



Speakers

**August 20,
2024**

ACHIEVEMENT

ACADEMY -

Kristin Aiken

Creating
Brighter
Futures for
Children with
Special Needs

**August 27,
2024**

Teresa

Martinez

POLK
COUNTY
CUBAN
AMERICAN
EXPERIENCE

**September
03, 2024**

David Bunch

The Bonnet
Springs Park
Story

**September
10, 2024**

Amy Wiggins

Lakeland Area
Chamber of
Commerce

**September
17, 2024**

J. Lenora

Bresler

America 250
Path to
Freedom

Birthdays

Brenden A.
Hahn
August 27th

Stacy
Campbell-
Domineck
August 29th

Annette
Davies
September
4th

R. Howard
Wiggs
September
8th

Roxann Bonta
September
17th

Years of

Club Meeting

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

Weekly Meeting, August 13, 2024

President Marsha called the meeting to order. **Linda Roddenbery** led the Invocation, Pledge and Four-Way test. **Mike Huff** introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians, and **Jason Wyatt** collected Happy Dollars.

Reminders were given for several upcoming events and service opportunities.

- The Lakeland Rotary Club Golf Tournament is still looking for pin flag sponsors. At the \$500 level, you can feature your corporate logo or dedicate it to your favorite veteran. Donations will be used to support Flight to Honor Mission 10 and will cover airfare costs for the participating veterans. Deadline to commit is August 31st. [Click here to pledge your support.](#)
- On September 7th, members are invited to volunteer with Kids Pack at the warehouse, located at Browning Moving and Storage. Afterward, a possible social gathering will be held at Brew Hub.
- October 24th is World Polio Day, and in its honor, the four Rotary Clubs of Lakeland will come together for a joint social, "Pints to End Polio" at Swan Brewing. The event will begin at 5:30pm and a portion of all proceeds will be donated to Polio Plus.
- The next trip to India will occur Feb. 2-13, 2025 to coincide with National Immunization Day. Additional opportunities abroad include a trip to Ghana at the end of October and the next trip to Honduras, March 15-22, 2025. For more information, visit www.howardtours.net.



Carol Wallace introduced four of The Lakeland Rotary Club's newest members: **Jennifer Douglas, Michelle Harvey, Tamara Roberts Offutt** and **Annette Davies**. Each member presented their new member profile.

Jennifer Douglas is a native of Cleveland, OH. She was born in 1974 and was raised in a traditional suburban home. She excelled in school and in drama and was cast in her first school play at the age of 5. She went on to major in Theatre Performance at Ohio University and performed professionally in regional theaters for much of her 20's. In 2001, she accepted a position as a grant writer with The Hippodrome Theatre in Gainesville, FL, which led to a successful career as an

Service

Janice Tedder Jones
11-16-2010
14 Years

Vincent G. Jones
11-16-2010
14 Years

Kathryn Dhue Abels
11-08-2011
13 Years

Tracy Yvonne Kimbrough
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

Jennifer Swenson
11-14-2019
5 Years

Mark Creech
11-10-2022
2 Years

Linda Roddenbery
11-10-2022
2 Years

arts administrator for several organizations throughout Florida. She met her husband, Andy, in 2004 in Sarasota, and they married in 2007 in Andy's hometown of Crystal River, FL. Together, they own Premier Parties, a Lakeland-based tent and party rental company.

In their spare time, Jennifer and Andy love to travel together. They prefer adventurous trips that have taken them ziplining in Costa Rica, spelunking in San Antonio, hiking and snowmobiling in the Rocky mountains, mule riding in the Dominican Republic, and swimming along the Road to Hana. In 2022, they renewed their vows in Las Vegas with Elvis officiating.

Tamara Roberts Offutt is married to Rotarian **Glenn Offutt**. They met in 2016, built a real estate brokerage together in 2019, bought a house in 2021 and married in 2023. They now share a blended family, and in 2023, Tamara was also able to fulfill a dream by opening her own craft studio in South Lakeland. Tienda Studios was born out of her love for celebrating people and a positive desire to make everyone's experience with her the best part of their day.



Tamara's early life brought many hardships. Born in Kissimmee in 1982 to teenage parents, she grew up surrounded by generational dysfunction, addiction and abuse. After high school, she met her first husband, Larry. They were happy together, had two sons and shared custody of three young cousins that they raised as their own. Tragically, Larry was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in December 2014, and he passed away in January 2016 at the age of 39. Despite her losses, Tamara remains positive and credits her Christian faith for her strength.

Michelle Harvey has lived in Lakeland since third grade, when her father relocated the family for a position as an engineer with Davy Power Gas. Her mother was a portrait painter and a homemaker. Michelle was a shy student. She loved school, books and libraries. She came out of her shell in high school when she accepted a job at JCPenney. She loved working and collecting her own paycheck. Her confidence grew, and she was accepted into a college program with Disney where she met students from all over the USA. Michelle attended Hillsborough Community College, Florida State and University of South Florida, where she graduated with a degree in English Literature and Communications. After college, she accepted a position with Burdine's Department Store in Miami where she discovered a passion for service and voluntarism.





Several years later, Michelle moved back to Lakeland and married in 1993. In 1998, she and her now ex-husband opened the popular Mitchell's Coffeehouse together. Although the business recently sold, and Michelle is onto the next chapter of her life, she realized that belonging to and building a community will always be a mainstay in her life. She loves people and invites all of her fellow Rotarians to join her for fellowship and a cup of coffee.

Annette Davies is married to Rotarian **Mark Davies**. Prior to officially joining Rotary, Annette participated with The Lakeland Rotary Club on two trips to Honduras.

Annette was born in Indiana and was raised by a strong, independent single mother. Her father sadly passed away just weeks after she was born, and her mother was left with the responsibility of raising three young children on her own. Annette attended the University of Florida where she received her Masters in Social Work. She worked for a time with homeless youth in New Hampshire; however, she prefers working with the geriatric population and has spent the majority of her career working with the elderly. Recently, Annette retired from her position in a nursing home.

Annette and Mark met during Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and they share one son, Kyle. He is a mechanical engineer and lives in Utah.

President Marsha closed out the meeting with a gift for each speaker, a Lakeland Rotary Club journal and an honor coin. Her thought of the day was a reminder that August is Membership and New Club Development month. She reflected on a past survey that was conducted a year ago, and at that time, the membership was asked "Why are you in Rotary right now?" The top three responses were 1) Networking, 2) Fellowship and 3) Service Projects.

With those responses in consideration, Marsha has asked her committee chairs to plan one fellowship opportunity and one service project for the Club each month.

CALL TO ACTION – LET'S STAY CONNECTED



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lakelandrotarymembgroup>

OUR CLUB PAGE - OPEN TO ANYONE - WE HAVE OVER 1000 FOLLOWERS!

<https://www.facebook.com/lakelandrotaryclub>



OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE HAS 517 FOLLOWERS - @lakelandrotary

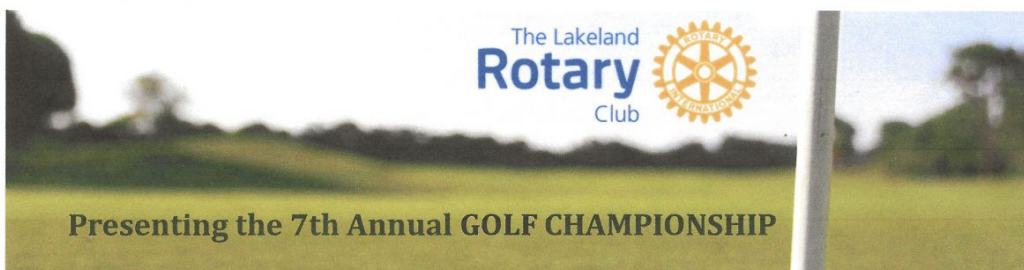
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Date: Oct 4th, 2024 Location: The Club at Eaglebrooke

Proceeds benefiting Flight to Honor Mission #10 deploying April 29th, 2025



Join us to support our local veterans attend Mission #10. Departing Lakeland Linder to Washington D.C. to spend the day touring the memorials for their specific war service period. Learn more at www.polkveteranscouncil.com/flight-to-honor.html

Visit WWW.LAKELANDROTARYGOLF.COM to register and see full list of sponsorship opportunities.

Format: 4 Person Scramble Check-in Time 11:00am with 1:00pm shotgun start

Awards Dinner & Silent Auction immediately following end of play

Cigar Bar—Great Raffle Items—Swag Bag—Golf Contests—Golf Ball Cannon

For additional information please contact Lydia Boyd @ Lydia.boyd@schwab.com

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Events

September 10th

The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

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