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This Week's Speaker: Johnny DiBartolo

President of the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast LA

Mr. Johnny DiBartolo serves as president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Louisiana with seven Clubs in five parishes. Johnny is a New Orleans native who attended Jesuit High School before heading north to attend The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. He returned home to earn a Juris Doctor degree from Tulane School of Law. After practicing law for a few years, he moved to Atlanta to begin a career working in the non-profit sector.



He worked with Hands On Atlanta and The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, managing over \$2M in federal funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service for the AmeriCorps program. In July 2001 he joined Boys & Girls Clubs of America, supporting organizations across America by helping them become stable and sustainable entities in their local communities. In August 2007, DiBartolo was selected as President/Chief Professional Officer for Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Louisiana.

Since his arrival, Johnny has brought energy, enthusiasm and a passion for the youth of Southeast Louisiana. He has initiated new organizational strategies to grow resources, improve board development and marketing and overall impact on individual Club Members. His vision includes increasing the number of Clubs in Southeast Louisiana and helping to bring hope and opportunity to all youth in Southeast Louisiana.

Peja Stojakovic, shown above, of the New Orleans Hornets organized a Courts for Kids program that includes a court refurbishment project in conjunction with Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Louisiana, promoting health and fitness education through the game of basketball.

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Mr. DiBartolo's personal creed is, "If you change the life of a child, you change the future." We look forward to hearing more about this valuable and influential organization in our community.

[Read more about the Courts for Kids Program](#)

Rotary Honors Dellinger

Hot Fireman's Calendar Sells Record Numbers

Gayle Dellinger has been recognized as Outstanding Rotarian by the New Orleans Rotary Club for her dedication and leadership in support of the men and women of the New Orleans Fire Department.

Dellinger, seen here with former club President Byron Harrell, was the motivating power behind the very successful Fireman's Calendar. Joined in the effort by Christian Howell of the Peter Mayer Agency, Gayle organized the design and production of the hot new calendar featuring some of our most "buff" members of the Fire Department. The initial calendar was financed by the New Orleans Rotary Fund, Inc. (NORFI).



The effort raised more than \$100,000 to go to the refurbishment of facilities destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and for the replacement of uniforms and fire-fighting equipment. Dellinger is a real hit with the Fire Department and they are all preparing for another record-breaking effort next year.

Our thanks go to Rotarian Gayle, the Peter Mayer Agency, Christian Howell and all of those hunks in the Fire Department for their absolutely heroic work for the common good. Congratulations!

Rotary Clubs Seek Help For Midwest Flood Victims

Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Clubs Need Donations

The severe flooding in the Midwest has pushed two Rotary Districts to ask for financial assistance from other districts. The two most urgent requests come from the cedar Rapids and the Iowa City areas. Their contact and payment details are below. President Nimmo has asked us to give generously so we will



leave the notice here in the Bolo a couple of weeks.

District 6000 Fund Make checks payable to "HEF Inc." and note "Iowa Disaster Relief" on your check. Mail to: Dick Kennedy 1811 N. Dubuque Rd. Iowa City, IA 52245

District 5970 Fund Make checks payable to "Rotary 2008 Flood Relief" and mail to: Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation 200 First St. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

The region also needs volunteers. If you are interested, you can contact: District 6000 Administrator Caroline Scharff at 877-976-8279.

Let Past District Governor George Mahl know about your contributions for our records at gmahl@aol.com.

New Rotary Club Mailing Address

New Orleans Club Closes P. O. Box

Hurricane Katrina forced the closure of the offices of the New Orleans Rotary Club. In another sign of returning stability we have closed our post office box in favor of a more permanent location. Please note this mailing address for your records:

Rotary Club of New Orleans

Attention: Ms. Cindy Markham

400 Poydras Street, Suite 2950

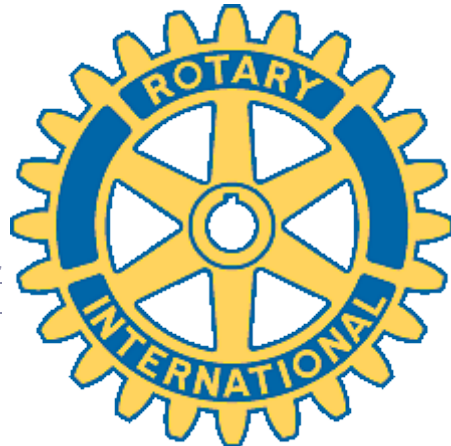
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Know a Prospective Rotarian?

Applications Available

If you know someone who should be a Rotarian, invite them to lunch! Applications are available on our website and from President Philip, Kevin Laborde, or Cindy Markham.

[Download New Member Applications](#)



Last Week's Speaker: District Governor Greg Lier

Upcoming Speakers:

Today: Johnny DiBartolo Boys and Girls Clubs of South Eastern Louisiana

August 13th: Jim Hoskins, General Manager, Harrah's Casino & Hotel

Notification of Pending New Member:: Mr. John Russo, Vice President of Chase Bank, has been approved for membership in the New Orleans Rotary Club. John is proposed for membership by Robert Mora. In accordance with the Articles & Bylaws of the Club, this announcement will be posted in the Bolo for two weeks. President Phil Nimmo is available to answer any questions you may have.

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