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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of New Orleans

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Our Speaker This Week:

Mark Singletary

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Mark Singletary is the president and publisher of New Orleans Publishing Group, responsible for CityBusiness, the weekly business journal serving greater New Orleans and over 50 specialty publications for industry, the arts and service organizations. He is also the group manager for all Dolan Media Company business publications, located in eight national markets.

Prior to coming to New Orleans, Singletary was the editor and publisher of Journal Record Publishing Co., in Oklahoma City where he managed the daily Journal Record and the weekly Tinker Take-Off.

Singletary has served on numerous local Boards in both New Orleans and Oklahoma City, and has been a member of many civic and economic development organizations, including the Rotary Club in Oklahoma City.

With 30 years of experience in the newspaper industry, Singletary was named the Small Business Administration Journalist Champion of the Year for 2005 for Louisiana. He is a graduate of Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, with a degree in accounting.

Upcoming Programs

Oct 17	Mark Singletary, NOPG
Oct 24	Bob Ceracoli, Insp. General, N.O.
Oct 31	Bobby Jindal (<i>Tentative</i>)

Volunteers Needed

The Rotarian Action Group for Blindness Prevention will be in New Orleans November 10-13 in conjunction with the American Academy of Ophthalmology. We need a few Rotarians to staff the Action Group booth at the convention for 2-3 hours any of the four days of the convention. If interested and you want to know more, call Club President Byron Harrell (504) 593-2332.



Why Do We Come to Rotary Meetings?

Over the past several months, several of the speakers at our meetings are the very figures that are shaping the redevelopment of our city.



Tulane President, Scott Cowen Speaking Oct. 3



George Shinn speaking Aug. 29th



Allen Eskew speaking Sept. 19th

And more is yet to come. Over the next several months we will enjoy more leaders speaking about how their work will impact our community and our livelihood in New Orleans. Isn't it time you introduce a new member to this?

Interact Club

With the start of the new school year, our Warren Easton Interact Club has geared up and is back in operation. The Club meets each Monday afternoon at 3:25 pm in Judy Demarest's classroom on the Warren Easton campus. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend and to witness first-hand the amount of work that these students perform for their community.

Also, the Interact Club is looking for a member to speak to the Club this Wednesday at 2:00 pm to talk to the Interact Club about Rotary and what the Interact Club means to us. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact Judy Demarest at weinteract@yahoo.com.

Governor's Weekly Newsletter

From: Milton Wheeler
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Dear District Leaders,

It seems that every week of our official visits has a theme. The theme this week in the two clubs we were so pleased to meet, Columbia and Ocean Springs, is the mobility of club locations. Indeed, this year has been perhaps the most active in our history as far as clubs moving from place to place. From our oldest club (New Orleans), to our largest club (Gulfport), to several of our smallest clubs (Summit and East New Orleans), it has been a district in motion. We truly are a perambulatory district.

Our Tuesday visit was to a club in its ninth decade of service, Columbia. My memories of this club included a happy GSE visit from Holland. The club was so attentive to details that one of the hosts planted Dutch tulips in his front lawn to greet our visitors. It is also the club that has had John Willoughby as secretary for 32 years, perhaps the longest in district history. I would be grateful to that person who could give me the name of one who had a longer tenure than John. The new secretary is Anthony Harris, a capable officer who has the approval of John. The club has a jovial spirit and is another one of our district clubs who enjoys singing. They sang three songs, the liveliest of which was "Vive le Rotary!" The current project that engages so many of the Columbia members is a youth soccer program. It is amazing to see how many of the club are either coaches, referees, or event coordinators for this service project. What wonderful fellowship to have so many Rotarians out working with the youth on Saturdays and late afternoons. The club is about to move to a new location as soon as it is available. We enjoyed the buffet at their current location but it is a temporary arrangement. We were overjoyed to hear that President Robert Donnell and Secretary Anthony Harris both intend to be present at our April district

conference in downtown New Orleans. The club is in the capable hands of Assistant Governor Wayne Alexander, who drove up from Poplarville.

On Wednesday we drove to Ocean Springs which in many ways mirrors the Columbia club. It, too, is in its ninth decade of service and only one year younger than Columbia. Likewise, it is about to move to a new location. It currently meets in a beautiful Lutheran church hall, but is negotiating with a restaurant that can accommodate 85. This is great because the Ocean Springs club, as you noticed in the Governor's Monthly Newsletter, is growing. The caterer who presently serves them also owns the restaurant. This is good because the shrimp and lobster pasta that they served Wednesday was enough to entice any nearby Rotarian to want to make up there. I was so pleased to see that arrangements are made to distribute the delicious food that is not consumed to the hungry and those around the church. This is a true Rotary spirit. It also pleased me to award a second Paul Harris Fellowship to one of their members. We wish President Travis Green and his club the best as they make their move just as we do their brothers in Columbia.

After the Rotary meeting we took advantage of visiting the quaint city of Ocean Springs. From 1:30 until dark we enjoyed ourselves. We started at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center which is a must for visitors. They are currently hosting an exhibition of Southern Wildflower Sculptures by Trailer McQuilkin, a New Orleans native who lives now in Ocean Springs. The exhibit is on loan from Callaway Gardens. The pieces are made of sheet copper and copper wire. They are unbelievably realistic and certainly an example of trompe l'oeil art at its best. The soft French baroque music in the background added to the experience. Try to visit this before it leaves Ocean Springs. Incredibly, it's free.

We then went on to Shearwater Pottery where we examined many pieces before choosing one. The location is so picturesque. We ambled around the sandy grounds and spotted across the water the

Beau Rivage, bringing back happy memories of district conferences.

To make the afternoon complete, we concluded with another visit to the Walter Anderson Museum of Art. This extraordinary artist likewise is from New Orleans but moved to Ocean Springs where he lived most of his adult life. In fact, the two artists under review this afternoon, McQuilkin and Anderson, personify connections of so many, a fusion of New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. How many hundreds of people have this same dual identity. Nature would have it that these two geographical areas are in the same Rotary district.

One of our clubs that has wrestled with the problem of location since the beginning of the Rotary year is the Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove. I am pleased to announce that it will remain in the Holiday Inn, Highway 49, Gulfport. Even though the restaurant is closing there, it will have a caterer to serve it at this convenient location.

Just a few minutes ago I had a telephone call about another group of Rotarians who want to come help in our Hurricane recovery efforts. They are from Friday Harbor, Washington, and plan to be in the district the first week of November in St. Bernard Parish. President Hugh Craft will show them the true Southern hospitality.

We have a good registration for the Foundation/Membership Development Seminar at the Holiday Inn in Covington Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Please notify Chairman Don Bryan of the names of those coming from your club so that food management can be prepared. Remember that we are one of the few districts that has no registration fees for such seminars and gives complimentary meals as well. Not only that, the driving distances are less than most of those of which I am aware. One cannot overemphasize how critical such training sessions are for the development of Rotary clubs. It would be great (should be expected) that with this makeup seminar and the first one we had in August, we should have 100% of our clubs

participating. Please have someone there from your club, even though you may not have planned it before now.

In addition, let us try to have all of our nominations for Group Study Exchange to the Netherlands submitted by the end of this month. We are looking for engineers who are non-Rotarians and ages 25 through 35. They will have an all-expense paid tour to the Netherlands for one month starting April 25. What an opportunity for these men and women and for the Rotary clubs who nominate them.

We regret to report that Dr. Norris Williams of Gulfport-Orange Grove has had to step down as Grants Chair because of health reasons. We thank him so much for his work in that capacity. He had inaugurated a public relations grant proposal of \$6,000. In Chairman Norris' place we have elevated Vice Chairman D. H. Short to the chair. He and Will Bailey of Northlake Mandeville have completed the grant proposal and it is now in the hands of Evanston. We should know the results in December. Again thanks, Norris, D. H., Will, and the others who contributed to this success.

Next week we shall visit the energetic Rotary Club of Pass Christian, which has gained international attention from its several Hurricane recovery projects. President D. H. Short is the tireless leader in these efforts. Assistant Governor Whitson Christy serves this club, which is his home club as well. After the Pass Christian visit, we shall continue on to New Orleans to meet Dutch GSE Chairman Hans Brader. He is so fired up about our exchange next April.

Let us have a zeal similar to Chairman Hans. After all, we are Rotary!

Rotary Shares!

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