



Speakers Club Meeting

**October
22, 2024**

Irma Cole
and Mark
Scolnick

World Polio
Day

**October
24, 2024**

PINTS TO
END POLIO

**October
29, 2024**

Brian Haas
Fraud
Trends

**November
02, 2024**

Lake Wire
Clean Up

**November
05, 2024**

Dave
VanMeter

Veteran
Support

**November
12, 2024**

Ron Denney
and Bryce
Philpot

Rotary
Foundation

**November
19, 2024**

Member
Profiles

Birthdays

Daniel
Fowler
October
31st

Harold
William
Mutz
November

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

Weekly Meeting, October 15, 2024

By Jennifer L Douglas

Past President Bryce Philpot called the meeting to order. Irma Cole led the Invocation, Pledge, Four-way Test and Patriotic Song and so opened the meeting. **Julie Townsend** introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians, and **Scott LaRonde** introduced Happy Dollars.

As first order of business, Bryce inducted new member, **Tammy Butler** into the club, and Beth Hesselting presented her with a red badge. Tammy is the Senior Engagement Officer at Southeastern University and has enjoyed a long career in coaching and philanthropy. Tammy's membership is sponsored by Stephen Moore.



After Tammy's induction, **Jason Wyatt** offered a recap of the Lakeland Rotary Club's Golf Championship, held on October 4th at Eaglebrooke. He offered a warm note of thanks to everyone who served on the

13th
William H.
Sammons
November
15th

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

Amanda
Walls
11-15-2016
8 Years

Cory
Neupauer
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

committee, all of the many volunteers, and the club membership for its generous support. Final numbers are still being tallied, but Jason is confident that revenues will meet last years, if not exceed them. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Polk County Veteran's Council's *Flight to Honor Mission #10*, which will be held at Sun N' Fun in April 2025.

Announcements

- On Monday, October 21st Mayor **Bill Mutz** presented members of the four Lakeland Rotary clubs with a proclamation for World Polio Day. Members from each club were in attendance to celebrate the honor.



- In honor of World Polio Day, *Pints to End Polio* will be held at Swan Brewing (115 W Pine St. in Lakeland) this Thursday, October 24th, starting at 5:30pm. This is a 4-club event, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to [End Polio Now](#).
- October's service project will be held this Saturday at One More Child's warehouse, located at 1015 Sikes Blvd. in Lakeland from 9-11am. Volunteers will be packaging meals for families in need.

Kim Brunson offered a warm introduction for the guest speaker, Brian West. Brian is a Community Relations Manager for Publix Super Markets, Inc. and has served on several boards in Hillsborough and Polk Counties. He is currently the Associate Director of the Florida Strawberry Festival, a board member of the East Hillsborough Law Enforcement Appreciation Association and a Past President of the Dick Pope/Polk County Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

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

**Marsha
Leap**

President

**Lawrence
M. Becker**

President-
Elect

**Ron
Denney**

Rotary
Foundation
Chair

**Darlene
Eanett**

Treasurer

Josie Hill

Secretary

Irma Cole

Club
Director
Club Public
Image Chair



Brian offered an update on Publix's recent growth. As of October 8th, the company supports 1,381 stores in 8 states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and as of January 2024 - Kentucky. The grand opening of their first store in Kentucky was very successful, surpassing all expectations, and 11 additional sites have been selected throughout the state for future stores.

The past few weeks have been very challenging with many stores affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Their bakery warehouse in Lakeland experienced 3ft high flood waters, but thankfully, their store in Asheville, NC sustained minimal damage, and they are currently one of the few stores in the area providing critical supplies to the struggling community. To assist in the crisis, Publix has shifted many of their products to food banks with additional donations to help feed first responders.

Brian also discussed the recent rebuild of its Oakbridge location and its current tear down and rebuild at the Lake Miriam plaza, which is scheduled for completion in late 2025. The Oakbridge store is one of their largest projects to date and followed a new prototype that incorporated new innovations tested in its Greenwise stores.

In addition to its supermarkets, Publix is undergoing a large renovation of its IT buildings in downtown Lakeland. Housed in the former Maas Bros. and JCPenney department stores, Publix is upgrading the buildings to better support the growing technology needs of the company.

Following a brief Q&A, **Past President Bryce** thanked Brian for his presentation and presented him with a

Lakeland Rotary Club journal and honor coin in gratitude for his time and efforts.

Mark Miller
Service Projects Chair

Stacy Campbell-Domineck
Club Director

Jennifer L Douglas
Bulletin Editor

Mark Fore
Club Director

Trey Harden
Club Director

Michael Huff
Club Director

Martha Lou Luce
Club Director

Carol J. Wallace
Club Director

Richard Widick
Club Director

Fred A. Oeters
Sergeant-at-Arms

Scott Reed
Club Admin Chair

Karen Albert Warren
Membership Chair

Matthew Alan Brown
Community Service Chair

H. Dan Hill
Club Programs Chair

The Lakeland
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INVITES YOU TO A WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT



AT SWAN BREWING

115 W. PINE STREET LAKELAND


TUESDAY, 10/24, 5:30 PM


**PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
POLIO PLUS**


Jessica
Kirby
Club
Fundraising
Chair
Jason
Wyatt
Club
Fundraising
Chair
Michelle
Emerson-
Lewis
Youth
Services
Chair


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CALL TO ACTION – LET'S STAY CONNECTED

 **OUR CLUB GROUP PAGE - FOR MEMBERS ONLY - PRESENTLY AT 97**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lakelandrotarymembergroup>

 **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!**
@lakelandrotary2756
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg_LngRjE--YZSrBp6P2DdQ

The Lakeland
Rotary
Club 

Events

October 24th

Lakeland Rotary Clubs End Polio Now Event - PINTS TO END POLIO

Speaker: PINTS TO END POLIO

October 26th

Lakeland Service Project