



# The Bolo

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of New Orleans

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## Our Speaker This Week:

**Bob Ceracoli**  
Inspector General,  
City of New Orleans

Robert A. Cerasoli has a 36-year record of outstanding public service. He has provided major contributions to responsible professional ethical conduct in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the national Inspectors General community and in a number of foreign nations. You may refer to the peer reviewed academic web site GetCited.Org at <http://www.getcited.org/mbrx/PT/99/MBR/11100309> to view any of his written works or recent conference presentations.

Cerasoli has a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard and a B.A. in Government Administration from the American University in Washington D.C.



## Upcoming Programs

Oct 24	Bob Ceracoli, Insp. General, N.O.
Oct 31	Bobby Jindal ( <i>Tentative</i> )
Nov 7	Andrew Lackner, TU Primate Ctr
Nov 14	Terry Ebert, N.O. Homeland Sec.
Nov 21	No Meeting
Nov 28	John Kennedy, State Treasurer

## Flue Shots on Wednesday

We will be providing flu shots at this week's meeting. For your (or your spouse) to receive one, you **MUST** RSVP with Bobbie by Tuesday morning.

## 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.

## Last Meeting:

## Governor's Weekly Newsletter



Mark Singletary, President and Publisher of New Orleans Publishing Group, addresses our club

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### 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](mailto:weinteract@yahoo.com).

From: Milton Wheeler  
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Dear District Leaders,

One wonders if any Rotary Governor in the world has had so much fun visiting his clubs. This week we visited a club that has achieved as much per capita than any other club of which I am aware, the Rotary Club of Pass Christian.

Yes, President D. H. Short's Pass Christian club has recorded already an Herculean performance. To top the list, what other club has built eleven new homes and presented them free of charge to residents who suffered a total loss as a result of the hurricane. Add to that the club's restoration projects in the park as well as throughout the city and one will have to agree this club has no peer in community service. One of the efforts, which I call the WC in PC (the club has another name for it), has connections with Rotary history. You will remember that the very first community service project by the very first Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was the building of a comfort station at the Loop. Pass Christian has followed in the steps of Chicago.

To celebrate the club's achievements, I had two dozen oysters plus the trimmings after enjoying a bowl of crawfish bisque. THAT'S the way to celebrate. In attendance were Past District Governor John Lutenbacher and first lady Yvonne, Past District Governor Dayton Robinson, and Assistant Governor Steve Howard. Ironically, the club meets in a cafe named for the infamous hurricane. When you drive to Pass Christian to count the numerous Rotary wheels that have popped up around the town to mark another Rotary contribution, be sure to visit this cafe on North Street and enjoy the oysters.

From Pass Christian we drove to New Orleans to rendezvous with Dutch GSE Chairman Hans Brader and his Rotary Partner Hennie. After a three-hour driving tour of New Orleans, we took them to the

French Quarter for dinner where our GSE Chairman Carlton Dufrechou joined us as well as DGE Greg Lier and his Rotary Partner Debbie. This was the first time in our district's history for the corresponding GSE chairs to meet in a pre-exchange planning session. Hans and Carlton made good use of the three hours and our April-May exchange promises to be one of the best ever. When we delivered the Dutch couple to their hotel, they were effusive about New Orleans and our Rotary district. They will be two more ambassadors for our 2011 convention. Hans will have the GSE team coming to see us in a mood of expectation for the time of their lives. And it will be.

It is difficult to exaggerate the impact of Group Study Exchange. The happy experiences seem to reproduce themselves year after year. For example, Joe Caluda, Chair of the Fine Arts and Communications Department and Director of Band at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, was a GSE team member on the 1999 team to District 1950 in Bavaria, Germany. During his visit he established a relationship with the principal of the high school in Bamberg. Since his return he and the principal of that high school in Bamberg have conducted exchange programs with the high school students of their respective schools. Since then more than 100 students from Germany have visited New Orleans and over 100 Jesuit students have visited Bamberg. This illustrates how the GSE program "keeps on giving," to use the words of Governor George Mahl. This illustration can be multiplied many times, as so many of you are aware.

Hence, this is to request one more time applications for non-Rotarian engineers, age 25-35, to go to the Netherlands for a month next April, all expenses paid, as our ambassadors of good will. Application forms may be found on our district website and should be turned in to Chairman Carlton. This is the first time in our history in which the team will have the same classification, engineering. As you know, this is because the exchange this year has a theme, Levee Construction.

If you would like a good program on an international topic before the Dutch team arrives, President Paul Prokop of the Rotary Club of New Orleans International Airport has an excellent suggestion. His club enjoyed the address of Ekwuniru Nwokeji, a native of Nigeria and currently a student at the Tulane Law School. She has a fascinating story about the struggle of professional women in modern Nigeria. Unfortunately she does not have an automobile, thus necessitating the host club to arrange transportation for her from and to Tulane.

The district is so grateful for the work of two chairmen, Don Bryan of Slidell in Membership Development and Rob Young of Stennis Space Center in Foundation, for another excellent seminar on their topics last Saturday in Covington. This was a makeup meeting for those who could not attend the August seminars in Poplarville. Our thanks also go out to Chairman Stuart Guey of Belle Chasse for his productive meeting on the district conference in April. Planning makes all the difference between ordinary and extraordinary. This district always chooses the latter.

Thank you for all that you do make our district outstanding.

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