

Speakers Club Meeting

**March 26,
2024**

**Andrew
Jenkins**

The Way It
Was - panel
discussion
about
experiences
when public
schools are
integrated.

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

Weekly Meeting, March 19, 2024

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

Steph Colon introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. Happy Dollars were collected by **Richard Widick**.

President Julie reminded the club to go sign up for volunteer roles for upcoming Rotary Programs. We need additional volunteers to help each week! Sign up on our website.

Irma Cole introduced the program "Transforming La Paz" and introduced of Rotarians who went on the trip to Honduras in February. Irma also introduced Jonathan Zelaya who is the President of "Honduras Compassion Partners" which is Rotary's partner in Honduras. Jonathan founded the Rotary Club in Honduras as well. Jonathan gave us a powerful presentation and video on his team, their mission, and impact. A few highlights include:

- 14.8% of the people in Honduras live for less than \$1.90/day. 60% of people have no access to clean water or sanitation.
- Their mission is to transform the city of La Paz
- They try to buy as many materials & supplies from La Paz/Honduras so that they can further stimulate the economy.
- They provide water filters, pigs, latrines, wooden houses.
- They also provide an adult high school education program. They are looking for sponsors for the program.

Our Club's Honduras trip participants & Irma then shared stories & feedback on the trip. **Deborah Williams** shared from her experience and encouraged others to consider going on future trips to La Paz! The next trip will be from June 29 through July 6, 2024.

Birthdays

Rick Maxey
March 28th

**Beth A.
Hesseltine**
March 29th

Tracy
Yvonne
Kimbrough
March 31st

**Jennifer
Swenson**
April 7th

**Melissa
Innella**
April 11th

**Julian J.
Weeks**
April 12th

Bob
Eckenroth
April 21st

**Stephanie
Colon**
April 22nd

Larry Stahl
April 23rd

Caleb
Douglas
Bloodworth
April 25th

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

Larry Stahl
11-03-2015
9 Years

**Jason
Wyatt**
11-03-2015
9 Years

**Kathy
McGee**
11-03-2015
9 Years

**Cory
Neupauer**
11-15-2016
8 Years

**Amanda
Wals**
11-15-2016
8 Years

**Lori
Winstead**
11-09-2017
7 Years

**Karen
Moore**



11-09-2017
 7 Years
 Tammi
 Crotteau
 11-09-2017
 7 Years
 Mark Davies
 11-03-2019
 5 Years
 Brenda
 Ramirez
 11-03-2019
 5 Years
 William Roll
 11-03-2019
 5 Years
 Tyler Davis
 11-14-2019
 5 Years
 Caleb
 Douglas
 Bloodworth
 11-14-2019
 5 Years
 Jennifer
 Swenson
 11-14-2019
 5 Years
 Mark Creech
 11-10-2022
 2 Years
 Linda
 Roddenbery
 11-10-2022
 2 Years





District Announcements



The Lakeland Rotary Club has forged a relationship with the Rotary Club of La Paz Honduras and Honduras Compassion Partners (HCP). HCP was formally established in 2014 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of helping the poor and underprivileged of Honduras become self-sufficient. Their mission is to transform the city of La Paz. In La Paz, many people have limited access to education, clean water, and sanitized restrooms.

- 80% of the people of La Paz do not have access to clean water
- 50% of the people of La Paz do not have access to a sanitary bathroom
- the poor have limited access to education

HCP works to fill these needs by organizing short term mission teams who:

- Install clean water filter systems, toilets, wells, and houses.
- Equip medical clinics and provide medical and dental brigades
- Equip and train local firefighters & EMS personnel
- Serve in their International Training Center which teaches people how to be self-sufficient
- Build relationships with families
- Feed the hungry

The Lakeland Rotary Club is excited to be one of these short term mission teams. Our first trip was January 21 - 28, 2023. We had a team of 13 Rotarians and non-Rotarians, which included 3 families, and friends of Rotary. We had an age range of 15 - 79! It was an amazing week that impacted lives of the people in La Paz as well as our team members.

Our second mission trip was last week, February 17-24, 2024. We had a team of 14 - 8 from our club (5 repeaters!), 3 Rotarians from 3 other clubs, and 3 friends of Rotary. Once again, it was a week filled with magical experiences for all team members. They will join us here on March 19th to tell you all about it. Please be sure to attend our meeting that day. BONUS- Jonathan Zelaya, president of HCP Honduras will be here as well!

Also, please consider going on our next trip to La Paz June 29th to July 6th of this year. Register online at: <https://www.hondurascompassion.org/teams/important-forms/apply/>

When selecting the team, be sure to choose **Lakeland Rotary Team #2!** Cost is \$800 plus airfare which is yet to be determined, but this time it was \$495 R/T. A \$250 deposit with your application is required. Talk to Irma with any questions. imacole26@gmail.com

Additional District Announcements:

Have you checked out **Rotary Direct** yet? It really is easy to enroll! Go to: <https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct> There are lots of reasons to give to The Rotary Foundation. What motivates you? <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give>



Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan Webinars
6 pm - 7 pm Eastern Time
Second Monday of each month



Rotary Leadership Institute - RLI classes are offered online and in person. Go to <https://rlitraining.org/> to learn more. You can also learn more about Rotary via the **Rotary Learning Center**. <https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/resources-and-reference>
You can take classes at your convenience and learn more about a variety of Rotary topics or about a leadership role you may be entering. You will be a better Rotarian after taking any of these classes!



Are you Smarter than a Rotarian?
Three middle schools try to outsmart the **Sebring Rotary** team.

- History, Science, Math, and Rotary History themes
- Cash prizes awarded to the schools
- Free entrance, 6 pm, Tuesday, March 26
- University Center, South Florida State College, Avon Park

Contact Jeff Roth for information: jeff.roth@edwardjones.com

FishHawk-Riverview Rotary Club presents the 14th Annual Crawfish Festival

Saturday April 13, 2024m 11:00 AM - 04:00 PM, Winthrop Commons, 11289 Winthrop Main St

Riverview, FL 33578

Sign up for our next Rotary Honduras Mission Trip at: <https://www.hondurascompassion.org/teams/important-forms/apply/> A non-refundable \$250 deposit is required. Dates are Saturday June 29th to Saturday July 6th. Rotarians and friends age 10 and up are invited to come to La Paz, Honduras and work on projects with Honduras Compassion Partners staff, volunteers, and local Rotarians to help the people of La Paz become self-sufficient. You will impact lives of the people there as well as your own. You will build relationships, change your perspective, and change your life!

Contact irmacole26@gmail.com for more information about items mentioned in our Weekly News Updates.

Weekly Meeting, January 9, 2024

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Events

April 9th

The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

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