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Getting to Know You Series featuring Dr. Carl Lentz III, M.D

Affectionately known as "Dr. Ricky" to family, friends and patients, Lentz's heritage dates to the founding of Daytona Beach. His maternal great-grandfather, moved with Mathias Day from Ohio to this area. Mathias Day originally purchased more than 2,000 acres that formed the center of Daytona Beach. In 1876, Thompson was present as one of the founders to vote to incorporate the City. Lentz's great-grandfather, Thompson, lived across the street from the Halifax River Yacht Club. He gave the land that the Yacht Club was built on and was also one of the club's thirteen founding members. He later built the first home on the Peninsula. It is still there on Silver Beach and is known as Lillian Place, a beautiful Victorian home.

Lentz's paternal great grandfather, Karl Von Robbins, was the child of one of the princes of Bavaria.

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While attending the University he had an argument with one of his professors and threw his ink well at the professor. Realizing that there was no reason to return home, he fled Germany and adopted his mother's maiden name of Lentz. He relocated to the United States where he became a Major in the Union Army. During the Civil War, he was shot in the arm, which was amputated. He later found his career as an investor on Wall Street.

Lentz's father, Carl Lentz, grew up in Morristown, New Jersey. His father attended the Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1939.

Lentz's mother, Kathryn ("Kay") Thompson, was born in Daytona Beach. Her father, Laurence Thompson, was a successful lawyer in both the U.S. and Cuba. She attended the University of Alabama and graduated from the University of Maryland. Her sister, Liza Thompson Baggett Mather, took Kay to West Point where she met and fell in love with Carl Lentz.

Kay and Carl were married in Daytona Beach and honeymooned in Cuba. Carl went on to become an artillery and anti-aircraft officer with duty assignments around the globe. Carl, Kay, and their daughter Linda were stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when it was bombed by the Japanese. Kay and Linda went home to Daytona Beach and Carl was off to fight across the Pacific Theater.

Dr Ricky was born in Daytona Beach on April 10, 1944. He characterizes his childhood as "truly magical", having the privilege to live in South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Germany and El Paso, Texas. He enjoyed baseball, Boy Scouts, and sports at every location.

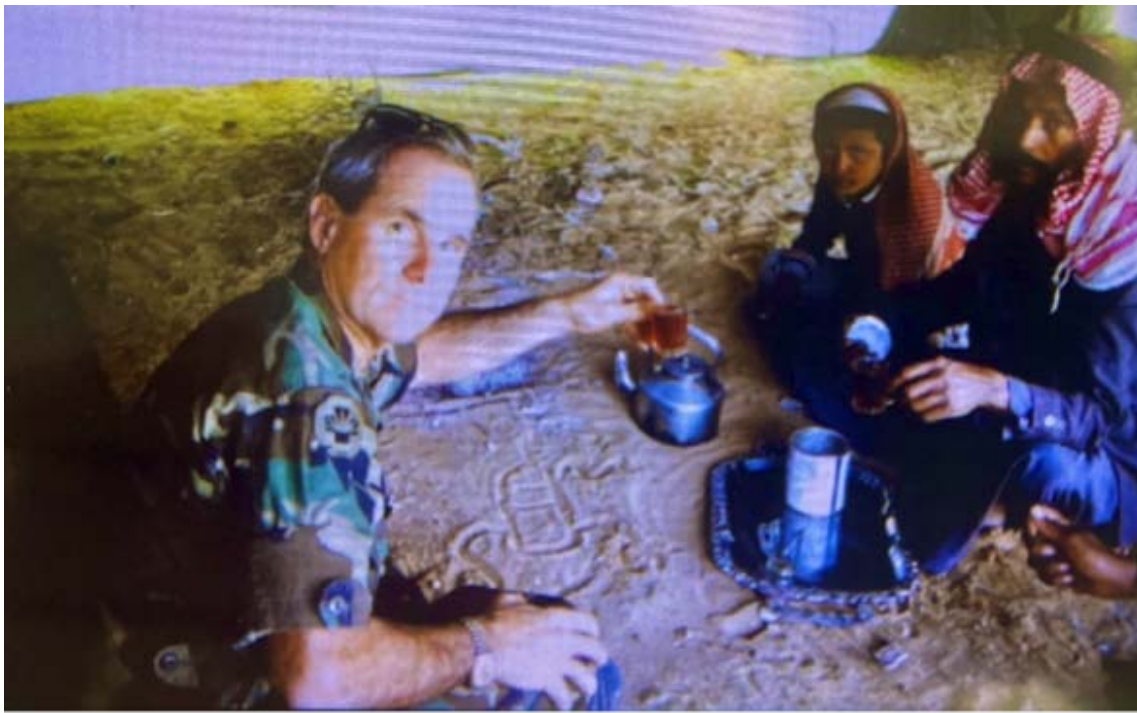
He recalls his parents' expectations of doing well in school and also that they instilled in him the value of earning his way. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout while in Worms, Germany, just before the family moved to El Paso, Texas. The transfer prevented Lentz from participating in the Honor Court and officially receiving his rank. Years later, as a delegate to the American Medical Association annual meeting held in Chicago, his fellow delegate who was very involved in Boy Scouts arranged to conduct an Honor Court and officially present him with the rank of Eagle Scout. Lentz recalls this as one of the most memorable events of his life.

After his junior year in high school, Lentz's father was assigned to be a Military Advisor to the King of Saudi Arabia for one year. His mother and Lentz returned to Daytona Beach where he attended Seabreeze High School. After his junior year, his father was made Professor of Military Science at Prat Institute in Brooklyn, New York. Realizing that Lentz would have to attend his third high school in three years, his parents offered him to live with his mother's sister, Liza, so he could finish high school at Seabreeze.

At Seabreeze, he took a speech class and was assigned to deliver a speech about what he wanted to do for a career. It seems that there was a really cute girl in his class who wanted to be a nurse. Well, what could he do but give a speech on how he wanted to be a doctor! Realizing that he knew nothing about being a doctor, he turned to his godfather, Dr. P.A. Drahomer. Dr. Drahomer took him to his office and the hospital and infected him with the desire to be a doctor. Lentz then had a dilemma. If he followed in his father's footsteps and went to West Point, he could not attend medical school. So, he turned down his appointment to West Point and applied to Emory University because his sister told him that if he wanted to be a doctor in the South, he needed to attend Emory University in Atlanta. He was accepted and graduated from Emory University with a BA in Biology in June 1966.

While at Emory he participated in Air Force ROTC. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and was awarded the Distinguished Military Graduate. Even though he had a desire to fly fighter jets, he decided to attend medical school and was accepted to the University of Miami School of Medicine. Lentz was able to stay on active duty with pay and benefits as an Air Force officer with the Air Force paying for his cost for medical school. He graduated medical school in 1970 and was sent to Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas for a Straight Surgery Internship. He completed his General Surgery Residency at Keesler Medical Center in Biloxi, Mississippi and his Plastic Surgery Fellowship back at Wilford Hall. He was then placed on the teaching staff at Keesler AFB Hospital.

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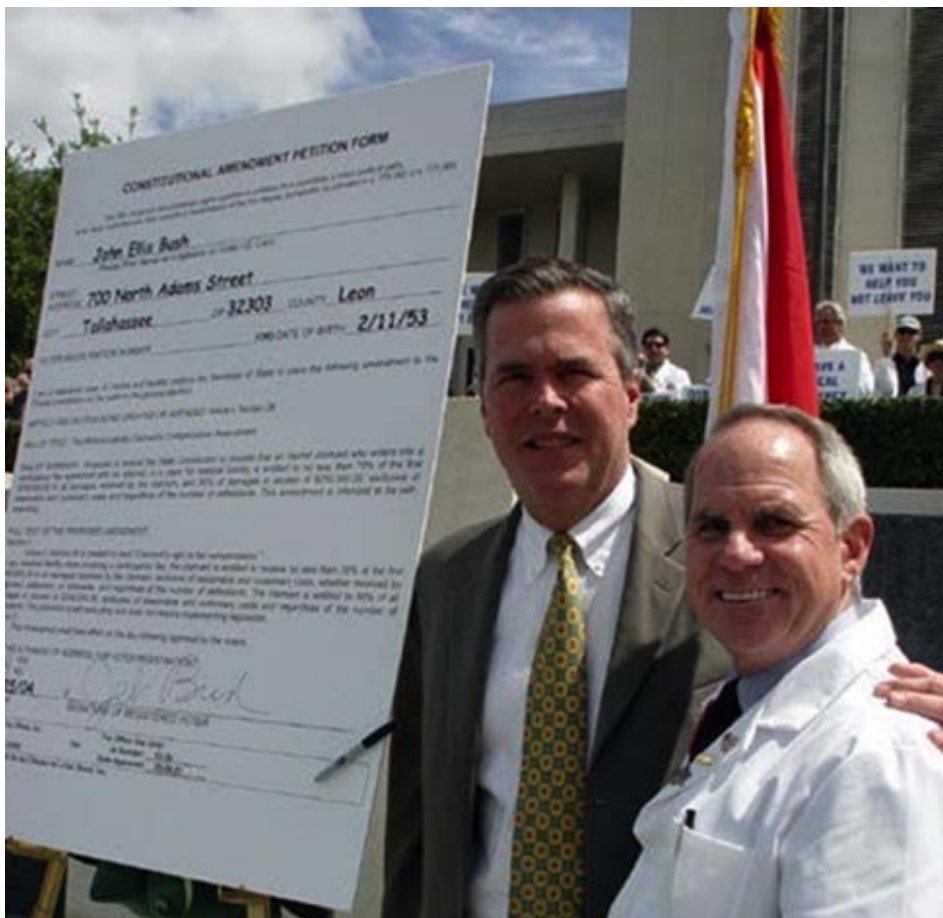
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In 1972 while attending a friend's wedding, his good friend's daughter was showing her wedding photos. Lentz saw the photos of the bridesmaids and jokingly said "I'll take that one"! That Christmas when Lentz was back home in Daytona Beach, he received a call from the friend's daughter. She had set him up for a date with the bridesmaid in the photo – Cheryl. He said that when Cheryl opened the door, it was "love at first sight." He asked her to marry him on their second date. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary in June 2023.

Lentz was on active duty with the Air Force for 13 years. He was happy practicing plastic surgery in the service and planned to stay for a career. Unfortunately, during Jimmy Carter's presidency, the military was essentially closed. Dr. Lentz found it very difficult to perform his surgery due to budget cuts, and he decided to leave the Air Force.

In 1979, Dr. Lentz moved his wife and three children to the Daytona Beach area and began his private practice. He continued to serve our country as a full Colonel in the Army Reserves and was called to active duty during Desert Shield-Desert Storm at the 86th Evacuation Hospital in Saudi Arabia between November 1990 and May 1991.

Dr. Lentz described the impression of those who chose to specialize in plastic surgery as being the "lowest of the low" areas of medical practice. Many felt it was for those who were pretentious and vain about their appearance. However, Dr. Lentz shared his motivation and experience in an entirely different manner. As a plastic surgeon, Dr. Lentz has been able to see the faces of children light up as deformities and other injuries have been improved and corrected, bringing confidence and a life affirming feeling of acceptance to their outlooks. He has been blessed with appreciation from women whose bodies ravaged by cancer and radical mastectomies relate how they feel whole after reconstructive surgery. He has truly given his all to his medical work. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgery and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. He is Past President of the Florida Medical Association, Past President of the Florida Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, and Past President of the Volusia County Medical Society. He was recently appointed by Governor DeSantis as Chairman of the Halifax Health Board of Commissioners and to serve an additional four-year term.



He has also given his all to our local community. He has been a member of the Daytona Beach Rotary Club since opening his practice in 1979 and has served as president. He credits much of his community work to his high school mentor, Josephine Davidson, wife of former News Journal owner Herbert Davidson. Lentz was actively involved in the Lively Arts Center, which was housed at the News Journal Center on Beach Street and part of the Summer Music Theater. He actively assisted in bringing the London Symphony back to Daytona Beach. He helped start the Tiger Bay Club of Volusia, serving as past president; and has been active in the Halifax Area Civic League, serving as past chairman.

Dr. Lentz is now retired and has committed to focusing his time now on his wife Cheryl and family, who allowed him the privilege of focusing on his medical career for so many years. Dr. Lentz and his wife Cheryl live in Ormond Beach. Their daughter Ashley K Lentz, MD, FASC followed in her father's footsteps, joining his practice in 2016, and continues their work today. Their son, Carl W. Lentz IV, is a commercial real estate broker in Volusia County, and their youngest daughter, Parrish L. Peddrick, is an attorney in Greensboro, North Carolina. They have 7 fabulous grandchildren.





Article written by Club Member Lorene King

Temporary Meeting Location Starts June 5th



Reminder

Due to construction at the Palmetto Club, we will be meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes for the next few months

Meeting Address:
201 University Blvd Daytona Beach

Minutarian Week 47 - May 22, 2023

By Amy Workowski on Thursday, May 25, 2023

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Greetings from Australia, where Maureen and I are taking a little bit of time off as we enjoy some wine and Rotary Fellowship. Interestingly, we first came to Sydney, Australia in May of 2014 to visit some dear friends. The RI Convention was merely a side benefit. Since then, this will be our 9th convention—yes, we have gone every year, including two online. The Rotary International

Convention broadens your perspective and gives you a chance to see beyond your club. We hope that many of you walked away with this same feeling when we were in St. Augustine just over a week ago. What was unique about St. Augustine was that almost every speaker that we had, had spoken either nationally or internationally, which cannot help but broaden your perspective. We spent a great afternoon in the Sydney Harbor with the historic Opera House and bridge before attending the symphony.





A special thank you to [Angela Keller](#) from the Rotary Club of Deland for the extraordinary pictures that she took last week at the District Conference.

I am pleased to announce that Past District Governor Rich Cooper from the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach will be District 6970's representative to the RI Council on Legislation for the next three years. "Coop" will be assisted by Past District Governor Mike Darragh from the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville as the alternate representative. A special thank you to the nominating committee which was chaired by Past District Governor Dave Faraldo from the Rotary Club of Orange Park, Past District Governor Bill Griffin from the Rotary Club of Daytona Beach West and Past District Governor Jeanette Loftus from the Rotary Club of Flagler County

Club Meeting

Daytona Beach
Meets at TEMPORARY MEETING LOCATION: Our Lady of Lourdes
201 University Boulevard
Daytona Beach, FL 32118
Time: Monday at 12:15 PM