



COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

Friday, August 10th– 12:00pm- Scarpa's Mayor Bill Mutz

Friday, August 17th– 12:00pm- Scarpa's Dale & Andrea McClellan

Dale is the President of M&B Products of Temple Terrace which packages and distributes yogurt, milk, water & juices.

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

POLIO UPDATE

One new case of Wild Poliovirus this week in Afghanistan. There now have been 13 reported cases of Wild Poliovirus year to date in 2018 as compared to 8 cases at this point in 2017 and an eventual 2017 total of 22 Wild Poliovirus cases. 10 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

The Rotary Club of Lakeland South had a dentist as its president for the second consecutive year during Rotary year 1973-1974. Dr. Bob Iles represented the club at the International Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland before leading the club during the year. The club certainly had an international flair during the year as it hosted a group of Irish orphans in April followed by the Group Study Exchange from Japan later that month. In addition, Rotary International President Bill Carter visited Lakeland and spoke to our club's members and wives as well as other members in the district at the Lakeland Civic Center. (interestingly, the Lakeland North club was awarded their charter at that event.) The club also placed Rotary meeting signs along several roads that were visible to anyone entering the city. Some of the various community service projects undertaken that year included Salvation Army Bell-Ringing, sponsoring a camp for members of the Girls Club, and a contribution towards the beginning of a Big Brothers program in Lakeland.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Last week's program was presented by Candice Knothe Polk
County Parks & Natural Resources Environmental
Specialist/Biologist

Polk County has a remarkable natural beauty that can't be found anywhere else in the state. From its vivid wildlife in places like the Circle B Bar Reserve in Lakeland to its delicate ecosystems on the Lake Wales Ridge, Polk's natural resources are an attraction to many. But that natural beauty needs upkeep. Polk's Natural Resources Division develops and implements natural resource management programs that protect, enhance, and manage Polk's environment and public parks systems. She even updated us on the "Humpback of Circle B" otherwise known as the 12' alligator that received worldwide social media coverage last year.

MEMBER'S CORNER

This week's question is: What automobile from your past or currently owned is memorable to you and why is it memorable?

1998 Hunter TJ Sahara, this was my first jeep. After riding motorcycles for years, I had the opportunity to trade my crotch rocket for a Jeep. It was nothing pretty to look at with a torn soft top, mildewed carpets and regular street tires but it was my new project. I immediately was hooked in the Jeep culture. I took off the soft top and bought a safari top, ripped out carpets and rhino lined the tub. I ordered new wheels and tires and took off the doors. I threw my surfboard in the back and I was ready to go to the beach. After a day of surfing, I started my trip back home but only to caught in a torrential downpour! I was soaked and had inches of water inside my jeep. A story that I will never forget and sadly have experienced more than once. You'd think I would have been deterred but nope, still love it just as much today as I did then. Nothing fancy, no navigation, no Bluetooth, just my jeep and whatever mother nature offers. -Luis Rivas

I loved my 1976 Toyota Corolla SR5 hatchback. It was manual, and the power steering was the pits, but since I drove like I was on a bumper car ride, it was perfect! -Alyssia Totten

I worked at Grove Park Publix for almost a year to save \$500 for a down payment & my parents matched my money for a brand new 1967 Camaro.

It cost about \$2,300 & my payment was \$43/month. I recall buying gas for as little as \$.29/ gallon during gas wars (Sale Prices). It was the first year Chevrolet made the Camaro and mine was one of the very first at Lakeland HS. It was yellow with a black racing stripe on the nose & I thought I was hot stuff!

I won the first-place trophy in my class, drag racing at the old Tampa Drag Strip. I had a real dilemma about telling my parents I was drag racing, but they were understanding & let me slide! - Ron O' Connor

That favorite car would be my Dad's 1955 Thunderbird, automatic w/ overdrive. It had a 1957 hard top (w/ portholes). Its door latches needed frequent replacement as the hinge alignment was sloppy. The body was full of bond-o. Dad arranged for a body man to steel patch the thing only to have it returned unfinished. He sold the car to a restorer. Years later he came across the same car and it now sits in his garage. It is a Grade B? show car with local trophies. -Jeff Sprague

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS...

Kevin McWilliams, August 8

Erin Golotko, August 10

Joshua Burton, August 11

Andra Morgan, August 14

James Robinson, August 18

Karen Hudson, August 21

Martin Phillips, August 21

Arthur Rowbotham, August 23

Arthur Mattson, August 25

Martin Higgenbotham, August 31

This Week's Humor...

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."