decided the recipient will receive a golden harmonica. He recognized the only guest — Gay Nord, president of West Florida Hospital — and honored the week's birthdays: Scott gave eight pieces of wisdom he has picked up from fellow Rotarians. 1) Don't be irreplaceable; if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted. 2) You're unique just like everyone else. 3) If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it. 4) Remember, a closed mouth gathers no foot. 5) The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket. 6) You can tell someone's not learning much when their lips are moving. 7) Experience is something you don't get till just after you need it. 8) Never miss a good chance to shut up.

President Fox reported the results of survey regarding how to treat dues during the pandemic when meals were not provided. 29 voted to donate the excess funds to the foundation, and 23 voted to apply those funds to the anticipated higher cost of a sit-down lunch at the future venue. The board will consider both options. This quarter's invoice will be sent out after decision, and people will be able to pay by credit card. Bruce Partington will announce details of grant applications for community projects, moved earlier this year because of increased need with an increased budget (\$20k instead of \$15k). Applications must be received by March 15, and awards will be announced in April. Rotarian Betty Roberts gave details about the upcoming district conference, to be held May 14-16 at Calloway Gardens. President Fox again asked members to submit opportunities for "do-goodery" and thanked Trip Maygarden and Tim Gleason for the week's program. Closing quote: "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." Meeting adjourned at 1:00. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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

You are now able to pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment. The link can be found on our website at <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>

Due to the increased needs in the community, The Rotary Club of Pensacola Community Grant application process will begin on February 1. If you know of an organization that qualifies, the following is the link listing the requirements and the application. http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/page/community_grants/?grants

Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter. The Rotary Club of Pensacola will advertise your business in our weekly newsletter with ads running for a full month. Business cards \$250. 1/4 page \$500. 1/2 page \$750. To place your ad send the prepared document to rcopens@bellsouth.net stating the size ad you wish to place. Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.

It is not too late to make your annual pledge to our local Foundation and Rotary International. If you need a pledge form, send an email request to rcopens@bellsouth.net.

To raise funds for our Rotary Club's Foundation, Sergeant of Arms Scott Grissett is looking for Rotarians to participate in **Member Moments**. **Scott has increased the time to a five-minute platform** for a member to share such facts as an occupation (now/in the past), hobbies, community passion, and something no one knows about the Rotarian. To get the opportunity to participate in what surely will be a fun and informative activity simply make the winning bid in the Member Moment auction. The winning bid will go to our Club's Foundation. The bid begins at \$20. for each auction. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Scott Grissett (sjgrissett@gmail.com) with your bid by 5 pm on Fridays.

2020-2021 Club Officers

•President	Sally Fox
•Past President	John Trawick
•President Elect	Ed Wonders
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•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
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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

Jan Pooley
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
January 26th through February 1st

Ron Martin - January 27 - Pensacola, FL - in Rotary for 20 years,
Paul Harris +3

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

January 26

Prayer/Pledge: Ted Brown

Sunshine: Nicole Gislason

February 2

Prayer/Pledge: Matt Massey

Sunshine: Lisa Minshew

Program Schedule

January

26 - Hon. Tom Feeney, President/CEO Assoc Indust of Florida

February

2 - Kimberly Krupa, Archive Escambia

9 - Scott Luth, FloridaWest

16 - Marcus McBride, Career Source EscaRosa

23 - TBA

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January

26 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

February

2 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

9 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

1:00 Board Meeting

16 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting

23 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting