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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 5/25/2021

The May 25, 2021 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:05pm. President Sally Fox led the Four-Way Test and reminded everyone of her REEFS goals: Recognition, Education, Engagement, Fun, and Service. Rotarian John Clark led the prayer and pledge. Grant committee chair Bruce Partington talked about the community grant award winners. There were \$25,000 total funds available for community grants, with 32 grants scored by the committee, twelve awarded. Three were awarded last week; the remaining nine were presented this week:

- Autism Pensacola – Mary McClellan and Mallory Studer
- Family Promise of Escambia – Donna Jacobi
- PACE Center for Girls – no representative
- Ronald McDonald House – Summer Jimmerson
- Waterfront Rescue Mission – Bob Rogers
- ECARE – Ruthie Noelle
- Brightbridge Ministries – Whitney Sanders
- UWF Historic Trust – Sheyna Marcey and Rob Overton
- United Ministries – Janelle Burger

President Fox thanked Bruce for all his work leading the committee. Program chair Chris Kelly welcomed the speaker, Dr. Troy Shoemaker, president of Pensacola Christian College, who was scheduled to speak a few weeks ago but got in a car accident on the way to the Yacht Club. Dr. Shoemaker gave a brief history of the college, now in its 47th year, as well as Abeka Books and other affiliates. Co-founder Rebekah Horton died last year at 91, and Dr. Arlin Horton still lives at Azalea Trace at age 92. Almost 4,800 students last year — up 4.5% this year, when they were expecting a decline due to Covid. 59 programs of study. Students only pay about \$10,500 per year for tuition, room and board, because costs are offset by profits from Abeka Books. PCC has a reputation of being closed off, and he's trying to make it more open to community and giving back. PCC students perform thousands of hours of community service. They're looking forward to getting Baptist as neighbors in a few years. They had purchased some of the land across the street but were able to sell to Baptist. They also operate the Pensacola Christian Academy, which has 1,900 K-12 students. Abeka is the world's largest producer of Christian education books, more than a million printed locally per month. 3.3% of American families home school, and their demand grew 120% during Covid, "and it killed us." Abeka is a for-profit institution that pours money back into PCC and PCA. Now has 1,500 employees, the fifth largest private employer in Escambia County. \$80M annual payroll. Expenses of \$187M because of outsourcing. David Stafford asked if paper textbooks are

transitioning to digital, and what has happened since Rawson Lane was vacated to PCC? Digital textbooks are the future, but unfortunately, the current platforms aren't as intuitive as having physical books, especially in K-12 environment. They are grateful to county commission's willingness to close Rawson. That allowed the construction of Rice Tower, a new dormitory hall with 1,000 residents, which allowed them to dedicate another hall for isolation during Covid. Dr. Shoemaker discussed their successful athletics programs and talked about the number of students who stay local after graduation, especially nurses, but pastors tend to move away. "Melt rate" from last year is about 50% of growth, but they project there will be a 30% bump from historic levels. Question about how many of 1,500 employees are college faculty; he said it's 267.

Chris Kelly thanked Dr. Shoemaker and presented him with a Rotary pen, and President Fox let him know that we are donating a book to Oakcrest Elementary in his honor. She said that Rotary International President Shakir and his entire family got Covid, and he was on a respirator for a while, but is now recovering. We will not meet in person next week due to an existing Yacht Club engagement. Rotarian Collier Merrill did Sunshine. He welcomed Rhonda Maygarden and Morgan Gleason guest of Jerry Maygarden and Robert Marbut, guest of Lawrence Powell. Birthdays were Bob Slaby and Mike Steltenkamp. Collier and Joe Vinson talked about the 1821 Sampler Project and invited everyone to visit [1821samplers.com](http://1821samplers.com) and submit a selfie.

President Fox asked if anyone is willing to represent our club on a Diversity and Inclusion Committee that the district is organizing. She reminded everyone of the June 16 Wahoos game, free for members and \$33 for guests. The Change of Command Ceremony will be Thursday, June 24, on the Pensacola Bay Ferry; it's free for members and \$35 for guests, with catering by Nancy's Haute Affairs. It's time for nominations for the Sandra and Grover Robinson Awards. Registration is open for the virtual Rotary International conference, costing just \$65. Dr. Shoemaker drew for the raffle drawing for potentially \$2196. Jerry Kinde drew the winning ticket, but didn't pull the joker. Leonard Swartz announced this Sunday a golf tournament benefitting Folds of Honor with scholarships for children of deceased veterans, and he invited everyone to attend. There's no cost — the money has already been raised.

Closing quote by George Eliot: "It is never too late to be what you want to be." President Fox remembered a fellow law school student who started at 65, graduated at 68, and went on to a 20-year legal career. Meeting adjourned at 12:55. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**PLEASE NOTE: We will only be meeting on Zoom, Today, 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@rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:rsvp@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@rcopens@bellsouth.net](mailto:RSVP@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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
June 1st through June 7th

**Robert Stephens** – June 1 – born in Birmingham, AL, in Rotary less than a year

**Jack Klocke** – June 2 – born in Hartford, CT, in Rotary 15 years

**Bob Hart Jr.** – June 7 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 46 years - Paul Harris Fellow

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### June 1

Prayer/Pledge: Scott Sallis

Sunshine: Jean Norman

### June 8

Prayer/Pledge: John Tice

Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

## Program Schedule

### 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

### 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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