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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 5/18/2021

President Sally kicked off another in person meeting with the largest crowd since early 2020. She had a few comments about the District Conference in Calloway Gardens, Georgia that was attended by many members including Ed Wonders. Of note, Betty Roberts was recognized as a Paul Harris Foundation member and President Sally “Wonka” sold over \$500 of chocolate.

Henry Roberts led all in the prayer and pledge and we were off to the program on Baptist Healthcare introduced by Chris Kelly.

Mark Faulkner is the President and CEO of Baptist and is a native Pensacola who attended Alabama and UAB before returning to Pensacola as an intern in 1993. Mark discussed the status of COVID and vaccinations, the new hospital construction progress, and what may become of the old Baptist facility on E Street.

COVID for Baptist started when locally the fourth person in the State was diagnosed on March 4, 2020. Overall, as all can attest, COVID and the battle that entailed was quite a challenge. Between trying to find PPE, dealing with staff telecommuting issues, implementing Telehealth, and everything else, Baptist was at the centerpoint of the effort in Pensacola. The good news is that the curve has flattened, and that vaccine delivery has progressed remarkably.

The new 57 acre/\$615M/602,000 sqft Baptist campus adjacent to I-110 is well under construction. The main hospital will be 10 floors with 265 beds. Also, on campus will be a 170,000 sqft Healthcenter for

doctor visits in addition to a Behavior Center that is also planned. Event, retail, classrooms, and other amenities will be included all to make a visit to the new campus an unmatched experience. All this is scheduled to be open at the end of 2023.

With that good news on the table, the fate of old E Street complex built in 1949 is less certain. Mark did mention that they hope to have some plans for reutilization soon.

Mark wrapped up by mentioning that the Baptist Hospital in Gulf Breeze was ranked with 5 stars and 4 stars for the E Street hospital as ranked by an independent group called CMS. And they just opened a first in Florida combined ER/Urgent Care operation in Navarre. If that concept works well it would spread across their healthcare network. Mark appreciated the opportunity to talk with the Club.

Sally handed out a few community grants checks to AIM Kids for \$2500, Studer Institute for \$2469, and \$2000 for Habitat in partnership with Rotary International. Kelsey Powell performed gloriously during Sunshine recognizing our guests and birthday boys and girls.

Finally, Ron Martin introduced our newest member Brett Barrow, a banker, who is known to many in our Club – welcome aboard Brett. The \$2100+ raffle rolled over with only 19 cards remaining – so could be a big week for someone next week. We adjourned shortly following the raffle. Respectfully submitted, M. Clark Merritt Jr.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

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

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.

TIME TO RSVP for the Change of Command Banquet. The Event will take place on Thursday, June 24 on board the Pensacola Bay Ferry. The event is free to members and \$35. for guest. The meal will be catered by Nancy's Haute Affairs and includes 1 complementary cocktail/drink. Come be a part of the induction of incoming president Ed Wonders. Due to requirements of the Pensacola Bay Ferry, event limited to first 100 people, RSVP at rcopens@bellsouth.net.

You should have received the nomination forms for the 2020-2021 Grover III and Sandra Robinson Awards. The Grover Robinson Award is given to a member of this Club that truly exhibits the “service above self” Rotary motto in professional, civic, voluntary, and other areas of his/her life. The Sandra Robinson Award recipient is a non-Rotarian person that exhibits “service above self” in their activities, involvement, actions, and everyday life in our community. Please send your nominations in now.

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, **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!

2020-2021 Club Officers

•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

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

District Governor

Jan Pooley
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
May 25th through May 31st

Bob Slaby – May 29 – born in Cleveland, OH in Rotary 2 years

Mike Steltenkamp – May 31 – born in Covington, KY, in Rotary 6 years

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

May 25

Prayer/Pledge: John Clark

Sunshine: Collier Merrill

June 1

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Sallis

Sunshine: Jean Norman

Greeters and Ticket Sales

May 25

Greeters: Bob Rogers & Lynne Tobin

Ticket Sales: Andrea Krieger & Carter Herman

Program Schedule

May

25 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker, President, Pensacola Christian College

June

- 1 - Carma McCallie, Director of Advanced Planning, Time Financial
- 8 - Judy Bense & Margo Stringfield, Celebrating Florida's 200th years Territorial Anniversary
- 15 - Sherry Hartnett & Bert Thornton, High Impact Mentoring, A Practical Guide to Creating Value in Others
- 29 - President Sally, Rotary Year in Review

What's Happening in Rotary

May

25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting

June

- 1 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting - ZOOM Only
- 8 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting
1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 15 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting
- 22 - Regular Weekly Meeting Cancelled
- 24 - Change of Command Banquet 5:45 On Board Pensacola Bay Ferry
- 29 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting @ Pensacola Yacht Club and On-Line Zoom Meeting

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