



Speakers

February 13, 2024

Stephanie Madden
Lakeland Progress Report

February 20, 2024

Fred Heid
Polk County School District
Update

Birthdays

Ian Townsend
February 15th
Matthew Alan Brown
February 16th
William Roll
February 19th
Stephanie Bowes
February 23rd
Meggie Hoeft
February 25th

Years of Service

Vincent G. Jones
11-16-2010
14 Years
Janice Tedder Jones
11-16-2010
14 Years
Kathryn Dhue Abels
11-08-2011
13 Years
Tracy Yvonne Kimbrough
11-08-2011
13 Years
Kathy McGee
11-03-2015
9 Years
Larry Stahl
11-03-2015
9 Years
Jason Wyatt
11-03-2015
9 Years
Amanda Walls
11-15-2016
8 Years
Cory Neupauer
11-15-2016
8 Years
Karen Moore
11-09-2017
7 Years
Tammi Crotteau
11-09-2017
7 Years
Lori Winstead
11-09-2017
7 Years

Club Meeting

Lakeland
Meets at First United Methodist Church
72 Lake Morton Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Weekly Meeting, February 6, 2024

President Julie Townsend called the meeting to order. **Larry Rankin** then led the invocation, pledge, and Four-Way Test.

Ron Denney introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. Happy Dollars were collected by **Meggie Hoeft**. **Mike Loudon** led us in singing "Smile and the World Smiles Back at You."

Jessica Kirby reminded the club about Spring Obsession on March 9th "we are still accepting sponsors and are looking for volunteers. **Bryce Philpot** talked about the Rotary Foundation as well as the Global Giving Grant "please sign up to donate to the foundation if you haven't already. Another announcement was that **Larry Becker** is the President Elect "congrats Larry!"

Karen Warren introduced our speaker Kent McAllister who presented "Portraits in Black." Kent is a local painter and teacher. He played sports growing up and began drawing in Kindergarten. He attended Alabama State University and teaches art at Boone Middle School. His paintings are powerful and reflect things that he cares deeply about. Kent's work is often displayed in the community and some of his paintings (as well as his students) are being shown until February 23rd at the Lake Eva Gallery as part of the gallery's Black History Month theme. Thank you to Kent for presenting to our club and for teaching and inspiring students in our community.

President Julie concluded the meeting with her "paraphrase" of the which was a quote from Aristotle: "the aim of art is not to represent the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."

William Roll
11-03-2019
5 Years

Brenda Ramirez
11-03-2019
5 Years

Mark Davies
11-03-2019
5 Years

Jennifer Swenson
11-14-2019
5 Years

Tyler Davis
11-14-2019
5 Years

Caleb Douglas Bloodworth
11-14-2019
5 Years

Mark Creech
11-10-2022
2 Years

Linda Roddenbery
11-10-2022
2 Years

District Announcements

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Do you know someone who wants to be a **Rotary Peace Scholar**? The Rotary Foundation offers scholarships for college graduates and professionals to study peace and conflict resolution. Rotary Peace Fellowships are available to candidates who want to participate in a master's degree or professional development certificate program at one of our partner universities. Learn more here: <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

February 20th our speaker will be **Fred Heid** giving us a **Polk County School District Update**. Plan to be here!

Saturday, February 17th 08:30 AM - 04:00 PM Help clean up at **Rotary's Camp Florida** in Brandon. Register via DACdb. Lunch provided.

SPRING OBSESSION is **Saturday, March 9th** at Munn Park. Sign up to Volunteer! See Richard Widick or Jessica Kirby.

Is anyone interested in helping with our **Rotaract Club at Florida Southern**? Please let Julie know if you can help!

Rotary Leadership Institute Classes (RLI) are available online and in person. See schedule at: <https://rlitraining.org/course-information/course-schedule/> Highly recommended for all Rotarians, but especially those in leadership positions.

DACdb University Zoom Webinar - Tuesdays, 4:30 pm Register in advance for this webinar: or watch recordings available on DACdb support page.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wHVYgmeyS2W0AHj-EeA5bg

Membership Action Plan (MAP) -Monthly Bite-Sized Webinar
Second Monday each month: 6 pm - 7 pm Eastern Time (Standard or Daylight)
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86851107986?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86851107986?pwd=bmdrbUR5TTREQ3pZ1pacmhS0TBpQT09)
[pwd=bmdrbUR5TTREQ3pZ1pacmhS0TBpQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86851107986?pwd=bmdrbUR5TTREQ3pZ1pacmhS0TBpQT09)

For more info reach out to: irmacole26@gmail.com

Events

February 13th
The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

March 9th
SPRING OBSESSION

March 12th
The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

Club Leaders

Julie O'Rourke Townsend

President

Marsha Leap

President-Elect

Amanda Walls

iPast President

Jason Wyatt

Secretary

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Club Director

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