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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 1/26/2021

President Sally Fox called the Tuesday Zoom Meeting to order on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. President Sally led the virtual members through the Four Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance. She also reminded members of her meeting goals displayed by the word REEFS, which stands for Recognition, Education, Engagement, Fun and Service.

President Sally began with a few announcements. She asked all to remember the family and friends of Marty Longworth who recently passed. Marty had a battle with cancer and had been in Hospice in her declining days. On a happier note, she called on Vicky Campbell to give an update on the planning of a Family of Rotary Event. Vicky reported that the Family of Rotary Event is scheduled for February 11 at the Pensacola Country Club from 6pm to 8pm. She said that there will be a limit of participants as the venue is practicing social distancing and wearing of masks is a must. Costs believed to be \$50.00 per person. An email invitation will be sent to all members soon.

Rotarian Jerry Maygarden introduced today's Guest Speaker Tom Feeney. Jerry shared with members highlights of Tom's career. Tom is an American Politician and Friend from the State of Florida. He represented Florida's 24th District, was Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, Jeb Bush's running mate in his first race for Governor and is currently the President and CEO of the Associated Industries of Florida. Tom spoke about the AIF as the "Voice of Florida Business" representing the principles of prosperity and free enterprise. It was formed to address the education and development needs in Florida's business community. Because Florida's businesses cannot afford to rely on public opportunities to train their future leaders and employees, AIF will foster programs to identify business needs and create solutions that will last into the future. Specific issues discussed were: response to restaurant and lodging industries, State budget, pandemic, legal liability, tort reform, workforce training, economic growth, defense supply chain, to name a few. Tom said there will be great emphasis in readying business with cybersecurity defense training programs. A brief Q & A period followed.

Bruce Partington gave an update on Community Grants. Applications for non-profits in the community are invited to apply for an annual grant between February 1 and March 15. The application is posted on the website or you can ask Chris Bridwell to send you one. Everyone is

encouraged to contact a non-profit of choice and invite them to apply. Board members voted to increase the grant monies to \$20,000. Any member who would like to be included on the Grant Committee should contact Bruce.

President Sally also reminded all that the District Conference will be held in Callaway Gardens Resort, Pine Mountain, Georgia on May 14-16. According to District Conference Coordinator Betty Roberts, the host group is currently holding small conventions and plans include safety, social distancing and wearing masks. You can register for the District Conference on DACDB.COM and are encouraged to do so.

President Sally also recognized Betty Roberts and Lori NeSmith for their donations as Paul Harris Fellows. These donations will go to the Rotary International Foundation. Pins denoting their level of contributions were mailed to each.

Sunshine roared in with Nicole Gislason sharing bits of humor and a celebration of member birthdays. Her comical humor was short but appreciated. President Sally announced there is a Board Member opening from February through mid-June. Please contact her if you are interested. Quarterly invoices have been mailed and members can use their credit card to pay. Chris Bridwell can help you set up card paying. A big thanks to Bryan McCall for setting up credit card pay.

Results of the vote regarding excess funds retained because of no dinners during the past COVID-19 months. The vote was fifty/fifty and the decision made was to use half of the funds to contribute to the Foundation and save half to assist with possible increased lunch payments when we resume face to face meeting. Looking forward plans are to meet at the Pensacola Yacht Club when most feel comfortable with social distancing meetings.

President Sally also mentioned that prayers and healing thoughts should be directed for Judge Roger Vinson. And last announcements included advertising you or your business in the Helicopter and if you have not fulfilled your pledge to the Club Foundation, please do.

President Sally thanked all who contributed to the meeting and called for adjournment.

Submitted by Betty Roberts

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

Today is the last day to RSVP for Valentine/Mardi Gras Tapa Happy Hour at Pensacola Country Club. The event will take place Thursday, February 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. \$55.00 per person included tapas-style food paired with wines. RSVP today before 4:00 pm at rcopens@bellsouth.net.

Welcome New Member Daniel Almanza. Daniel is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a graduate of TNT Academy where he studied Audio Engineering. He is employed as a Project Manager with RRCA Roofing Contractors. Daniel has one daughter, Sofia. His sponsor is President Sally Fox.

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
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	C. Ray Jones
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•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

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

Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
February 2nd through February 8th

Leonard Swartz – February 3 – born in Brooklyn, NY, in Rotary 33 years - Paul Harris Fellow

Brian Masterson – February 3 – born in Buffalo, NY, in Rotary 17 years - Paul Harris Fellow

Leslie Mickles – February 3 – born in Cherrypoint, NC, in Rotary 4 years

Norris McMahon – February 5 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 15 years

Lori NeSmith – February 7 – born in Pensacola FL, in Rotary 1 year - Paul Harris + 1

Ed Ranelli – February 8 - born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary 20 years - Paul Harris

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

February 2

Prayer/Pledge: Matt Massey Sunshine: Lisa Minshew

February 9

Prayer/Pledge: Bill Fleming Sunshine: Sorna Khakzad

Program Schedule

February

2 - Kimberly Krupa, Archive Escambia

9 - Scott Luth, FloridaWest

16 - Marcus McBride, Career Source EscaRosa

23 - TBA

What's Happening in Rotary

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