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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 4/27/2021

Rotary meeting called to order at 12:03 with 55 members in attendance.

President Sally indicated the meeting is online only, but the Yacht Club will be opening the space to accommodate more members and guests at future meetings.

President Sally led the 4-way test and reminded everyone of REEFS goal.

Rotarian Chuck Kahn led the prayer and pledge.

Rotarian Chris Kelly announced today's speaker, Rotarian Jerry Maygarden

The Honorable Jerry L. Maygarden holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Pensacola State College and the University of West Florida. He also completed professional development programs in public policy and administration conducted by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Mr. Maygarden was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters by the faculty and trustees of the University of West Florida in 2013.

Rotarian Maygarden is a retired business leader with a long and distinguished career in public service. His professional life includes leadership roles in state and local government, health care and private philanthropy. He is a former city councilman and mayor of Pensacola who served as a state legislator and majority leader in the Florida House of Representatives. For many years, he served as president of the Baptist Health Care Foundation, and he was senior vice president and chief development officer for the Baptist medical system. Mr. Maygarden delayed retirement to serve as president and chief executive officer of the Greater Pensacola Chamber. He retired in October of 2015.

Rotarian Maygarden is a life-long parishioner and servant-leader in the United Methodist Church. He is a founder of Ronald McDonald Charities of Northwest Florida, a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, and a Foundation Fellow at the University of West Florida. He was a member of the United States Mobile Riverine Forces and is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War.

Rotarian Maygarden explained that he experienced term limits firsthand as a Representative and later speaker of the state house. Rotarian Maygarden began his remarks talking about the dialogue we are experiencing in America. As we think about trends during his time in public service 1985 to 2002. These are prominent trends during that time.

Communications were a challenge. During his first year in the state house, Rotarian Maygarden served on Telcom committee when there were just 6,000 cell phones; six years later there were 15 million cell phones. Instant communications have shortened the length of time available to communicate and make decisions.

Rotarian Maygarden observed that chambers and similar organizations across the country began losing membership as technology began to permeate our population. Advocacy groups have been (to a degree) displaced by technology. Constituents no longer need a paid advocate because they can go directly to the source. Trade associations, NGOs,

political parties, have all been impacted by technology and instant communications.

Term limits have been around for a long time. George Washington decided two terms was enough. That set the normative behavior for the country. In 1880 Ulysses S Grant sought a third term and lost. Franklyn Roosevelt was the first to win a third and fourth term. Then congress adopted term limits for the executive branch in 1951.

Rotarian Maygarden calls the state amendment "the Clint Eastwood amendment" – the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Good - because you throw the bums out.

Bad – because we shifted the power away from the elected officials and gave it to the staff – or what he calls the appointed bureaucracy.

Ugly – it becomes part of the legislative and executive strategy. We squander institutional memory; an elected successor will not have the knowledge or power to take a stand on complex issues.

On Jan 6, Rotarian Maygarden was reminded of a quote by Ben Franklyn when he responded to a question--What kind of govt do we have? "We have a republic if we can keep it."

Rotarian Maygarden closed by saying: "Chris, that is my story and I'm sticking to it."

Numerous questions were fielded by Rotarian Maygarden including one from Judge Vinson, "What happens to expertise when you have term limits?"

Rotarian Maygarden responded by saying: "In order to be speaker, you have to declare by year 3 (second term). This is the only place I know of where someone can lead a \$190 Billion corporation with just 3 years' experience."

Rotarian Chris Kelly thanked Rotarian Maygarden and indicated that our speaker next week is Dr Shoemaker from Pensacola Christian College is next weeks' speaker

Rotarian Chris Kelly announced birthdays.

President Sally shared that now is Rotary's world immunization week. Polio has almost been eradicated. Sally will share a video next week.

Past president John Trawick shared the gift made by Rotary to the Sacred Heart NICU's Bereavement room, a room where parents may go to say goodbye to their child.

In closing President Sally made several announcements:

- Reminded everybody that virtual convention is open.
- Collecting mac and cheese for the district regional conference.
- Next week we will be back at the yacht club, with no limit to the number who can come. Just please RSVP.
- Quote of the day - You are in total control of your attitude and your effort.

We adjourned at 12:54

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

The Pensacola Yacht Club meetings are now open to unlimited number of people starting next week, May 4. However is very important that you RSVP every week, between Wednesday through Friday at 5:00pm.

We will continue to have On-Line Zoom Meetings along with the In-person meetings at Pensacola Yacht Club. You will continue to get a Zoom invitation every Monday. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. 850-619-0679. Chris

A food pantry service project coordinated by FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians United in Service) will take place during the District Conference at Calloway Gardens on May 14-16. Rotarians will participate by donating and sorting nonperishable items. To help ensure an even distribution of food types, our club's item of focus is mac and cheese. We will start collecting mac and cheese at our weekly meetings. If you want to contribute and not planning to attend meetings, you can make a donation by going to our website and making a credit card donations or send a check payable to Rotary Club of Pensacola and Chris will make the purchase for you.

Mark Your Calendar to connect with Rotary members worldwide at the 2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities, 12-16 June. Registration is now open at a special rate of \$49. After 21 days you will pay \$65. Don't forget to visit the convention event page on Facebook to connect with others and stay up to date on event news and program highlights.

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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2020-2021 Club Officers

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•Past President	John Trawick
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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
May 4th through May 10th

Joe Vinson – March 8 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 2 year
Clark Merritt – March 10 - born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 19 years

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 4

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Thornton Sunshine: Scott Sallis

May 11

Prayer/Pledge: Frank Beall Sunshine: Madison Currin

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 4

Greeters: Lawrence Powell & Paul Tobin
Ticket Sales: Kathy Horton Brown & Ray Jones

Program Schedule

May

4 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker, Pensacola Christian College
11 - Rise Program, Guatemala Literacy Project
18 - Jen Groves, Baptist Health Care - Covid & Vaccine Updates
25 - TBD

What's Happening in Rotary

May

4 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only
11 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only
1:00 Board Meeting
18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only
25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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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. **Since we will be meeting in person these ads will go to print.**

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.

Ever find yourself wanting to impress your fellow Rotarians with an interesting tidbit or three about yourself? Well, **Choppering with a Rotarian** is for you! This is a President Sally & Rotarian Scott collaboration, **Choppering with a Rotarian** is a creative way for Rotarians to get to know each other through the unveiling of unknown tidbits about Club members. How does it work? Each week, a Rotarian will be identified through a highly advanced randomization selection process. Rotarian Scott will then notify the selected Rotarian and together, they will place three unknown facts on a PowerPoint to be presented during the next meeting of the Pensacola Rotary Club. On the off chance that we do not have a **Choppering with a Rotarian**, President Sally & Rotarian Scott will serenade the audience with a medley of Donnie & Marie Osmond's greatest hits. So let the guessing begin!