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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 10/07/2025

Our esteemed President Hill called us to order at the Yacht Club. Al Coby lead our prayer and pledge; Sunshine was given by Christina Doss. Raffle chance was won by Ellen Vinson but didn't win the pot as it continues to grow! Our guest speaker was Lt. Col. Patrick Bennecke, a member of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) funded by the US Department of State. It brings leaders from around the world together to learn about the US and its culture. . The IVLP was founded around 80 years ago and they meet in the US for about 3 weeks. Over the years, there have been prominent members, such as Margaret Thatcher, apart of its membership. 90 countries are represented by 90 individuals. Its goal is to foster educational exchange and mutual perspectives. Lt Col Bennecke and 24

other members were brought to Pensacola as apart of their US tour in partnership with our Gulf Coast Diplomacy organization. It is a local, non-partisan, non profit organization facilitating and strengthening connection, collaboration and fellowship between the people of the Gulf Coast and the global community. Lt Col Bennecke, who served in the German Army, was quite humorous and entertaining discussing the IVLP in his second language of English. A number of questions followed for a lively Q&A during which several of the IVLP members introduced themselves and told a little bit about their journey with IVLP.

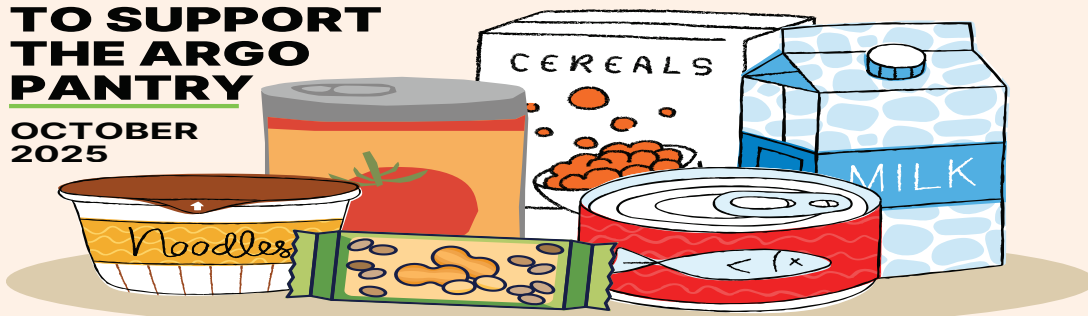
President Hill adjourned.

Pensacola Rotary Club

FOOD DRIVE

**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

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	Tues.	5:15 pm
	meets every other Tuesday		
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	Hancock Bank, Creighton Rd.	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

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

Assistant District Governor

Cliff Schornak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
October 14 thru October 20

Chris Bridwell - October 14 - born in Pensacola, FL. with Rotary for 9 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Robert Overton - October 14 - born in Jackson, AL, in Rotary 10 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Lisa Minshew - October 14 - born in Pensacola, FL. in Rotary 7 years

Bradley Vinson - October 14 - born in New Orleans, LA in Rotary one year, Paul Harris Fellow

Meredith Bush - October 15 - born in Hurley, MS. in Rotary 1 year

Greeters and Ticket Sales

October 14

Greeters: Tom Owens

Ticket Sales: Bruce Partington and

October 21

Greeters: Bob Perkins and Taylor Phillips

Ticket Sales: Ed Ranelli and Lou Ray

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

October 14

Prayer/Pledge: Vince Curry

Sunshine: David DelGallo

October 21

Prayer/Pledge: Madison Currin

Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

Meeting Schedule

October

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

Program Schedule

October

14 - Kristy Craig - Ready Kids

21 - Andre Boyd - District 6940 Governor

28 - Morley Stone - IHMC

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

*****Please note today, Tuesday, October 14, we will be meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club*****

Welcome New Member Taylor Pacenta. Taylor is a native of Gulf Breeze, FL. She is a graduate of Florida State University with a B.S. Degree in Accounting. She is a Client Success Manager with Torgersen Consulting. Her sponsor is club President Allison Hill.

For the month of October our service committee led by Rotarian Mike Steltenkamp is requesting our club support for the Argo Food Pantry at UWF. The items requested are non-perishable foods and toiletries. Starting today, every Tuesday during October a collection 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 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.