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Angell briefs Rotarians on Archbold history

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Courtesy photo Dustin Angell, education coordinator from Archbold Biological Center, and Mary Birge, branch manager of Harbor Community Bank and director of the Lake Placid Noon Rotary, pose for a picture during a recent meeting.

LAKE PLACID — The history of the Archbold Biological Station was the topic at a recent meeting of the Lake Placid Noon Rotary by Dustin Angell.

Richard Archbold founding member of Archbold Biological Station was born in 1907 in New York City. He was heir to early fortunes of the Standard Oil Company, Archbold became an internationally renowned aviator and explorer. He left his estate, Archbold Expeditions, to provide permanent core funding for the biological station.

Archbold was instrumental in converting Highlands Hammocks to a state park. Archbold Biological Station has been a National Historic Site for 74 years.

Archbold offers ecology summer camps at the station and Angell is in charge of these camps. He just finished seven sessions of the camps. This camp gives children the opportunity to learn about science first hand.

“Some of the children don’t know what it means to go hiking. I take them through the woods and swamps and show them natural that they have never had the chance to see. This camp has been in existence for 25 years. Archbold recently teamed up with Delray Plants and had a two day camp for Delray Plant’s employees children.” Angell said.

He also heads up the Buck Island Ranch tours driving a swamp buggy ride through a working ranch along with giving free tours for the public which will start back in October. They also give field trips for the elementary schools here in Highlands County.

For information on Archbold Biological station, located 7 miles from Lake Placid at 123 Main Drive in Venus, contact them at 863-465-2571 or on the web at www.archbold-station.org.

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