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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 2/23/2021

President Sally called the February 23 Meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola to order at 12:05 PM.

Mayor Grover Robinson introduced the speaker, Mr. Tony Ortiz, President, Florida League of Cities. Ortiz is a commissioner for the City of Orlando. He has spent many years in public service both as a city official and as a police officer. He also proudly served in the United States Marine Corps.

President Ortiz provided a briefing on the top legislative priorities for the League of Cities:

Home Rule: The Florida League of Cities believes in the importance of local self-government and that those officials closest to the people know their community best. Each of these issues supports Home Rule and a municipality's ability to govern itself based on the wants and needs of its residents. Home Rule is supported by an overwhelming majority of Florida residents. It is the foundation for local governments as they create fair, effective and responsive policies for their communities.

Sales Tax Fairness: The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to update Florida's sales and use tax laws that apply to online/e-commerce sales from out-of-state retailers. Changes are needed to ensure that in-state retailers are treated equitably and that the Florida sales and use tax law is equally enforced.

Short-Term Rentals: The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation providing for a collaboration between the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and cities to ensure that short-term rental properties abide by state and local regulations, are properly licensed and insured, and comply with state and local taxation requirements as well as industry-accepted safety practices. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended without penalty.

President Sally and Rotarian Bruce Partington provided an update on the Community Grant Application. 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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

WE HAVE A DATE AND A PLACE. Starting Tuesday, March 23 we will meet in person for the regular weekly meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club. Initially, we will be restricted to only 42 people attending. You will be required to RSVP each week in order to attend. The first meeting reservations will open on Saturday, March 13. and will close on Friday, March 19th. A reminder will be sent at a later date. We will be following safety measures with 4 people per table and staff serving meals cafeteria-style. And don't forget the raffle. The jackpot is up to \$1,787.

We will continue to have On-Line Zoom Meetings every Tuesday as well. 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

New member orientation will take place Thursday, March 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for new members and their sponsors. You will receive your Zoom invitation on Wednesday. All members are invited to join. Contact Chris to request the Zoom link.

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>

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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.

Rotarian Robert Stephens led a thoughtful prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rotarian Bob Perkins provided much needed sunshine along with a Jimmy Buffet quote: "If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane."

Rotarian Perkins announced the Birthdays:

- Frank Beall – February 23- born in Dothan, AL, in Rotary 53 years, Paul Harris +1
- Lori Menke – February 26 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 8 years
- Scott Sallis – February 28 – born in Springdale, AR, in Rotary 12 years

Rotarian Perkins welcomed two guests

- Neil Grossheider
- Jeffery Von Stein

Rotarian Chris Kelly provided an update on the Program Schedule. Rick Byars and Rotarian Verdell Hawkins from Gulf Power will address the group next week; followed by David Hart, Executive V. President Florida Chamber on March 9.

Rotarian Betty Roberts leads the district conference. Her team created a promo video which was shared and appreciated by all. The conference is May 14 – 16 in Pine Mountain, Georgia at Calloway Gardens Resort. All are encouraged to attend.

President Sally reminded everybody we have a new member orientation, via zoom on Thursday, March 4th from 5-7 pm. She closed with a quote from Christopher Reeves: "Once you choose hope, anything is possible. Meeting adjourned at 12:44

Minutes recorded by Rotarian Nicole Gislason, February 23, 2021

2020-2021 Club Officers

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| •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

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| 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>

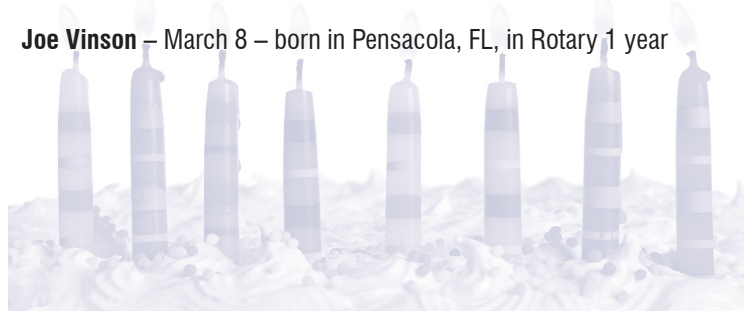
Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Joe Vinson – March 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 1 year



Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

March 2

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Sherrill, III Sunshine: Scott Sallis

March 9

Prayer/Pledge: Stacy Robello Sunshine: Zack Smith

Program Schedule

March

- 2 - Verdell Hawkins & Rick Byars, Gulf Power Co.
- 9 - David Hart, Executive V. President Florida Chamber
- 16 - Karen Worcester, Founder, Wreaths Across America
- 23 - Amy Miller, Port of Pensacola
- 30 - Chris Warner & Joe Gilchrist, The History of the Flora Bama

What's Happening in Rotary

March

- 2 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting
- 9 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting
- 1:00 Virtual Board Meeting
- 16 - Noon On-Line Virtual Meeting
- 23 - Noon Pensacola Yacht Club Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting