



Speakers Club Meeting

**April 09,
2024**

Kevin Cook,
City of
Lakeland

**April 16,
2024**

President's
Roundtable
Awards

**April 23,
2024**

Scholarship
Program

**April 30,
2024**

Don
Selvage
A Tour of
Presidential
Libraries

**May 07,
2024**

Member
Profiles

Birthdays

Melissa
Innella

April 11th

Julian J.
Weeks

April 12th

Trey Harden

April 16th

Bob

Eckenroth

April 21st

Stephanie
Colon

April 22nd

Larry Stahl

April 23rd

Caleb

Douglas
Bloodworth

April 25th

Lawrence

Allen Rankin

April 26th

Jennifer L

Douglas

April 27th

Brenda

Ramirez

April 28th

Marlon D.

Lynn

May 9th

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

Weekly Meeting, April 2, 2024

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



Melody Rider introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. Happy Dollars were collected by **Larry Becker**.

Vince Jones announced we raised \$20,000 from the Rotary Twilight 5k for the City of Lakeland Common Ground Park. **Reba Coil** announced an upcoming Bingo Night April 23 at The Back Nine and PCPS commitment day.



Years of Service

Janice Tedder
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 Walls
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



Rick Maxey introduced our speaker for the day, Carmen Walker with Heartland for Children. She personally has been fostering for seven years and cared for over 20 kids. Heartland serves kids and families in Polk, Highlands, and Hardee counties. Reunification is their first goal (reunifying kids with parents, grandparents, or guardian) but if that is not an option then adoption is the next goal. They have been working with K-12 and college schools to address student's holistic needs, with everything from counseling to after school activities. Thank you Carmen for sharing with our club, and for the work you are doing to help kids in need.



Jennifer Swenson
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 "paraphrase" of the week "there are three kinds of people in the world - those who can count, and those who can't."

District Announcements



The poster for the District Learning Assembly features the Rotary District 6890 logo and the text "Bring your club team to District Learning Assembly Roadmap to Irresistible". It specifies the event is on "9 am - 2pm Saturday April 20" at "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY". Key sessions include "Grow & Market Your Impact" by Digital Media Specialists Brittany Rohr & Craig Wallace, and "Membership Foundation Public Image" with special sessions for secretaries and treasurers. Post-event activities include planting flowers and visiting Bok Tower Gardens. A registration box notes "Space Limited Register at DACdb".

Rotarians from throughout our four-county area will gather on Saturday, April 20 for the 2024 **District Learning Assembly**. The free event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lake Wales Family Recreation Center, 1001 Burns Ave., in Lake Wales. Check-in, coffee and networking starts at 9 a.m.

All District 6890 Rotarians are invited, and Clubs are encouraged to bring teams to work together on plans for the 2024-25 Rotary year. Rotarians and digital media specialists Brittany Rohr and Craig Wallace from Sarasota will make a special presentation to help clubs “Grow and Market Impact.” Breakout sessions will be offered for club secretaries, treasurers and presidents-elect along with those leading club foundation, membership, public image and youth services initiatives.

After the event, attendees will be invited to help with a service project, planting a small Rotary garden with plants to attract yellow and blue butterflies at the rec center. Free passes will be distributed to visit Bok Tower Gardens, which is about two miles from the assembly site. (boktower.org)

Space is limited so interested persons should register right away on DACdb. Registration closes on April 13 to allow for an accurate lunch count. For more information, email District Governor Elect Chevon Baccus at rotarychevon@aol.com or call 863-651-1065.

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>

FishHawk-Riverview Rotary Club presents the 14th Annual Crawfish Festival - Saturday April 13, 11:00 AM - 4:00 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!

Rotary District 6890 Annual Installation For 2024-2025 District Governor Chevon Baccus - Wednesday, June 26th here in Lakeland at the Magnolia Room. Let's show up and support our incoming District Leadership team including members of TLRC - Marsha Leap, Karen Warren, Stacy Campbell-Dominick, Mark Scolnick, Irma Cole, and Carol Wallace.

District Conference is June 8th at Camp Florida in Brandon. This will be a one day family friendly event. sign up via Ignite App.

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

Events

April 9th
The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

April 23rd
Lakeland Fellowship Event

Club Leaders

Julie O'Rourke Townsend

President

Marsha Leap

President-Elect

Amanda Walls

iPast President

Jason Wyatt

Secretary

Blair Nolen Allen

Club Director

Irma Cole

Club Director

Tyler Davis

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Josie Renee Hill

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Club Director

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Stephanie Colon

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