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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 06/9/2020

Minutes of the Downtown Rotary Club meeting on June 9, 2020. President John Trawick called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07 pm. Due to the continuing COVID-19 epidemic the meeting again was held live on ZOOM.

President Trawick called on Scott Sallis to lead us in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

President Trawick reminded everyone that the Change of Command Ceremony for this year would be held on June 25th at the Pensacola Ferry, rather than the Pensacola Yacht Club as has been the recent practice. Please note this will be a live event. All members that can attend are encouraged to do so. There will be plenty of enabling social distancing. If you are able to attend the Ferry, boarding begins at 5:45 and will leave the dock promptly at 6:00 p.m. The Meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 11th so they can provide a hard count to the Ferry in adequate time for the necessary preparations. John Appleyard plans to be in attendance.

Additionally, club members were reminded that incoming President Sally Fox still needs individual members to sign up for committee assignments. Please contact Chris Birdwell and let her know which committee and assignment you prefer.

Also, this Friday, June 12th, nominations are due for both the Grover Robinson award and the Sandra Robinson award.

Scott Grissett was then called on to provide Sunshine and recognize member birthdays. The timing for singing happy birthday on ZOOM proved to be somewhat challenging.

Our guest speaker was Ken Ford from the Institute of Human Machine Cognition (IHMC). He provided an overview of three phases of development IHMC has gone through. He stated that IHMC started with a cadre of 30 individuals, who were primarily known for their work in Artificial Intelligence and Human Cognition. He then stated the second phase focused additionally on Robotics, which led to bringing in additional cadre consisting primarily of computer programmers and engineers. He

went on to explain the third focus area focuses on enhancing human performance of individuals and teams working in extreme environments including the depths of the ocean, space and high altitude flight.

He provided a synopsis of a new Project known as Project Peerless. He explained that Project Peerless was a DOPA, multidisciplinary, team effort that IHMC would be the lead entity on. The project is expected to last 4 to 5 years and be funded at a level between thirty-five to forty million dollars.

Dr. Ford explained that currently for programs such as the Navy SEALs and similar programs there is a very low completion rate. The object of Project Peerless is to help improve the selection process and assist individuals and team be able to perform at a much higher and longer sustained level thus providing a higher rate of completion and performance for the elite programs.

Additionally, he discussed that they were looking at incorporating communicative nodes, he called "data loggers" in warfighter suits that would be capable of providing data assessment at a clinical level. Some of the areas they want to track include: respiration, heart rate, level of stress, audio voice stress, etc.

He discussed how that they would use artificial intelligence to help make sense of the data they were collecting. Dr. Ford expressed his confidence that the team assembled would be successful in helping to improve the selection process thus lowering the drop-out rate as well as coming up with new ways to improve performance.

In closing Dr. Ford discussed a new PHD program in intelligence systems and robotics with UWF.

After Dr. Ford addressed questions from the audience, Dr. Ford brought up IHMC's STEM Podcast that can be found on iTunes and invited everyone to listen in. President Trawick adjourned the meeting.

Jack Brown

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

On-Line Zoom Meetings are now being held 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

For those that have RSVP'd to attend the Change of Command Banquet on-board the Pensacola Bay Ferry, please arrive no later than 5:45. The ferry will depart at 6:00pm sharp. Dress attire will be casual.

Welcome **New Member Robert Stephens**. Robert is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He received his B.S. from the University of Alabama, Secondary Education and his M.S. from Florida International University, Education Leadership. For the past two years Robert has been Head of the Episcopal Day School.

2019-2020 Club Officers

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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

Innes Richards
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Assistant District Governor

Daniel J. Sulger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
June 16th through June 22nd

Terry Terrell – June 21 – born in Seattle, WA, in Rotary 21 years
Jack Mobley – June 22 – born in Thomasville, GA, in Rotary 25 years
Preston Forshee – July 1 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 8 years

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

June 16

Prayer/Pledge - Vicki Campbell Sunshine - Martha Saunders

July 7

Prayer/Pledge - John Tice Sunshine - Scott Grissett

Program Schedule

June

16 - Club Update and Year Ending Update
23 - NO MEETING
25 - 6:00PM Change of Command Banquet On Board the Pensacola Bay Ferry

30 - NO MEETING

July

7 - Kaitlin Wright, WEAR TV Hurricane Season
14 - Chief Tommy Lyter, Pensacola Police Department
21 - Coach Pete Shinnick, UWF Football
28 - Martha Saunders, UWF, President

What's Happening in Rotary

June - Rotary Fellowship Month

16 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
23 - NO MEETING
30 - NO MEETING

July - New Leadership Month

7 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
14 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
21 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting
1:00pm On Line Virtual Board of Directors Meeting
28 - Noon On Line Virtual Meeting

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