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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of New Orleans

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Upcoming Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
May 2	Jim Donelon, Insurance Commissioner
May 9	Open
May 16	Gary LaGrange
May 23	New Member Program
May 30	Open

Always remember to RSVP in advance for the weekly meeting. Bobbie needs an accurate count for each lunch at the Plimsoll Club:

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In accordance with Article X, section 1(a) of the By-Laws, I hereby submit the following name of a proposed member, together with his proposed classification, for your consideration.

According to the above mentioned Section, the individual on this list will be invited to become a member of this club, under stated classification without further notice, unless written objection, signed by a club member is filed with the club Secretary within fourteen (14) days of this issue:

Michael Hawley
"Salvation Army- Area Commander"
Proposer: David D. Duggins

Interact Club

Barbara Beckman reminds us that the Interact Club meets weekly and all Rotarians are invited to attend. The meetings are held on Mondays at 3:45 pm at the school. For more information please contact Barbara at bbeckman@tulane.edu

Rotary Four Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Rotary Spelling Bee to Support The YMCA Adult Literacy Program

Where: Kingsley House, 1600 Constance Street
When: May 10, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

The YMCA Education Services (YES!) recruits and trains volunteer tutors to teach adults who read below the sixth grade level and so are unable or have difficulty performing most basic tasks. This literacy deficiency not only affects the individual and their family's quality of life but also has a serious adverse impact on economic development for our community.

One of the foremost literacy programs in New Orleans prior to Hurricane Katrina, YES! has served more than 15,000 adult learners and their families since its inception in 1977 with the help of committed volunteers and staff. YES! is the largest and oldest non-local education agency adult literacy program in the state and has been used as a model for similar programs across the country. Though Katrina destroyed the YES! facility and displaced many of the low-income clientele, YES! continues to operate out of the New Orleans Public Library with a significantly reduced staff and volunteer base. There remains a pressing need to support efforts to promote literacy in New Orleans as citizens return to rebuild the city.

The YMCA of Greater New Orleans seeks to partner with Rotary Clubs in District 6840 – our collective service area – to achieve the aforementioned goals and support literacy in the Greater New Orleans area. Funds raised will support YMCA Educational Services (YES!), the only remaining literacy program in the city serving adult learners.

The basic format is to have teams of three adults each representing an employer (or sponsor) who pays the \$375/ team entry fee. It is run like any

spelling bee; eliminating teams one by one when they misspell a word until only one – the winner - is left.

Proceeds from the Spelling Bee will be used to recruit and train volunteer tutors, provide educational materials to students, and meet other operational needs of the YMCA adult literacy program. The Spelling Bee provides a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on a vital community need while participating in a fun, family event.

ROTARY NIGHT OUT WITH VISITING ROTARIANS

As you know, Rotarians from around the world have been helping with our work at Warren Easton. On the evening of Thursday, June 7, we will have an opportunity to give back to those who have given so much.

At that time we will have a number of visiting Rotarians working at Warren Easton. We are planning an evening of Fellowship and hope that you will take part.

Based on a similar event at the Rotary International Convention, you are being asked to take these folks to dinner either at your home or to a restaurant as your guest. You get to choose the time and venue. You can do this alone or with other Club members, friends and family. Whatever you like.

There will be a sign-up sheet at Club meetings or you can contact me at rfeldman@wyes.org or 504-840-4880. Let me know how many guests you will accept, what you will be doing, and how you will all get together and when you want to meet. I will let everyone know who is going with whom, where and how.

We need to know by May 16. Thanks for taking part.

Randy Feldman