



Speakers

**August 27,
2024**

Teresa

Martinez

POLK

COUNTY

CUBAN

AMERICAN

EXPERIENCE

**September
03, 2024**

J. Lenora

Bresler

America 250

Path to

Freedom

**September
10, 2024**

Carole

Phillipson

**September
17, 2024**

David Bunch

The Bonnet

Springs Park

Story

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 Service

Janice

Tedder

Jones

11-16-2010

14 Years

Vincent G.

Jones

11-16-2010

14 Years

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 20, 2024

By Jennifer L Douglas

President Marsha Leap called the meeting to order. **Ron Denney** led the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Four-way Test and Patriotic Song. **Stephanie Colon** introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians, and **Tammy Crotteau** collected Happy Dollars.



Announcements

President Marsha opened the announcements with a reminder of the social being held the same evening at Spring Hill Suites. In addition to the school supply drive that would benefit Southwest Elementary and Middle Schools, donation checks would be presented to each school Principal on behalf of The Lakeland Rotary Club.

Mark Miller reminded everyone that a service opportunity is coming up on September 7th for kidsPACK from 9-11am at their warehouse, which is located at Browning Moving & Storage, 3725 Frontage Rd North in Lakeland. A possible social will follow at the neighboring Brew Hub.

Fred Oeters highlighted a flier on everyone's table with a QR code. Members are invited to scan the code to offer input on the meeting's program. Feedback is meant to help the program committee plan future speakers.

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.](#)

President Marsha closed the meeting with a prayer from the Scripture Club to join them this Saturday, August

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

Club Leaders

President Marsna shared a special invitation from the Sunshine Club to join them this Saturday, August 24th, in their suite for the Flying Tigers game. Tickets are \$40, and you can register on DACdb. Proceeds will benefit Polio Plus.

As a final reminder, Pints to End Polio is scheduled for October 24th at Swan Brewing. The event will begin at 5:30pm and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Polio Plus.

Janice Jones gave an introduction to the day's guest speaker, Kristin Aiken, President & CEO of Achievement Academy, a nonprofit organization that provides social services to families throughout Polk County. The mission of Achievement Academy is to give children the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential by providing early intervention, education, therapy, and family support to those with special needs or at-risk for developmental delays.

Originally founded as United Cerebral Palsy in 1955, the organization has grown steadily over the years. In 1987, they were able to expand services to children with other developmental delays and became the Child Development Center of Polk County, Inc. 10 years later, their application to become a Charter School was approved, and in 2004, they changed their name to Achievement Academy. Today, Achievement Academy Charter School serves 157 students across three campuses in Lakeland, Bartow and Winter Haven. In addition, the organization has served thousands of children and families in their homes through their early intervention program.



Currently, the organization serves children and families through three main programs:

Birth to Three offers early intervention services to children up to three years of age who may be at-risk for developmental delays due to a variety of factors, including prematurity, social/emotional issues, environmental issues, or a parent's concern about their child's development. They also provide early intervention services to children who have been identified with a developmental delay.

ESE (Exceptional Student Education) Pre-K classes offer educational services to children with special needs ages two through five years old, which may include:

1. Small class size with individualized attention.
2. Developmentally appropriate goals and activities.
3. Active parent participation.
4. Individual speech, physical, and occupational therapies.
5. Hearing and vision services.
6. Assistive technology.

One-on-one Therapy may include individual Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy sessions. Therapists work closely with teachers and parents in a collaborative team approach that makes sure each child is reaching their goals.

Achievement Academy has been a United Way partner since 1957. Therapies are always provided at no charge to parents. Instead, the organization relies on private donations to continue services. Their largest fundraiser of the year is *Top Chef of Polk County*, which is scheduled for February 24, 2025.

To learn more, visit their website at achievementacademy.com.

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Membership Chair

As a token of the club's gratitude, **President Marsha** presented Kristin with The Lakeland Rotary Club journal and an honor coin. She closed the meeting with her Thought of the Day. August is Membership and New Club Development month. In a previous survey, the membership had listed "networking" as one of the top reasons for joining Rotary. In consideration of that, **Marsha** dedicated the final few minutes of the meeting to group networking.

The 4 Lakeland
Rotary
Clubs

End Polio Now

INVITE YOU TO A WORLD POLIO DAY
EVENT THURSDAY OCT 24TH

PINTS TO END
POLIO

END
POLIO
NOW

AT SWAN BREWING
115 W. PINE STREET LAKELAND
STARTING AT 5:30 PM
PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
POLIO PLUS

The Lakeland
Rotary
Club

Presenting the 7th Annual GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

**Matthew
Alan
Brown**
Community
Service Chair

H. Dan Hill
Club
Programs
Chair

**Jessica
Kirby**
Club
Fundraising
Chair

**Jason
Wyatt**
Club
Fundraising
Chair

**Michelle
Emerson-
Lewis**
Youth
Services
Chair

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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OUR CLUB GROUP PAGE - FOR MEMBERS ONLY - PRESENTLY AT 97

<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

<https://www.instagram.com/lakelandrotary/?hl=en>



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A YOUTUBE PAGE? - 35 SUSBSCRIBERS - 119 VIDEOS!

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg_LngRjE--YZSrBp6P2DdQ



Events

September 10th

The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting