

Speakers

**February
20, 2024**

Fred Heid
Polk County
School
District
Update

**March 12,
2024**

Ashley Miller
Lakeland
Symphony
Orchestra

**March 19,
2024**

Irma Cole
and Rotary
Mission Trip
Team
Rotarians
Doing Good
in Honduras

Birthdays

Stephanie
Bowes
February
23rd
Meggie
Hoeft
February
25th
Julie
O'Rourke
Townsend
March 17th

Years of Service

Janice
Tedder
Jones
11-16-2010
14 Years
Vincent G.
Jones
11-16-2010
14 Years
Tracy
Yvonne
Kimbrough
11-08-2011
13 Years
Kathryn
Dhue Abels
11-08-2011
13 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 13, 2024

President Julie Townsend called the meeting to order. **Irma Cole** then led the invocation, pledge, and Four-Way Test. She also introduced the group going on the Honduras trip.

Xuchitl Coso introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. Happy Dollars were collected by **Scott Katz**. **Mike Loudon** led us in singing "Let me Call you Sweetheart."

Announcements began with mentioning that Scott Fulson is in the hospital "we are sending him our best wishes. **Vince Jones** said that we had over 280 runners at the Rotary Twilight 5K and also had wonderful support for the run. **Reba Coil** mentioned that in March there will be a Rotary Trivia Night social event. **Jessica Kirby** reminded the club about the upcoming Spring Obsession Event. **Mark Scolnick** was recently recognized by Rotary for his service towards ending Polio and Polio Plus. Thank you Mark for your efforts!



Rick Maxey introduced our speaker, Lakeland Commissioner Stephanie Madden. Stephanie discussed the Florida Poly Innovation District and her efforts to get this project off the ground. The land for the project was former phosphate mined land and is privately owned. The idea for the Innovation District is to have a live, work, and play area that attracts businesses and residents. Lakeland is committed to improving this corridor and providing infrastructure/networks to ensure its success. Thank you, Stephanie, for your contributions to our city and for speaking to our club.



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

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



President Julie concluded the meeting with her “paraproisdokian” of the week “A woman is like a teabag, you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.”

District Announcements

From its beginnings as a 12-page periodical, The Rotarian (now called Rotary magazine) has grown into an award-winning publication with a circulation of over 500,000, inspiring the creation of a host of Rotary regional magazines.

The first issue was published in January 1911 as The National Rotarian. It included news items from existing clubs, announcements of new clubs, and an essay by Paul P. Harris. Rotary's founder discussed the purpose of Rotary clubs and pondered what the response would be if he asked every Rotarian, "What is the philosophy of Rotary as you understand it?"

Harris, along with Secretary Chesley R. Perry, launched the publication to share information with a growing number of Rotarians. Perry was the magazine's first editor and held the position until 1928.

The official formation of clubs in Canada and England prompted the magazine to change its name to The Rotarian, starting with the September 1912 issue.

Early on, the magazine focused on business ethics, character development, and membership growth. Throughout the years, well-known critics and authors, along with popular artists and photographers, etc.

In the 1940s, the magazine published many commentaries about the effects of war by prominent writers and leaders such as Sherwood Anderson, Winston Churchill, Thomas Mann, H.G. Wells, Mohandas K. Gandhi, George Bernard Shaw, Pearl S. Buck, and J. Edgar Hoover. A selection of these articles was reprinted in three booklets from 1942 to 1947.

As Rotary clubs formed around the world, regional magazines appeared, each offering Rotary news from a local perspective. The first regional magazine was published in Great Britain and Ireland in 1915.

More than half of Rotarians worldwide receive a regional magazine instead of The Rotary Magazine. The Rotary World Magazine Press publishes more than 30 officially licensed Rotary regional magazines. These publications are produced independently by Rotarians, distributed in more than 130 countries, and published in more than 20 languages.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-rotarian-magazine>

Weekly Meeting, February 6, 2024

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Events

March 9th

SPRING OBSESSION

March 12th

The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

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President-Elect

Amanda Walls

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Club Director

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