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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/11/2021

The May 11, 2021 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:06pm. President Sally Fox led the Four-Way Test and reminded everyone of her REEFS goals: Recognition, Education, Engagement, Fun, and Service. Rotarian Frank Beall led the prayer and pledge. There were 146 in-person attendees and 18 Zoom attendees.

Rotarian Julie Tippins Parker introduced the speaker, Joe Berninger, co-founder and executive director of the Cooperative for Education (CoEd). It is responsible for the Guatemala Literacy Project, one of the largest multi-district initiatives of Rotary International. Julie traveled to Guatemala in January 2020 with Joe and witnessed the project in action. Joe talked about the concerns in January 2020 about a little thing called "COVID," which wasn't in Guatemala at the time, so they were able to travel before the shutdown. For 24 years, GLP has received support from 600+ Rotary clubs and 80+ districts in 8 countries. 225,500 students have benefitted from the program with 207 textbook projects, 94 reading programs, 53 computer centers, and 731 Rise Scholars. They've helped reduce the rate of illiteracy in Guatemala by more than 50%.

Rise Scholarships are just one part of GLP. The scholarships are awarded in areas of high poverty and low literacy and have been called the "gold standard of Rotary projects." Why Guatemala? It's the poorest and least educated place in the western hemisphere. One third of people can't read or write. 2 out of 3 children are pulled out of school by the 7th grade, because secondary school costs money. These conditions lead to large groups of migrants and unaccompanied minors — now the leading source country of undocumented migration to the US. Research says that children who graduate high school are likely to avoid poverty the rest of their life. Rise is a 6-year scholarship to get kids to graduation, but also includes important soft skills like job skills, life skills and community service. 80% of children in Guatemala want to become teachers, because those are the only professionals they see. Rise sends different professions like architects, etc. to give presentations on career possibilities. Children learn problem-solving skills and apply them in their communities with service projects. Rise has a ripple effect: changing a child changes a family, which changes the community, which changes Guatemala, which changes the world.

Joe shared some success stories. A 2nd grade boy named Juan in 2002 was helped with a RISE scholarship. He had to drive two hours each day to the closest high school but ultimately became the first person in his family to graduate. He now manages a hotel, has a wife and child, and makes 5x more than his father. Rise helped break the cycle of poverty in his family. Joe then shared a video from a Rise graduate named Estefana, and another success story about a young woman named Anselma. 87% of graduates get jobs or continue their education. Half of them will pay for the education of their younger siblings. 100% get out of extreme poverty. COVID has devastated Guatemala's economy, sending many from poverty to extreme poverty, so the program needs support more than ever. They're hoping to double the number of scholarships, from 750 to 1500, and Joe invites our club to be a part of it. Julie thanked Joe and said our club is already sponsoring a Rise student named Ana. Question: how much are the scholarships? They are \$960 for a year per student.

President Fox called upon Rotarian Madison Currin to do Sunshine. He presented a Four-Way Test coin to Judge Stafford, who is celebrating his 90th birthday today. (His wife Nancy has the same birthday.) Madison also wished happy birthday to Carol Powell, John Monroe and Teshia Haynes. He also welcomed guests Jackson Debarge, Pete Hay, and Greg Britton. Madison offered a photo of a sign saying "thank you for not writing on the walls," to which someone replied "you're welcome." He joked about a romantic wife who sent her husband a text, asking him to send her something reflecting what he was feeling/doing. He responded, "I am on the toilet. Please advise."

The club is sponsoring a deck at the June 16 Wahoos game. It's free for members, and guests are \$33, which includes food and a hat. Many members are leaving Thursday (assuming we have gas by then) for the district conference. Sally recognized Rotarians Margaret Stopp for all her behind-the-scenes help this year and Ron Jackson for his years of service to the club. The raffle winner did not draw the joker, so the pot will continue to grow. Board meeting will follow the meeting. Quote for the day: "One day, or day one. You decide." Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

RSVP NOW For Upcoming Family of Rotary Event at the Pensacola Blue Wahoo Stadium. Join us for the Blue Wahoo's vs. the Montgomery Biscuits at the Dignity Deck on June 16th. The event is free to all members and \$33. for each guest. Event includes admission into the park, free buffet, non-alcoholic drinks, a Blue Wahoo baseball cap, group photo, club recognition, fun and fireworks. Come be a part of this great event! [RSVP at rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcopens@bellsouth.net).

Welcome new member Brett Barrow. Brett is a native of Pensacola, and a graduate of The University of West Florida. He is the Market President with Renasant Bank. Brett was previously a member of the Cordova Rotary Club, serves as a member of the Baptist Health Care Finance Committee and served on the board of the UWF Foundation. He is married to Barbra Garbell and has 2 children. His sponsor is Ron Martin.

PLEASE NOTE: We will only be meeting on Zoom, Tuesday, June 1. The Pensacola Yacht Club will be closed in recognition of Memorial Day.

The Pensacola Yacht Club meetings are now open to unlimited number of people. 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

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>

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, **Chopping with a Rotarian** is for you! This is a President Sally & Rotarian Scott collaboration, **Chopping 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 **Chopping 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!

2020-2021 Club Officers

•President	Sally Fox
•Past President	John Trawick
•President Elect	Ed Wonders
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•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
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Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	McQuire's Irish Pub	Mon.	12:15 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends at Andrews Institute	Tues.	7:00 am
Milton	The Hangar Restaurant	Tues.	12:00 pm
Seville	Seville Quarter	Tues.	4:15 pm
Cantonment	St. Luke's United Methodist Church	Wed.	12:15 pm
Perdido	The Point Church	Wed.	7:30 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village Country Club	Thur.	7:00 am
Cordova	Gulf Coast Kid's House	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	Broussard's Cajun Restaurant	Fri.	12:00 pm
Pensacola North	Asbury Place, Cokesbury United Methodist Church	Fri.	12:00 pm

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
May 18th through May 24th

David DelGallo – May 18 – born in Trenton, NJ, in Rotary 11 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Hank Bell – May 19 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 37 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Kaberi Samanta – May 19 – born in Calcutta, India, in Rotary 5 years, Paul Harris Fellow

John Clark – May 21 – born in Lewiston, Maine, in Rotary 14 years, Paul Harris +2

Donn Scott – May 23 – born in Brewton, AL, in Rotary 25 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Art Hufford – May 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 20 years, Paul Harris +1

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 18

Prayer/Pledge: Henry Roberts Sunshine: Lawrence Powell

May 25

Prayer/Pledge: Allison Hill Sunshine: Collier Merrill

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 18

Greeters: Eric Bostick and Jerry Maygarden
Ticket Sales: Dale Jordan and Christina Doss

Program Schedule

May

18 - Jen Groves, Baptist Health Care - Covid & Vaccine Updates
25 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker, President, Pensacola Christian College

What's Happening in Rotary

May

18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only
25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting and On-Line Virtual Meeting Only