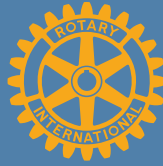


Rotary

Club of Lakeland South



Celebrating our Golden Jubilee

August 22, 2018



COMING ATTRACTIONS

What is coming up in Rotary? Mark your calendars and don't miss the following "Coming Attractions":

Friday, August 24th- 12:00pm- Scarpa's

Chuck Barmby, Transportation & Development Review Manager with the City of Lakeland

Chuck will update us on upcoming projects in Lakeland such as the proposed road diet on South Florida Avenue.

Friday, August 31st – NO MEETING

Friday, September 7th-12:00pm- Scarpa's

Bill Tinsley, Bonnet Springs Park

Friday, September 14th-12:00pm- Scarpa's

Retired USAF Major General Jake Pumbo

Friday, September 21st-12:00pm- Scarpa's

Julius Tobin with onbikes will discuss the history of the Tampa-based program and how we might be able to bring the "bike build" to Lakeland as a part of a Lakeland South Rotary local service project.

POLIO UPDATE

There was one new case of Wild Poliovirus this week in Afghanistan. There have been 14 reported cases of Wild Poliovirus year to date in 2018 as compared to 9 cases at this point in 2017 and an eventual 2017 total of 22 Wild Poliovirus cases. 11 of the cases this year have occurred in Afghanistan and 3 in Pakistan.

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Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Every Friday, at 12:00 noon

Scarpa's Italian Restaurant

1833 E. Edgewood Drive - Lakeland

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Lakeland, FL 33806



Rotary Club of Lakeland South History and Heritage

Rotary year 1975-1976 was a momentous year for the Rotary Club of Lakeland South. It was led by our last remaining charter member, Don Jeffares, who represented the club at the International Convention in Montreal, Canada. Upon returning from the International Convention, Don oversaw the moving of the club to a new meeting location at the new Lakeland Civic Center. Along with the move came an emphasis on outstanding quality programs and some examples of that included: famous humorist Red Mitchum, Florida Chamber of Commerce President Scott Linder, and long-time Tampa Tribune Sports Editor Tom McEwen. In addition, Piper Aircraft President Lynn Helms chose a club meeting program as the venue to announce a major expansion of their manufacturing plant in Lakeland. That meeting was attended by over 100 people and received extensive press and media coverage.

The club also had a net gain of 15 members that year and held an attendance contest with the Lakeland North club won by Lakeland South, that resulted in the North club treating us to a cookout. Plus, the club softball team maintained their unblemished record against a variety of unfortunate challengers. Furthermore, the club also continued the Christmas tree fundraiser and used some of the funds to host a camp for the Girls Club at Camp Rotary. Moreover, the club organized a weekend trip to the mountains that was attended by eighteen couples. On top of that, Lakeland South was also busy promoting peace and goodwill internationally by hosting an international exchange student from Aracatuba, Brazil. Marcia Brasil, a high school age young lady, spent a whole year living with various members' families while attending school in Lakeland. Other international efforts included hosting a group study exchange group from Australia for a week and hosting a District Governor – Elect from New Zealand for 10 days.

Two other notable occurrences happened that year. The very first Lakeland South club banner was designed by Wigg Spiessl, a charter member who was an architect, with input from the rest of the board. Interestingly, our current club banner was also designed by an architect – Tim Hoeft. Finally, the many club achievements that year were recognized by DG Jim Driver when Lakeland South was presented the coveted Golden Spike award for the best over-all accomplishments in the District at the District Conference.



ICYMI...



During last meeting, we enjoyed a lovely presentation by Dale and Andrea McClellan.

Our club was informed of the healthy benefits of milk and the misconceptions often associated with cow's milk. The McClellan's also treated the club to a tasty parfait!

He Rode How Many Miles?!

By Tom C. Wagner

1725 Miles! That's right, DG Nick rode his bicycle, unassisted, a total of 1725 miles from Tampa to Toronto, Canada and arrived on time for the Rotary International Convention! You probably know RI President Barry Rassin chose for his President's Theme this year a call to action, "Be the Inspiration," right? Well, DG Nick, you can check that one off your 2018-19 To Do List! You have definitely inspired us all with your latest amazing ride. 1725 miles on a bike. Wow! What would prompt a person to even attempt such a feat at the age of 70, or any age for that matter? Is he just nuts? No, of course, he is not. DG Nick took on this challenge to bring attention to and promote finishing our task of POLIO ERADICATION. Nick's journey was hard and required considerable endurance. It must have been extremely difficult to keep pedaling at times. Much the same, Polio Eradication requires our continued dedication and endurance. The cost is great but the reward is greater. DG Nick wanted to remind all Rotarians the job is not done and we need to renew our commitment to finishing the task at hand. 1725 POLIO+ CHALLENGE I am hereby issuing a challenge to every Rotarian in District 6890 to give at least \$17.25 to Polio+ this year to commemorate DG Nick's successful Tampa-Toronto trip and to celebrate the reason for which he made the trip. That's less than the price of an entree in many restaurants, really. \$17.25 is easily in reach of everyone in our District and lest you think it insignificant, consider that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match your \$17.25, 2-to-1 for a total gift of \$51.75, which, by the way, can pay for polio vaccinations for 85 children! If every Rotarian in District 6890 will take this challenge, we can raise \$30,000 through this effort which will then become \$90,000 for polio eradication! Well, will you take my challenge? Will your whole club? \$17.25 is all I am asking. Please join with me and let's show our appreciation for DG Nick AND save the world from a dreaded disease all at the same time! You'll never miss the money and could end up saving a life. That's cool...that's Rotary.

IMPORTANT...

August 25th at 11:30 is the opening dedication ceremony for Cook Park. Our club donated trees to this park and it would be a great opportunity to show support in the community.

A Quick Laugh

A young boy goes off to college. Half way through the semester, having foolishly squandered all his money he calls home.

"Dad" he says, "You won't believe what modern education is developing!

They actually have a program here in our institution that will teach our dog, Jack, how to talk!"

"That's amazing," his father says. "How do I get Jack in that program?"

"Just send him down here with \$10,000" the young boy says " and I'll get him in the course."

So his father sends the dog and \$10,000. About two-thirds of the way through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home.

"So how's Jack doing son?" his father asks.

"Awesome, dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this -- they've had such good results they have started to teach the animals how to read!"

"Read ??" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Jack in that program?"

"Just send \$20,000, I'll get him in the class." The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem.

At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read. So he shoots the dog. When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited.

"Where's Jack? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!"

"Dad" the boy says, "I have some grim news.

Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Jack was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading The Economic Times, like he usually does. Then Jack turned to me and asked, so, is your father still having an affair with that pretty lady Rachel who lives down the street ?"

The father went white and exclaimed, "I hope you shot that son of a bitch before he talks to your Mother!"

"I sure did, dad!"

"That's my boy!"

The kid went on to law school and is now a politician.