



Speakers

**August 06,
2024**

NICOLE
BRADHAM

HOTMOD
AGENCY -
INFLUENCER
MARKETING
MADE EASY

**August 13,
2024**

STARS Spring
Class Member
Profiles

Jennifer
Douglas,
Annette
Davies,
Tamara
Roberts,
Michelle
Harvey

**August 13,
2024**

Board Meeting
The Lakeland
Rotary Club
Board of
Directors
Monthly
Meeting All
club officers,
leaders, and
members are
invited to
attend at 5:15
pm Central
Florida Speech
and Hearing
Center
Conference
Room 3020
Lakeland
Highlands
Road Lakeland
FL 33803

**August 20,
2024**

ACHIEVEMENT
ACADEMY -
Kristin Aiken
Creating
Brighter
Futures for
Children with
Special Needs

Club Meeting

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

Weekly Meeting, July 30, 2024

By Jennifer L Douglas

President Marsha Leap called the meeting to order. **Blair Allen** led the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Four-way Test.

Mike Huff introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests, and **Larry Rankin** collected Happy Dollars.



Several announcements were made. **Reba Coil** invited the membership to attend the "Back to School Bash", which will be held at Spring Hill Suites on August 20th. Donations of school supplies will also be accepted for our 2 partnering schools.

Jason Wyatt reminded everyone that registration for The 7th Annual Lakeland Rotary Golf Championship is now open, and sponsorships are needed. The event will be held October 4th at The Club at Eaglebrooke. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Flight to Honor Polk County Mission #10, Deploying April 29, 2025. Visit <http://lakelandrotarygolf.com> to register and learn more.

President Marsha announced a last call to join the tour of Rotary International headquarters in Chicago. The tour will be held August 30th. If interested, reach out to Marsha for information. Also, Save the Date for "Pints for Polio", a 4-club Rotary event that will be held on World Polio Day, October 24th, starting at 5:30 pm at Swan Brewing in downtown Lakeland. Swan Brewing will donate a portion of their proceeds to the cause. If you are still in need of a headshot to feature on DACdb, **Bill Sammons** will be available before next week's meeting. The Rotary Twilight Club, benefiting Cancer Ground Playgroup, is looking for members. If

August 27, 2024

Teresa Martinez
POLK COUNTY CUBAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

September 03, 2024

David Bunch
The Bonnet Springs Park Story

Birthdays

Bryce Philpot
August 14th
Gregory Robinson
August 16th
Lydia A Boyd
August 16th
Amanda Walls
August 18th
Brenden A. Hahn
August 27th
Stacy Campbell-Domineck
August 29th

Years of 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

weekâ€™s meeting. The Rotary Twilight 5K benefiting Common Ground Playground is looking for sponsors. If you can help, contact **Vince Jones** or visit <https://rotarytwilight5k.com/>.

Linda Bagley Wiggs introduced this weekâ€™s speaker, Jim Edwards, Senior Advisor for Saunders Ralston Dantzler and former Executive Director of the Lakeland Downtown Development Authority and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). His presentation focused on redevelopment efforts for Lakelandâ€™s downtown since the 1950s.



Highlights include:

1958 - 1962

- Major efforts were made to relocate the railroad depot to an industrial area outside of downtown.
- One-way streets and metered parking were added.
- Munn Park was redesigned. The centerpiece was a new fountain called "Waltzing Waters" that danced and lit up to music.

1968 - 1972

- Moss Bros. and JCPenney built large department stores downtown.
- The City of Lakeland built a 700-space parking garage.

1977 - 1979

- The city passed the Lakeland Downtown Development Authority Act as a funding tool for area redevelopment. It is known today as the Community Redevelopment Agency or CRA.
- Historic Lakeland was established to take advantage of a 20% Federal Tax Credit on redevelopment efforts for historic structures.

1980 - 1985

- Munn Park was restored to its original 1920s design.
- Sidewalks were widened and attractive street lighting installed.
- Lakeland Electric's offices were relocated downtown.
- Historic Lakeland led restoration efforts for the Lake Mirror Promenade and Amphitheater.

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

William Roll
11-03-2019
5 Years

Brenda
Ramirez
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

- The Mark Hollis Foundation granted funds to care for a world-class garden in perpetuity.
- Moss Bros. and JCPenney donated their buildings to the CRA. They are now occupied by Publix.

For a visual of Lakeland's historical redevelopment, you can watch "Project Downtown", a 15-minute documentary filmed in 1960 on [YouTube](#).

As a token of our club's gratitude, **President Marsha** presented Jim with a Rotary Honor Coin and journal. She concluded the meeting with a final announcement. Members of The Lakeland Rotary Club are invited to travel to Ghana for the 2024 Rotary West Africa Project Fair and Family Health Days Program. The trip will take place from October 29th - November 5th and will include service at a one-day health camp, immunizations of children, project visits and more. For more information, contact **Irma Cole** or visit www.howardtours.net.



The Lakeland
Rotary
Club

FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Tuesday, August 20, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Springhill Suites
511 W. Lime Street

**HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS BY BRINGING SCHOOL
SUPPLIES TO THE EVENT.**
MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

School Supply lists for for the Southwest Elementary and Middle
Schools can be found at the check-in table the month of August

Please RSVP on Ignite or to Reba Coil @ reba.coil@polk-fl.net

Events

August 13th

Lakeland Board Meeting

Speaker: Board Meeting

Subject: The Lakeland Rotary Club Board of Directors Monthly Meeting All club officers, leaders, and members are invited to attend at 5:15 pm Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center Conference Room 3020 Lakeland Highlands Road Lakeland FL 33803

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Club Fundraising Chair

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