



Speakers

Club Meeting

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 Tracv Yvonne Kimbrough 11-08-2011 13 Years Kathrvn **Dhue Abels** 11-08-2011 13 Years

Lakeland Meets at First United Methodist Church 72 Lake Morton Drive Lakeland, FL 33801

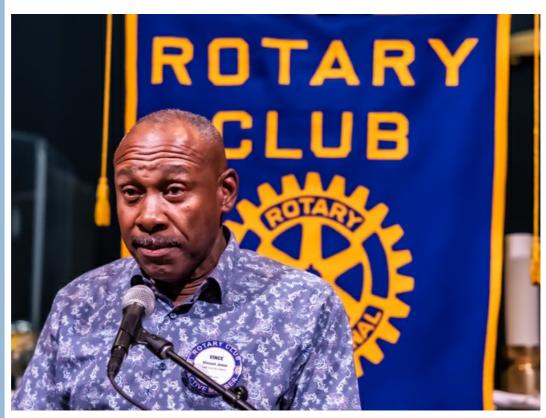
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

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.â€

Announcements began with mentioning that Scott Fulson is in the hospital â€" 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 "paraprosdokian†of the week "A woman is like a teabag, you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.â€

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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?â€

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

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Weekly Meeting, February 6, 2024

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Events

March 9th

SPRING OBSESSION

March 12th

The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

Club Leaders

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