

DISTRICT MINUTARIAN OF THE WEEK

From District Governor Joyce Gunter:

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah, I thought I would share a few jokes for you to tell at your parties or gatherings. Here goes!

Why do mummies like Christmas so much?
Because of all the wrapping!

Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting? *Because they always drop their needles.*

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? *Ice Krispies or Frosted Flakes!!*

What does Mrs Claus say to Santa when she sees clouds? *Looks like rain, dear*

What do elves learn in school? *The Elf-abet!*

Why did the elves ask the turkey to join the band?
Because he had the drum sticks!

How does Rudolph know when Christmas is coming? *He looks at his calen-"deer"!*

What does the Christmas tree say to the light bulb when it's sad? *Lighten up!*

The Amusing Story of the 2 Sweaters

My mother once gave me two sweaters for Hanukkah. The next time we visited, I made sure to wear one.

As we entered her home, instead of the expected smile, she said, 'Aaron, what's the matter? You didn't like the other one?'

Happy holidays!

Reminder of Paul Harris Centennial Challenge

Historically, our Club has match contributions of \$500.00 to the Rotary Foundation with 500 recognition points so that a member of our Club could receive the distinction of being named a Paul Harris Fellow; however, as part of the Foundation's Centennial Celebration, past presidents Jim Claussen and Brad Lunz have offered to sweeten the deal!! Contribute \$400.00 dollars and the club will match you with 500 points. Brad and Jim will then add another 100 points so that you can be honored as a Paul Harris Fellow! *Offer expires at the end of 2016, so move fast.*

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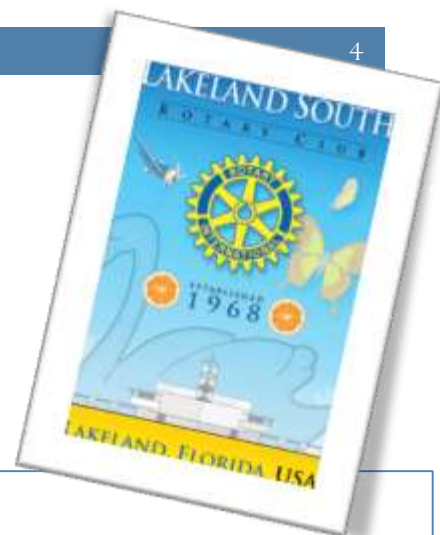
Club Officers

President	Tim Hoeft
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Past President	Brad Lunz
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Alyssia Totten	2014-2017
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Donna Pearce	2016-2019

COMING ATTRACTIONS



**Friday, December 23rd (12:00pm) –
NO MEETING, HAPPY HOLIDAYS.**

**Friday, December 30th (12:00pm) –
NO MEETING, HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

**Friday, January 6th (12:00pm) –
George Lowe.** Mr. Lowe is true Renaissance man who is a voiceover actor on radio and television, as well as a renowned art collector.

**Saturday, January 7th (TBD) –
2017 Rotary Benefit Concert Announcement Party.** It is official, we have booked a concert! Please join your fellow Rotarians in listening to the Sofa Kings as they divulge who our artist(s) will be this year! Stay tuned for info on the location and time.

**Friday, January 13th (12:00pm) –
Member Profiles.** Please join us this week for one of my favorite Club traditions, member profiles. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more about three (3) of your fellow Rotarians as they share a little bit about themselves.

Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Every Friday, at 12:00 noon

Place: The Lakeland Center,
701 Lime Street

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2602,
Lakeland, FL 33806



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LET'S CELEBRATE!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

John Wendel 12/27/96

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Brad Lunz December 22nd

Steve Carey December 23rd



2017 ROTARY BENEFIT CONCERT UPDATE

It has officially been announced that we have booked a concert for this year's 2017 Rotary Benefit Concert.

When is it? This year's concert will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2017**, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the arena located at The Lakeland Center. **MARK YOUR CAENDARS NOW!** It is going to be a great time.

What is next? Planning has begun and the Sofa Kings are booked for the announcement party, which is going to occur on **Saturday, January 7th**. Time and location is forthcoming. I'm looking to seeing everyone there.

How can I help? Sponsorships are a critical component of our success the past two (2) years. If you are planning to participate as a sponsor, please let Alyssia know so that we can budget accordingly.

KOINS FOR KIDS CHRISTMAS TESTIMONIAL

Below is a message was sent from a fellow Rotarian, Ron O'Connor, after he had taken a family shopping for Koins for Kids:

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I have never been prouder to be a member of Lakeland South Rotary than today.

I took the Washington family shopping today for Koins for Kids. The mother is an Army veteran who spent eight (8) years defending our country, works a full-time job, all while being a single mother to six (6) children!

The children were courteous, polite and well-behaved. Their broad smiles lit up the entire store as they gleefully picked out a few toys and much needed clothing!

As we finished shopping, one of the kids asked their mom if she could hug me. The love and sincerity of her embrace brought me to the verge of tears.

Rotary genuinely changes lives and brings joy to those less fortunate than us. Keep up the good work.

Ron O'Connor

(On the next page please find photos that Ron took during/after the shopping trip!!)

