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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 11/17/2020

The Rotary Club of Pensacola's November 17, 2020 meeting, held virtually via Zoom, was called to order by President Sally Fox at 12:04. She led the Four-Way Test as well as a moment of silence for Rotarian Martin Harwood, who recently passed away. Paul Tobin is collecting details for Martin's memorial resolution to be read at a later meeting. Henry Roberts led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Dr. Judy Bense introduced Dr. Bill Lees, with whom she started the Florida Public Archaeology Network 16 years ago. He holds MA and PhD degrees in anthropology (historical archaeology) from Michigan State University and has led the Society for Historical Archaeology

and other organizations. He's focused on "conflict" archaeology, especially in the antebellum period and Civil War, and authored a book, *Recalling Deeds Immortal*, about Confederate monuments in Florida.

In his presentation Dr. Lees asked, why have we gone from putting Confederate monuments up to taking them down? About 100 Civil War monuments were have been erected in Florida — some Union, but mostly Confederate. The earliest were Union monuments (1866), and the first Confederate monuments (starting with Euchee Anna in 1871) honored specific individuals from the community whose bodies were not recovered. After Reconstruction, the monuments began to focus less on individuals and more on the "Lost Cause" narrative, coinciding with the rise of Jim Crow segregation.

Dr. Lees noted there has always been opposition to Confederate monuments, but it was ignored because the critics effectively did not have a voice. After the 2015 Charleston church massacre was perpetrated by an individual with neo-Confederate sympathies, a widespread movement to remove Confederate symbols began, which was accelerated by Black Lives Matter protests for racial justice and the 2017 Charlottesville "Unite the Right" rally. 18 monuments have been removed in Florida since 2015, including Pensacola's at Lee Square (now Florida Square). Dr. Lees acknowledges that there are strong opinions about these monuments, which he has enjoyed researching, but there are indisputable facts about their intent to promote the Lost Cause revisionism, and he agrees it's time to relocate them. "The power they have is the power of place, and these new locations dismantle that."

Rotarian Chris Kelly asked about battlefield markers in Chattanooga; how can we separate honoring soldiers from honoring the war? Dr. Lees said there is a distinction to be made between "community monuments" like Lee Square and those that recognize the human loss on the hallowed ground of battlefields. Rotarian David Stafford asked about monuments to other figures with complicated pasts, like Thomas Jefferson. "What would be left standing if we remove all these people?" Dr. Lees replied that it's important to acknowledge both the achievements and flaws of our Founders, which can be difficult, but it's still different from

monuments that were erected as part of a revisionist PR campaign like the Lost Cause, which was added into children's textbooks throughout the South. Rotarian Auby Smith, who leads the Stephen Mallory camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, thanked Dr. Lees for documenting the history of these monuments. Rotarian Margaret Stopp asked what was in Florida Square before the Confederate monument. Dr. Lees knew the hill was occupied by Fort George during the American Revolution and Fort McClellan during the Civil War, but was unaware of anything at the time the monument was erected. Dr. Bense noted that many older universities have struggled with this issue and are renaming dorms or buildings that are named after enslavers and other controversial figures. President Fox thanked Dr. Lees and asked if he'd be willing to give this program to other Rotary clubs. He said he'd be happy to.

Rotarian Collier Merrill led sunshine and began by asking Dr. Lees about damages to FPAN building. He then welcomed guests Teshia Haynes and Daniel Almanza and celebrated this week's birthdays. Instead of a joke, he noted the recent launch of a SpaceX Crew-1 launch carrying NASA astronauts to the international space station. Ships like Jeff Bezos' Blue Horizon have used Pensacola's port for missions to recover the booster engines in the Gulf as a cost-saving method. He urged everyone to look for the space station passing overhead that night at 5:59pm, traveling from south-southwest to the east.

Rotarian Scott Grissett talked about Salvation Army bell ringing, which will start Saturday after Thanksgiving through December 19 at Sam's Club. He'll send out info for signups. He also asked for people to join a new committee to honor deceased Rotarians like John Appleyard and others.

Rotarian Allison Hill introduced new member Bill Fleming, the recently retired president of Palm Beach Atlantic University. He was very active in his former community of West Palm Beach and looks forward to being active here in Pensacola. He is a 28-year veteran of Rotary and Paul Harris Fellow. Bill spoke about his admiration of fellow university president Dr. Bense and the Division II rivalry between the universities.

President Fox recognized Rotarian Charles Beall for his "Paul Harris plus 3" and thanked him for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation. He urged members to contribute if they're not already. In addition to polio eradication efforts, the Foundation is also gearing up to help administer a Covid vaccine. President-elect Ed Wonders is looking for members to serve on the 2021-22 board. President Fox reminded everyone that it's pledge time and to consider advertising in the Helicopter. She thanked to everyone who helped with today's program and closed with a quote: "The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are."

The meeting adjourned at 1:01pm. 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 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

With Holidays Upon Us It Is More Important Than Ever That We Come Out for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. To sign-up go to Website address: www.registertoring.com. Next select "I'm ringing with a Group." (box located middle of page). In the box asking for "Group Code," enter RotaryPcola. Then select "submit." There you will find the listing of available shifts, next you will select desired shift followed by "Reserve Shifts" in the upper quarter of the page. You will then be prompted to enter username & password or to create a username & password. Once you are logged in, the selected shift will be reserved and you'll receive e-mail confirmation. Your spouse and older children are welcome to join you and you can take as many shifts as you would like.

Scott Grissett has suggested a committee to recognize outstanding Rotarian with a John Appleyard Spirit of Rotary Award. Contact Scott if you are interested in participating and becoming a member of this committee. sjgrissett@gmail.com

President Elect Ed Wonders is Looking For Members Who Are Interested in Serving on The Board Directors for our club. The commitment requires attending the monthly board meetings which are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This is a two year commitment. If you are interested please let Ed know at wonderse@bellsouth.net

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 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 that time of the year again to make your annual pledge to our local Foundation and Rotary International. You should have already received your 2020-2021 pledge form. To receive a new pledge form email request to rcopens@bellsouth.net.

In an effort 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 occupation (now/in the past), hobbies, community passion and something no one knows about the Rotarian. In order 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.

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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
 November 24th through November 30th

Alan Bookman - November 28 – born in New Orleans, LA,
 in Rotary 33 years Paul Harris +2

Auby Smith - November 29 – born in Boaz, AL, in Rotary
 16 years Paul Harris Fellow

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

November 24

Prayer/Pledge: John Tice
 Sunshine: Jean Norman

December 1

Prayer/Pledge: Bruce Partington
 Sunshine: Henry Roberts

Program Schedule

November

24 - Iris Waters, Florida Dept. of Transportation

December

1 - Richard Hough, Policing
 8 - Peter Rubardt, Pensacola Symphony
 15 - Christmas Program

What's Happening in Rotary

November - Rotary Foundation Month

24 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

December - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

1 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
 8 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
 Board Meeting
 15 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
 22 - Holiday Break
 29 - Holiday Break

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Alan B. Bookman

Attorney

Rotarian & Former President 2011 - 2012

Alan is board-certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar and is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Civil Trial Mediator. As one of the firm's senior attorneys, his practice areas include real estate law, probate, guardianship and trust litigation, and commercial litigation.



Sally B. Fox

Attorney and Shareholder

Rotary President

Sally is board-certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar. She also handles creditors' rights, including bankruptcy, foreclosures, and collections, as well as residential closings, title matters, simple estate planning and business entity planning, including as they relate to real estate considerations.



John Monroe

Attorney and Shareholder

Rotarian

John is board-certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar and represents numerous builders, developers, and lenders in the areas of real estate and probate law. He also is an agent for Attorney's Title Insurance Fund, Chicago Title, American Pioneer Title, and Fidelity Title.



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