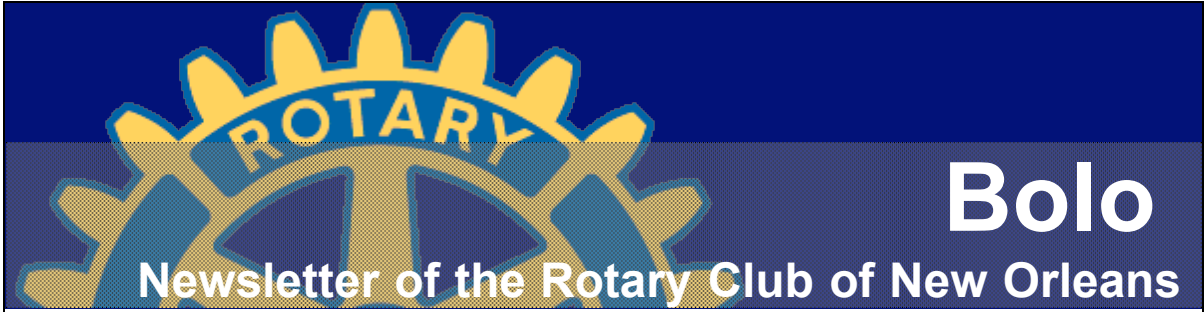


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### This Week's Speaker: Jim Hoskins

#### General Manager of Harrah's New Orleans

Jim Hoskins, 42, is Senior Vice President and General Manager of Harrah's New Orleans Casino and Hotel, a position he has held since December, 2005. He was previously General Manager of Grand Casino Gulfport, Mississippi. A native of the Gulf Coast region (born in Pascagoula, Miss.), Hoskins was previously the General Manager of Grand Casino Gulfport. From 2003 to 2005 he was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, serving on the resort's executive committee during a period of major expansion and renovation that helped re-establish Caesars Palace as one of the elite properties on the Las Vegas Strip. Prior to joining Caesars Palace, Hoskins held a number of executive positions at Grand Casino Gulfport and the Beau Rivage in Biloxi.



Hoskins holds a Bachelor's degree in quantitative business analysis from Louisiana State University and a Bachelor's degree in accounting, University of South Alabama. He studied quantitative business analysis and is licensed as a certified public accountant.

"Harrah's New Orleans is a vitally important property to us, and we want one of our most skilled operators at its helm," said Anthony Sanfilippo, President of Harrah's Central Division when Hoskins was promoted to New Orleans. "Jim's business acumen, operating experience and familiarity with New Orleans and the Gulf Coast make him the ideal person for this crucial task. I'm confident Harrah's New Orleans has a bright future ahead under his leadership."

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Jim is an active participant in community and charitable initiatives. Jim and his wife, Michele, have two sons, James and Shelby. With 2,400 employees, Harrah's of New Orleans is a major regional employer.

Starting August 7th, Harrah's New Orleans presents "JUNGUA - The Descendents of the Dragon" featuring the Shaolin Disciples (martial arts) and the Imperial Acrobats of China (contortionists, hand balancers, foot jugglers and aerialists). A high impact, theatrical entertainment experience for all audiences, "JUNGUA -Descendents of the Dragon" celebrates Chinese culture in an explosion of Kungfu, acrobatics, music and dance. Dramatic scenery, authentic props and lavish costumes create a feast for the eyes. Jungua is a theatrical hybrid, presenting cultural treasures of China from a uniquely modern perspective.

[Learn More About Harrah's New Orleans](#)

## Books For Warren Easton High School

### Rotarians Keep Books Relevant

Diane Boazman, Susan Peterson, and Faun Fenderson stepped up the library program at Warren Easton High School by purchasing a guide to age- specific books targeting our book donations. They are using the guide to build a plan for our book donations that will serve to keep the content relevant.



The New Orleans Rotary Club has a tradition of donating a book to the Warren Easton High School library in honor of each speaker at our weekly luncheon. Rather than give trinkets to speakers that already have too many plaques, the book carries the name of the speaker and boosts the library holdings.

[Read More About Warren Easton](#)

## Program Committee Meets Today

**Meeting At 11:30 am Wednesday**

Program Chairman Steve Bradshaw will convene a meeting of the Program Committee on Wednesday at Harrah's Hotel starting at 11:30 a.m. See you there!

## Bolo Editorial

### **The Firefighter Calendar Project**

We at the Bolo cannot help but take a moment to underscore the collective effort of many Club members to design, create, and market the Firefighter Calendar project. More than money was raised for this very worthy cause. Spirits were raised too.

In our thankfulness last week, we failed to make note of one key and essential player in the Firefighter Calendar. Photographer Rudy Bierhuizen really came through for the project and his skillful use of light, setting, intent, and display was inspiring. He even had a lot of fun doing it. So, Rudy, apologies for not mentioning your donated time and energy last week and thanks again for helping make things happen.

Note: Gayle Dellinger is marshalling her energy along with Rudy and Christian (from the Peter Mayer agency) to raise even more fun and money this year. If you are interested in joining her project, contact her at:

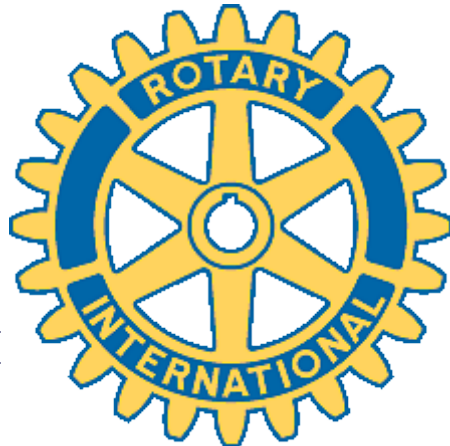
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### **Know a Prospective Rotarian?**

#### **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](#)



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**Last Week's Speaker:** Johnny D'Bartolo of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Louisiana

**Upcoming Speakers:**

Today: Jim Hoskins General Manager, Harrah's of New Orleans

August 20th: Frank Glaviano, Vice President for Production in the Americas, Shell Oil

Company

**Notification of New Member Application:** 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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