

ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY April 7, 2021

Meeting was opened by Executive Vice President Lori Vinikoor. She proceeded to welcome new member communities Dakota and Eagle Point.

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBC Sheriff's Office again cited a current scam. He warned everyone not to purchase prepaid debit or gift cards from instructions from anyone on the telephone. It is a scam. Another cause for alarm is the increase in aggressive driving, mainly speeding and road rage. He cautioned against speeding, especially since there are devices in place to monitor speeding vehicles.

PBC Fire Rescue Chief Tony Tozzi announced that he will be leaving the Delray Beach area in order to be closer to his home. He introduced the incoming Fire Rescue Chief who will be assuming his position. Although approximately 7500 calls are made to Fire Rescue each year, he was pleased to announce that there were fewer calls about carbon dioxide since efforts were made to reduce them. State Representative Emily Slosberg was pleased to announce that 'Gail's Law', which she sponsored, was about to be approved. This law calls for the prompt tracking of rape and sexual assault kits in Florida. Another bill pending is the installation of cameras on the long arms of lights near schools which would serve to protect school buses from aggressive automobile drivers.

PBC Vice Mayor Robert Weinroth reported that the Covid19 vaccine is available to all adults 18 years old and above. Businesses are slowly resuming. County

Commissioner Maria Sachs announced that 68% of all seniors in PBC have been vaccinated. There have been a rash of car burglaries, and enhanced penalties have been proposed.

Karen Brill of the PBC Board of Education reported that all school employees over the age of 40 were offered the vaccine. School will end in June and begin again in August. Most youngsters are returning in person and the hope is that all children will be back in classrooms in August.

Abby Ross, aide to State Senator Lori Berman, told Alliance members about four proposals in the Senate: 1. Water Safety – Encourage enrollment in water safety/swim classes for all school children 2. Establish 'Purple Alert' – That is, a

missing persons alert for disabled adults (under 60) who are unable to communicate a dangerous or threatening situation 3.A sales tax exemption for medical and/or disability equipment 4. Lactation spaces in courthouses.

Guest speaker State Attorney Dave Aronberg discussed scams that are perpetrated on seniors. Many seniors have received telephone calls from so-called 'relatives' indicating arrest or other problems that can be solved by sending money immediately. This should be reported to law enforcement immediately. (Even Mr. Aronberg's mother received such a call!) However, there are obstacles to prosecution in such crimes. There are statutes of limitations on these crimes. The mental capacity of the victim is taken into consideration. Many seniors are embarrassed that they were duped, and will not cooperate in the investigation. Older people are also subject to a variety of other scams, such as contractor scams, investment fraud and the ubiquitous telemarketing scams. Hang up on those! Mr. Aronberg urged that personal information, such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, and/or social security numbers not be shared on the phone, on the internet, or in person with anyone other than immediate family.

The next meeting of the Alliance of Delray will be on May 5, 2021. The topic of the day will be hurricane preparedness. Lori adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.

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