

# the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 12/15/2020

The December 15, 2020 Zoom meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:03pm by President Sally Fox. She led the Four-Way Test and reminded everyone of the meeting goals, REEFS, an acronym for Recognition, Education, Engagement, Fun, and Service. Rotarian Scott Sallis led prayer and pledge. There were Zoom 55 participants.

Rotarian Betty Roberts introduced the speaker, Jerome (Jerry) Shannon, director of the Pensacola Opera, who was actually celebrating his birthday. Shannon said these are challenging times for everyone, especially arts, culture and entertainment organizations. Pensacola Opera is one of 12% of arts organizations that have remained open during pandemic. 40% of non-profits have no plans to reopen and don't know if they will be able to. The NEA gave \$50,000 to Pensacola Opera to continue the artist-in-residence program, which hosts 5 young artists. There are more than double the number of applications for next season (usually 400, this year more than 800). They also received an IMPACT 100 grant to buy a new opera van, for artists to travel around community. The "Wenger Showmobile" is a mobile pop-up stage that will attach to van.

While they had to close last season early, 65% of "Il Trovatore" ticketholders donated the value of their tickets back to the company. They are moving forward with "Carmen" production in January at the Saenger, the 1500-seat capacity reduced to 380, so three performances instead of two. The rest of the season includes "HMS Pinafore" in March and "Heartbreak High" (version of "Elixir of Love" set in 1950s high school) in May. Shannon is very proud of Pensacola Opera's work with community partners (Saenger, Symphony, Children's Chorus) to make sure community will continue to have art in a safe, responsible manner. Two singers (Rachel and Olivia) led a series of carols: Here We Come A Wassailing, Joy to the World, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, Silent Night, Deck the Halls, Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Jingle Bells, O Holy Night, We Wish You A Merry Christmas. President Fox thanked Jerry and the singers.

Mayor Grover Robinson led sunshine and celebrated the birthdays for the remainder of the year: Ray Jones, Scott Barrow, Eric Bostwick, Jerry Maygarden, Alan Moore, LaVonne Agerton, and Dale Jordan. He

welcomed our guest Daniel Almanza and gave good news for South Santa Rosa County: FDOT is on schedule for bridge repairs, planning to reopen by end of March. Also, COVID vaccines will start to arrive next week.

Sergeant-at-arms Scott Grissett said it's the last weekend to help Salvation Army with bell-ringing at Sam's Club. He invited Rotarian Lynne Tobin to give a "member moment." She shared some interesting stories about her time as a librarian with the CIA. "It took me 18 years to complete a 15-year career" because of moving related to Navy. She started as school librarian and got master's in 1987 at University of Rhode Island, when Paul was a captain, then started as a federal librarian at GS7, finishing her career as GS15 (the glass ceiling used to be 13). She worked for the GAO and CIA, joining the NPIC (National Photographic Interpretation Center) in July 1989. When Paul was transferred to the Phillipines, she was considered to be working under "light cover." She may be the only person who worked for the CIA and NPR at the same time.

Jerry Maygarden introduced new member, Teshia Haynes, a Pensacola native who grew up in Eastside and graduated from Washington High, went to UWF and got her master's from Walden. 11 years ago she got a contract as a flight attendant with Delta and is still there. She's a member of the New York Junior League and AKA sorority, and she's looking forward to being part of our Rotary.

President Fox gave a Paul Harris +1 presentation to Jorge Pelaez, formally recognizing and thanking him for his generosity. An update on our meeting venue: New World will not reopen ballroom, and Skopelos will not reopen at the location, so we will be looking for new venue. She also thanked Chris Bridwell for all her work to make meetings happen. Another acronym to close out the year, THANKS: Together, Health, Abundance, Nurture, Knowledge, and Service above self. She reminded everyone to "eat your veggies this holiday season: carrot cake and pumpkin pie." Meeting was adjourned at 1:07. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**On-Line Zoom Meetings every Tuesday at noon.** You will receive your invitation to join the meetings on Monday's. The meetings can be accessed with your computer, tablet or your smart phone. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. 850-619-0679. Chris

**You are now able to pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card.** A link can be found on our website at <http://www.pensacolarotary.org>.

**Scott Grissett has suggested a committee to recognize outstanding Rotarian with a John Appleyard Spirit of Rotary Award.** Contact Scott if you are interested in participating and becoming a member of this committee. [sjgrissett@gmail.com](mailto:sjgrissett@gmail.com)

**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 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.

**It is not to 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).

**In an effort 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 occupation (now/in the past), hobbies, community passion and something no one knows about the Rotarian. In order 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](mailto:sjgrissett@gmail.com)) with your bid by 5 pm on Fridays.

## 2020-2021 Club Officers

•President	Sally Fox
•Past President	John Trawick
•President Elect	Ed Wonders
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•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•Historian	John Appleyard

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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 <a href="http://navarrerotary.org">navarrerotary.org</a>		
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  
January 1st through January 11th

- Betty Roberts** – January 1 – born in McComb, MS, in Rotary 15 years
- Denise Windham** – January 2 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 18 years
- Sherry Hartnett** – January 4 – born in Alexandria, VA, in Rotary 14 years
- John Shaffer** – January 8 – born in Harrisonburg, VA, in Rotary 17 years
- Ed Meadows** – January 10 – born in New Albany, MS, in Rotary 29 years
- Hugh Hamilton** - January 11 – born in Spartanburg, SC, in Rotary 21 years
- Julie Tippins Parker** – January 11 – born in New Orleans, LA, in Rotary 21 years

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### January 5

Prayer/Pledge: Vicki Campbell      Sunshine: Richard Sherrill

### January 12

Prayer/Pledge: Eric Bostwick      Sunshine: Nicole Gislason

## Program Schedule

### January

- 5 - Jennifer Grove, Baptist Healthcare, Covid Vaccine Protocol
- 12 - David Hart, EVP, Florida Chamber
- 19 - Tim Gleason, Facilities Mgmt Director, NAS Whiting
- 26 - Hon. Tom Feeney, President/CEO Assoc Indust of Florida

## What's Happening in Rotary

### January

- 5 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
- 12 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting  
1:00 Board Meeting
- 19 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
- 26 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting