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

## WEEK IN REVIEW 10/21/2025

The weekly Rotary meeting was convened at PYC on a warm, clear day. The gathering was formally opened by President Allyson and featured an update on a Club-sponsored student, several key announcements, and a significant address by the District Governor.

### Club Proceedings and Announcements

Madison Currin lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Following this, Julie Tippins Parker delivered an encouraging report on Lillianna, the Club's student in Guatemala, confirming her academic progress and expressing the student's deep gratitude for the continued sponsorship.

The following initiatives and upcoming events were announced:

- Rotary Foundation Drive: The annual financial campaign for the Rotary Foundation will soon be initiated this fall under the leadership of Dr. Judy Bense.
- "Strike Out Polio" Event: A CROP activity focused on polio eradication is scheduled for November 15. All members are encouraged to participate.
- UWF Food Pantry Drive: Member support is requested for the final week of the UWF Argos food drive to benefit their campus pantry.

Raffle: The raffle exceeded \$1,000, but the jackpot remains unclaimed, as Laura drew the seven card. The prize will roll over to the following week with the deck of cards getting smaller.

Alexis Bolin delivered some Sunshine, formally acknowledging guests, visiting Rotarians, and those celebrating birthdays (including her!).

Program: Keynote Address by District Governor Andrew Boyd

District President Andrew introduced the guest speaker, District Governor Andrew Boyd, of the Panama City Rotary Club. Governor Boyd, a University of Florida alumnus and owner of a marketing firm, serves as the 112th District Governor.

Andrew articulated the profound impact Rotary has had on his personal and professional life. His address highlighted three crucial focus areas for the district:

1. Literacy
2. The elimination of hunger
3. Welfare of the Rotary Family: He stressed the communal responsibility of all members to actively check on fellow Rotarians who may be ill or consistently absent from meetings.

Governor Boyd concluded by noting that the District Meeting this year will take the form of a cruise departing from Port Canaveral, offering an opportunity for networking among the 48 clubs statewide.

### Membership Status

In response to questions regarding Club growth, President Allyson reported a net gain of three members (7 new members versus 4 resignations or deaths). The overall sentiment was that membership sustainment and expansion remains a vital, ongoing priority across the entire Rotary district.

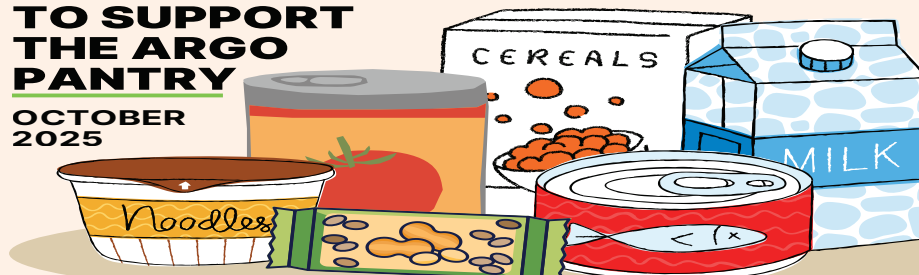
The meeting was formally adjourned shortly before 1:00 PM.

## 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.

### 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

## Program Schedule

### October

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 28, 2025, we meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.

\*\*\*\*LAST CHANCE\*\*\*\*FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE TO THE ARGO FOOD PANTRY. 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.

**THIS WEEK WE ARE KICKING OFF OUR PLEDGE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION AND OUR LOCAL FOUNDATION.** Attached is the 2025 pledge form, also available at the weekly meeting and by email upon request.

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.

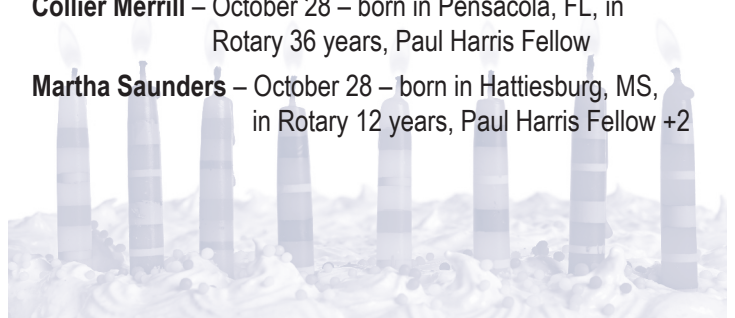
To pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card go to <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of  
October 28 thru November 3

Collier Merrill – October 28 – born in Pensacola, FL, in  
Rotary 36 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Martha Saunders – October 28 – born in Hattiesburg, MS,  
in Rotary 12 years, Paul Harris Fellow +2



## Greeters and Ticket Sales

### October 28

Greeters: Innes Richards

Ticket Sales: Randall Richardson and Betty Roberts

### November 4

Greeters: Henry Roberts and Grover Robinson

Ticket Sales: Bob Rogers and Scott Sallis

## Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

### October 28

Prayer/Pledge: Laura Piovesana

Sunshine: DeDe Flounlacker

### November 4

Prayer/Pledge: Laura Gilliam Sunshine: Sally Fox

## Meeting Schedule

### October

28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

### November

4 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

11 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

18 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

25 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club