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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 10/14/2025

President Hill opened our regular meeting at the yacht club a few minutes after noon. Vince Curry lead the Prayer and Pledge. David DeGallo performed Sunshine for us. Stacy Robello did not win the Raffle pot of \$1005 but she won \$10! Christy Craig, Executive Director for Ready Kids, was our guest speaker. She has been the Executive Director for 6 years. Ready Kids was rebranded in 2021 from ECARE. Four year olds are a primary focus since there are not many resources available for this age group. School readiness is its primary focus for all ages. Only 36% of Escambia County kids tested in 2025 are ready to enter school at the age of 4. In 2024, it was 50%. Ready Kids received a \$2000 grant from our Downtown Rotary. They partner directly with Title I schools. They have no brick and mortar office. There are 3 main programs. First, Reading Pals is their Pre K mentoring program and flagship program. It supports 300 kids with 45 minutes weekly of hands on learning. In 2024, 5700

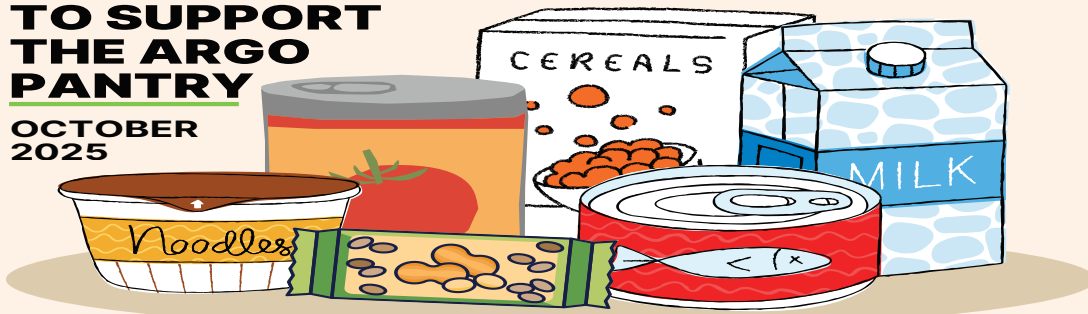
one on one mentoring sessions were held. Second, the Educator Support Program is in 16 classrooms in 8 schools. Third, the Family Engagement program reached over 551 families this year donating over 6800 books. Currently, 300 people volunteer or mentor for the programs. In 2024, 98% of reading pals increased their school readiness. 100% improved their behavior through emotional and social development. Volunteer opportunities are through the Reading Pals mentorship program, Guest Readers Program and Power Hour Program. For more information, visit [www. Readykidsfl.org](http://www.Readykidsfl.org). A lively question and answer session followed Ms. Craig's presentation. President Hill adjourned at 12:53 pm.

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.



Find out more information about
The Argo Pantry

ITEMS NEEDED

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

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

Program Schedule

October

21 - Andre Boyd - District 6940 Governor
28 - Morley Stone - IHMC

November

4 - Crista Brandt - Valerie's House
11 - TBA
18 - Dr. Troy Shoemaker - Pensacola Christian College
25 - TBA

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Today, October 21, 2025, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO DONATE. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
October 20 thru October 27

Tom Owens – October 23 – born in Pensacola, FL, in Rotary 28 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Kevin Stark – October 23 – born in Ponte Vedra Beach FL, in Rotary 15 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Paul Tobin – October 24 – born in Detroit, MI, in Rotary 17 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Alexis Bolin – October 27 – born in Long Branch, NJ, in Rotary 31 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2, Benefactor

Greeters and Ticket Sales

October 21

Greeters: Bob Perkins and Taylor Phillips
Ticket Sales: Ed Ranelli and Lou Ray

October 28

Greeters: Howard Reddy and Innes Richards
Ticket Sales: Randall Richardson and Betty Roberts

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

October 21

Prayer/Pledge: Madison Currin Sunshine: Alexis Bolin

October 28

Prayer/Pledge: Lee Elebash Sunshine: DeDe Flounlacker

Meeting Schedule

October

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

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