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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 11/13/2018

The November 13th, 2018 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was held at New World Landing. Lisa York and Vince Currie warmly greeted visitors and members at the door. David DeGallo and Frances Cutshaw handled the fifty-fifty raffle sales.

President Betty convened the meeting with the Four Way Test. Collier Merrill led us in the Rotary Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag

The Rotary Rooters treated us to rousing Veteran's Day Program, featuring the theme songs of the Army, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and U.S.N.

New member Carter Herman was introduced to the club.

Scott Grissett encouraged us to sign up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. We will be ringing at both the entrance and exit of Sam's Club, Fridays and Saturdays, beginning November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10-6. These are two hour shifts. Those of us who sign up are eligible to win a really cool hat, which Scott agreed to model. A photo of Scott wearing the hat can be viewed on the Rotary Club of Pensacola's FaceBook page.

Scott then put on his Mr. Sunshine hat and introduced our military guests, visiting Rotarians, and guests of Rotarians. He concluded his duties by leading us in singing Happy Birthday to John Appleyard, who turns ninety-six on Nov, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lavonne Agerton was the lucky winner of fifty-fifty raffle.

Mark Harden introduced our guest speaker, Tad Ihns, CEO of Avalex. Mr. Ihns was raised in Pensacola, graduated from the University of West Florida, and resides in Gulf Breeze. Mr. Ihns began his career as a software engineer.

Avalex's home office is in Gulf Breeze. They also have locations in Orlando and Clearwater. They design and manufacture rugged mission systems for video processing, control display, and mission management for use by military and law enforcement aircraft and ground vehicles. Governmental clients include the DEA, FBI, Army, Air Force and Marines.

Avalex has several major aerospace clients. The list includes Airbus, Boeing, Lockheed-Martin and ST Engineering. Some of the products and services used by these clients are rugged displays, smart displays, lightweight tablets, digital mapping systems, digital video recorders, cockpit management units, and mission computers, including hardware and software integration.

Avalex has been working with the Thailand Police for about ten years. The digital mapping service they provided Thailand was instrumental in the famous rescue of the boy's soccer team from a Thailand cave.

Avalex is currently designing upgrades and retrofits for several aircraft used by our Military. These include the FA18 Hornet, F15 Eagle, F16 Fighting Falcon and the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.

When asked how Avalex successfully competes with multibillion dollar competitors our speaker responded "We provide innovation and flexibility while keeping our feet in the future."

President Betty adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Layton

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**Welcome New Member Sorna Khakzad:** She a native of Tehran, Iran. Sorna has a MS in architecture from Azad University of Tehran, a PhD from the University of Leuven Belgium in Engineering and an Advanced MS in Historic Preservation. She also has a PhD from East Carolina University in Coastal Resources Management. She currently is employed at University of West Florida where she is a Researcher Faculty member. Sorna is the President of Panhandle Historic Preservation, Alliance, Board of Director member with The Trails of Florida's Indian Heritage and numerous other professional organizations. She also volunteers with many local and worldwide civic and charitable organizations. Her sponsor is Ed Ranelli.

**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.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

#### November - Rotary Foundation Month

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

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### November

- 20 - Bert Merritt Executive Director ITS, Understanding Cybersecurity f or you
- 27 - Dean Debolt, UWF, West Florida History Center

## 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 20th through November 26th

**Issa Ephantimos** – November 22  
born in Egypt, in Rotary 14 years

**Skip Furlong** - November 23  
born in Muskogee, OK, in Rotary 32 years

**Charles Stewart** -November 23  
born in Oneonta, Al, in Rotary 30 years

**Malcolm Thomas** – November 25  
born in Wichita Falls, TX, in Rotary 9 years

**Roger Voelker, MD** – November 25  
born in New York City, NY, in Rotary 26 years

## GREETERS/TICKET SALES

### November 20

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

### November 27

Greeters - Owen Drey and DeDe Flounlacker  
Ticket Sales - Preston Forshee and Rick Fountain

## PRAYER/PLEDGE AND SUNSHINE

### November 20

Prayer/Pledge - Richard Sherrill  
Sunshine - Chris Kelly

### November 27

Prayer/Pledge - Hugh Hamilton  
Sunshine - Scott Grissett

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