

Speakers Club Meeting

September 17, 2024

David Bunch
 The Bonnet Springs Park Story

September 24, 2024

District Governor Chevon Baccus
 DG Official Visit - the Magic of Rotary

October 01, 2024

Susan McManus,
 Political Analyst
 The 2024 Election

October 08, 2024

Emily Rogers
 Legacy Leadership

Birthdays

Roxann Bonta
 September 17th

Ryan McKellen
 September 29th

Michelle Emerson-Lewis
 October 2nd

Coady Cheek
 October 2nd

Edward Lunz
 October 3rd

Lori Winstead
 October 8th
 Glenn Offutt
 October 10th

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

Weekly Meeting, September 3, 2024

By Jennifer L Douglas

President Marcia called the meeting to order. **Scott LaRonde** opened the meeting with the Invocation and led the membership with the Pledge of Allegiance, Four-Way Test and patriotic song. **Kim Brunson** introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians, and **Bill Lippy** collected Happy Dollars.

Announcements



Mark Skolnick provided an update on Polio in Gaza. With a confirmed case of Polio in the region, the World Health Organization (WHO) considers Gaza to be at high risk for spread of the disease. As such, a two-round polio vaccination campaign was launched in Gaza on September 1st. To date, 1.6 million doses have been given, but 640,000 children still need to be vaccinated. Rotary is committing \$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally. Financial contributions to PolioPlus fund will help Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners achieve a world in which no

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

Kathy McGee
11-03-2015
9 Years

Jason Wyatt
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

child is paralyzed by polio again.

The Lakeland Rotary Club Golf Tournament is coming up on October 4th at The Club at Eaglebrooke. The committee is seeking volunteers. To register for the event, visit <http://lakelandrotarygolf.com>.

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.

Linda Bagley Wiggs introduced the meeting's speaker, J. Lenora Bresler. Ms. Bresler is a nationally acclaimed leadership speaker, author, trainer, and coach. As an active member of the Lakeland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), she is also chairing the upcoming America250 Path to Freedom Project, one of the many commemorative projects and events happening across America in celebration of the 250th birthday of our great nation.



Led by the DAR in partnership with the Polk County Veteran's Council, Platform Art and the City of Lakeland, the Path to Freedom project will include the installation of a new monument at Lakeland's Veteran's Park across from Lake Beulah. The monument will be located next to the Bicentennial Rose Garden and will complete the park's chronological span of American military history.

The monument is conceived as a free-standing, life-size bronze sculpture of Mary Katherine Goddard, the woman who printed the original Declaration of Independence. By highlighting a female patriot, the monument invites a discussion of the diverse patriots who supported our nation's birth. The project's planned educational programs, including a lecture series, educational video, teacher and student engagement, and public docent-led tours will highlight not only those who were the public face of the Revolution, but also those who served in our nascent military and the diverse supporters traditionally overlooked by history.



Jennifer Swenson
11-14-2019
5 Years

Mark Creech
11-10-2022
2 Years

Linda Roddenbery
11-10-2022
2 Years

Club Leaders

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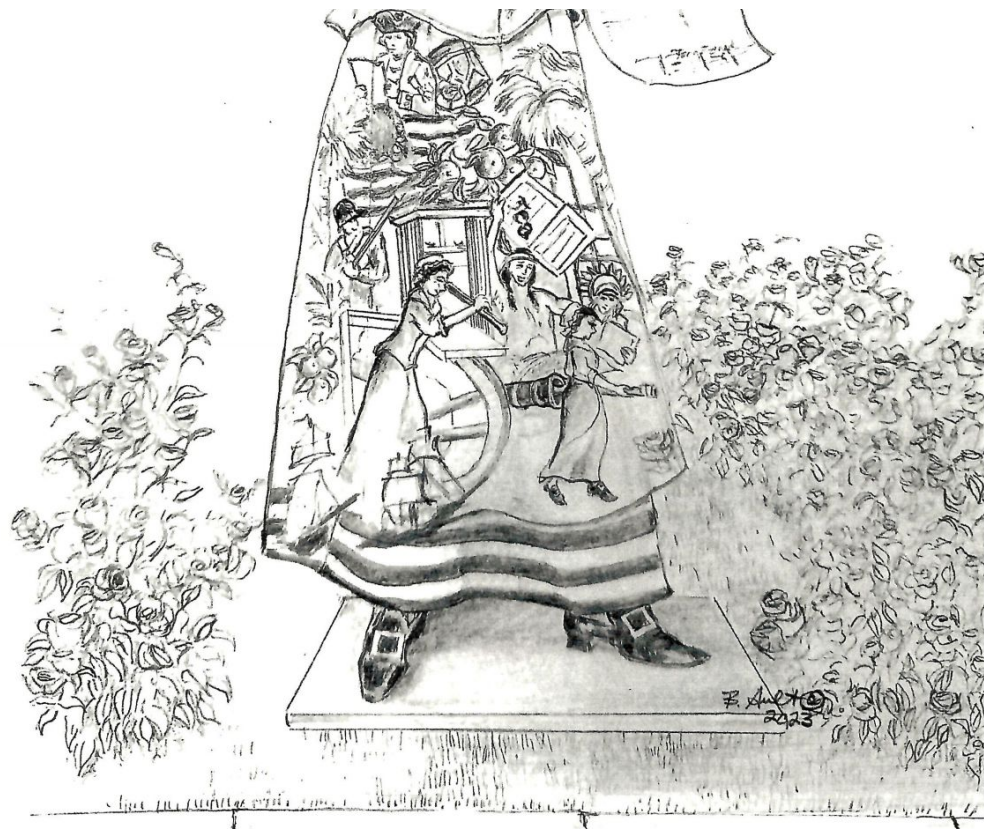
Mark Fore
Club Director

Trey Harden
Club Director

Michael Huff
Club Director

Martha Lou Luce
Club Director

Carol J. Wallace
Club Director



Sculptor, Becky Ault, was selected to create the work of art. Ms. Ault is an award-winning sculptor with a passion for historical accuracy. Hundreds of her life-size figures are permanently installed throughout America, including on the National Mall. Her works have already been well-received locally, including the Lakeland Police Department's Law Enforcement Honor Guard Memorial, George Jenkins and Joker Marchant at Joker Marchant Stadium and the Friends of Freedom, Spanish-American War Memorial.

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Club Fundraising Chair

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Youth Services Chair

Lakeland Rotary Club kidsPACK Service Project

Sunday, September 8, 2024

The Lakeland Rotary Club



spearheaded a successful Service Project at kidsPACK on Saturday, September 7, 2024. A dedicated team of 35 volunteer Rotarians, family members, and friends, came together to support the local non-profit organization, which provides meals and essential supplies to children in need across the region. **Lakeland Rotary Club's Service Project for KidsPACK**

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, the Lakeland Rotary Club spearheaded a successful Service Project at kidsPACK on Saturday, September 7, 2024. A dedicated team of 35 volunteer Rotarians, family members, and friends came together to support the local non-profit organization, which provides meals and essential supplies to children in need across the region. 4,900 Polk County students have been referred to kidsPACK for weekend meals this school year – 900 more than last year.

Our group assembled at the kidsPACK facility at 9 am, where we were given background information by Program Manager Amy Royal. Food for the meals is purchased. Other items are donated. Warehouse staff member Mark Stoughton took over and instructed us on the procedures for packing the food 'plates', wrapping, and boxing. The collaborative effort aimed to ensure that children facing food insecurity would have access to reliable meals on weekends. The completed meals will be delivered to Polk County schools this week for distribution by classroom teachers.

Lakeland Rotary Club President Marsha Leap praised the volunteers for their hard work and commitment. "Today's event showcases the power of community and the impact we can have when we come together for a common cause. Our members are proud to support kidsPACK and contribute to their mission of ensuring no child goes hungry."

The project not only provided much-needed assistance to kidsPACK but also strengthened the bonds between community members and local organizations. Many of the volunteers expressed satisfaction in knowing their efforts would make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in Lakeland and the surrounding area.



KidsPACK's Amy Royal expressed gratitude for the Lakeland Rotary Club's support. "The dedication and enthusiasm of the Lakeland Rotary Club volunteer Rotarians, their families, and friends, has been truly inspiring. Their hard work is essential in helping us continue our mission and make a positive impact on our community."

As the morning wrapped up, the Lakeland Rotary Club and kidsPACK team members shared a sense of accomplishment and renewed commitment to community service. The event underscored the importance of collaboration and the difference that can be made when people come together with a shared purpose. Together We Fight Hunger! We are People of Action and this is the Magic of Rotary!

JOIN US TONIGHT!



The Lakeland
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Bourbon Tasting

at CORE
Wealth Advisors

Thurs. Sept. 12
6:00 p.m.

Register on IGNITE

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The Lakeland
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Presenting the 7th Annual GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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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End Polio Now

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



**END
POLIO
NOW**

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

NOW

POLIO PLUS

Events

September 12th

Lakeland Social Event

October 4th

The Lakeland Rotary Club's 7th Annual Golf Championship