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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 10/30/2018

Whew! Did you survive the gremlins, ghosts, ghouls and other visitors during Hallow E'en (as it was called in Ireland) after our last meeting? All Hallows Eve, now Halloween, originated from the pagan holiday honoring the dead. But you probably already knew that. Did you also know that it was the Druid's equivalent of our New Year's Eve celebration? Yup, with a twist. It was also the time of year when the barrier between the world of the living and that of the dead was permeable, thus allowing the souls of the dead to walk among the living. This was an evil night when spirits roamed the streets. Fortunately, Lord Samhain – the lord of Darkness – would arrive to round up the spirits and return them to the underworld. Funny though, we don't see Lord Samhain celebrated today the same as Santa Claus.

Wait, there's more! You can always learn something new at our weekly Rotary meetings! This week's meeting was another great learning event along with an opportunity to network and enjoy fellowship with friends. **Bo Carter** and **John Clark** set the tone by greeting us upon our arrival with their warm smiles. Not to be outdone, **Al Coby** and **Blair Croke** also greeted members and guests with big smiles... to get your money...for the 50/50 ticket sales. They did a great job too given the size of the jackpot, \$57, won by **Kaberi Samanta**

President **Betty Roberts'** opening remarks included a moment of silence for **Bob Gaines**, a member who recently passed away. She also reminded members of the Military Appreciation Day, which replaces our normal meeting the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>, and that new member orientation would be conducted November 12<sup>th</sup>. Prayer/Pledge were led by **Owen Drey** and Sunshine delivered by Dr. **Jimmy Jones**. Dr. Jones had a full time slot with the introduction of our six guests and leading the birthday song with the help of our resident musician **John Appleyard**.

Dr. **Kenneth Hill** was called to the podium to be receive the Paul Harris +2 award. Congratulations Dr. Hill! **C. Ray Jones** was also called to the podium to provide a brief history on the origination of the Paul Harris award. President Betty then shared the week's history lesson provided by John Appleyard. It involved an 1861 Yankee attack in Pensacola (hint: it wasn't perpetrated by the well-known baseball

team). Well, you know the rest of the story.

**Andrea Krieger** introduced our guest speaker, Dr. **Ed Meadows**, President of the Pensacola State College, who reviewed PSC's many accolades. He began his remarks by highlighting how many members have touched or been touched by PSC. Roughly 50-60% of the members were standing as having been involved some way with PSC. That's not too surprising since PSC has been a key educational institution since 1948 with over 109,000 graduates to date. Given the history of PSC's accomplishments, it's also not surprising the list is way too long to do it justice in this space. Brochures with detailed information were distributed on our tables but here are just a few highlights:

- Seventeen professional programs have national accreditation. Two very high in-demand occupations are nursing and cybersecurity.
- PSC ranks well on various measures, e.g., best value among public four-year colleges and universities for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year (U.S. Dept. of Education), and 13<sup>th</sup> for top public colleges and universities southern region (U.S. News and World Report).
- It has been named a military friendly school for nine consecutive years and a 'Best for Vets' College 2016-18 by the Military Times.
- PSC is the only educational institution with its own satellite PBS station.

PSC plans to build on its long list of accomplishments. Dr. Meadows reviewed its many campuses and centers, including the construction of new facilities and modernization of old facilities to assist with its growth. And, YOU – as Rotarians – have contributed to this success by helping students along the way with Rotary Clubs Endowed Scholarships totaling \$412,000+ since 2002. Having graduated from PJC myself in the 70's, this writer can attest to PSC's tremendous progress over the years.

President Betty closed the meeting by thanking the speaker and all of those that volunteered to help make this another successful meeting. See you at the next meeting, if not sooner out and about town.

Yours in Rotary Service, Randy Ray

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Congratulations on your election Rotarian Grover Robinson**, as the next Mayor of Pensacola. We are sure you will serve the people of Pensacola well.

**Welcome New Member Carter Herman:** Carter is a native of Niceville, Florida. He is a graduate of Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. Carter is currently a 2nd Lieutenant in the Florida Army National Guard and employed as a Financial Advisor with First Command Financial Services.

**New Member Orientation Tuesday November 13**, immediately following the regular meeting. If you are a new member and have not attended the orientation you are encouraged to do so this day. Please have your sponsor accompany you if possible.

**Electronic Billing and Payments.** As of January 2019 we will begin to send invoices and receive payments electronically. More details to come and remember you will have the option to receive your invoice and make payment via US postal service.

**It is not to late to make your Annual Giving Pledge** to support our Local and International Foundation. Pledge sheets are available at the weekly meeting or by request on line.

## 2018-2019 Club Officers

◆ President	Betty Roberts
◆ Past President	Paul Tobin
◆ President Elect	John Trawick
◆ 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.	5:30 pm
Perdido	Triggers Restaurant	Wed.	7:30 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 <a href="http://navarrerotary.org">navarrerotary.org</a>		
Pensacola North	Asbury Place	Friday	12:00 pm
	Cokesbury Methodist		

## District Governor

John Medina  
[www.rotary6940.org](http://www.rotary6940.org)

## Assistant District Governor

Innes Richards

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
November 13th through November 19th

**John Appleyard** - November 14  
born in Chicago, IL, in Rotary 53 years

**Leslie Halsall** - November 17  
born in Memphis, TN, in Rotary 28 years

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

### November - Rotary Foundation Month

13	Noon	Regular Meeting
20	Noon	Regular Meeting
	1:00	Board Meeting @ New World Landing
27	Noon	Regular Meeting

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### November

13 - Ted Ihns, CEO - Avalex, Rescue of Boys in Thailand Cave  
20 - Bert Merritt Executive Director ITS, Understanding Cybersecurity for you  
27 - Dean Debolt, UWF, West Florida History Center

## GREETERS/TICKET SALES

### November 13

Greeters - Vince Currie and Lisa York  
Ticket Sales - Frances Cutshaw and David DelGallo

### November 20

Greeters - Laura Gilliam and Mike Doman  
Ticket Sales - Christina Doss and Peter Doyle

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### November 13

Prayer/Pledge - Collier Merrill  
Sunshine - Lori Menke

### November 20

Prayer/Pledge - Richard Sherrill  
Sunshine - Chris Kelly

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