

# the HELICOPTER



**The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248**

## WEEK IN REVIEW 09/23/2025

President Hill called the meeting to order and led the membership in reciting the Four-Way Test. Rotarian Ted Brown offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hill then presented Jean Norman with a six-plus Paul Harris pin. Following the presentation, Jean drew an ace to win \$10 from the raffle. President Allison announced that next week's meeting will be relocated to the Eddy Morris Activity Center at Lifeview.

Charles Beall delivered the sunshine report, introducing visitors and recognizing birthdays. Rotarian Julie Parker Tippins introduced the speaker, Tom Selinger, from American Diplomacy (formerly U.S. Diplomacy), who gave a presentation on the history of American diplomacy.

Mr. Selinger is a twenty-five-year veteran of the Foreign Service, most recently serving as director of the Office for European and Eurasian Affairs in the Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. In coordination with European governments, he and his team addressed challenges such as human rights abuses and democratic backsliding. His most recent overseas posting was as chief of the Political and Economic Section at the U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan, where he led efforts to normalize bilateral relations with Central Asia's fragile democracy.

Other overseas assignments included tours in Denmark, Croatia, Albania, and Trinidad and Tobago, where he worked on issues ranging from Arctic policy and security cooperation to NATO integration and war crimes prosecutions. In Washington, he served as senior advisor at the Center for the Study of the Conduct of Diplomacy at the Foreign Service Institute, desk officer for Norway and Sweden,

and Rusk Fellow at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Selinger served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army and as a political officer at the Canadian Consulate General in Minnesota. He speaks French, German, Croatian, Danish, and Russian with varying levels of proficiency and holds a B.A. in Journalism from Drake University. He and his wife, fellow Foreign Service officer Kirsten Selinger, have four children.

Selinger's presentation traced the evolution of U.S. foreign policy from Thomas Jefferson's early focus on commercial and maritime interests to the professionalization of the Foreign Service under the Rogers Act of 1924. He highlighted the diverse roles played by American diplomats, from evacuation operations during the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s to implementing the Marshall Plan after World War II. He emphasized that diplomats not only manage crises abroad but also advance long-term American prosperity through trade, security cooperation, and international agreements.

The program concluded with a discussion of the challenges diplomats face, including personal risks in conflict zones and the shifting priorities brought by changes in

presidential administrations. Selinger also explored the intersections of diplomacy and domestic politics, particularly debates over healthcare, government funding, and the broader alignment of foreign and domestic policy.

*Minutes submitted by Nicole Gislason.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**\*\*\*\*\*Please note today, Tuesday, September 30, we will be relocating our meeting to the Morris L. Eddy Activity Center at Lifeview located at 1110 West Lakeview Avenue\*\*\*\*\***

**Welcome New Member Jim Bachard. Jim is a native of Kirkland, Washington. He graduated from the University of Washington studying Construction Management. Jim is the Business Developer with Clear Profit 365. He is a Rotarian coming to us from the Northshore Rotary Club in Bothell, Washington.**

**For the month of October our service committee lead by Mike Steltenkamp is requesting our club support for the Argo Food Pantry at UWF. The items requested are non-perishable foods and toiletries. Every Tuesday during October a bin will be in place at each meeting. For more details see the ad below.**

**To increase the membership of our club, we will continue to offer three free lunches for potential new members.**

**Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter.** Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card-sized ads are \$25.00, a 1/4 page is \$50.00, and a 1/2-page ad is \$75.00. To place your ad, send the prepared document to [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org) stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

**To pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card** go to <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

## 2025-2026 Club Officers

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| •President                | Allison Hill  |
| •Immediate Past President | Henry Roberts |
| •President Elect          | Judy Bense    |
| •Secretary                | Jane White    |
| •Treasurer                | Lori Nesmith  |

## Bulletin Information

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## Clubs Available for Makeup

|                 |  |       |          |
|-----------------|--|-------|----------|
| Five Flags      | Pensacola Bay Center                         | Mon.  | 12:00 pm |
| Gulf Breeze     | Legends at Andrews Institute                 | Tues. | 7:00 am  |
| Milton          | The Hangar Restaurant                        | Tues. | 12:00 pm |
| Seville         | Seville Quarter<br>meets every other Tuesday | Tues. | 5:15 pm  |
| Cantonment      | St. Luke's United Methodist<br>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 | Hancock Bank, Creighton Rd.                  | Fri.  | 12:00 pm |

## District Governor

Andre Boyd  
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

## Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### September 30

Greeters: Leslie Mickles and Lisa Minshew  
 Ticket Sales: Sonya Nash and Lori NeSmith

### October 7

Greeters: Tony Neuner and Sheila Nichols  
 Ticket Sales Jean Norman and Susan O'Connor

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### September 30

Prayer/Pledge: Stephania Streit      Sunshine: Laura Piovesana

### October 7

Prayer/Pledge: Al Coby      Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

## Program Schedule

### September

30 - Andrea Krieger - Pensacola State College Foundation

### October

7 - TBA - Gulf Coast Diplomacy International  
 14 - Manny Diaz - UWF  
 21 - Andre Boyd - District 6940 Governor  
 28 - Morley Stone - IHMC

## Meeting Schedule

### September

30 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Morris L. Eaddy Activity Center at Lifeview

### October

7 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club  
 14 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club  
 21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club  
 1:00 Board of Directors Meeting  
 28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

Pensacola Rotary Club

# FOOD DRIVE

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**TO SUPPORT THE ARGO PANTRY**  
**OCTOBER 2025**

The Argo Pantry, located on UWF's campus, averages nearly 3,000 visits each school year and distributes close to 30,000 items. These items include non-perishable foods, fruits and vegetables, and toiletry items.

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- ▶ Peanut butter
- ▶ Canned Meat
- ▶ Rice
- ▶ Soup

Find out more information about The Argo Pantry