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Today: Carlton Dufrechou

Executive Director, Lake Pontchartrain Foundation

Carlton Dufrechou has been working with environmental restoration programs for over fourteen years. In June 1992, Carlton was selected as the Executive Director of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation. As director, Carlton is responsible for the overall planning, coordination, and implementation of the Foundation's efforts to restore and preserve the ecology of the 5,000 square mile Pontchartrain Basin. Since 1992, the Foundation has successfully implemented over 50-water quality improvement, habitat preservation, and education projects. The projects range from construction of 66 livestock waste retention lagoons to creation of the 10,000 plus acre Big Branch National Wildlife Refuge to development of Lessons on the Lake, a curriculum guide for environmental educators to using wetlands to filter pollutants from stormwater and wastewater discharges. The projects have received numerous recognitions including The National Watershed Award, two EPA Environmental Excellence Awards, and a Presidential Environmental Education Award.



From December 1986 through May 1992, Carlton was a planner and project manager with the New Orleans District of the Corps of Engineers. Carlton participated in the planning, implementation, and management of water resource, environmental restoration, and flood control projects throughout central and southern Louisiana. The projects include rural and urban flood control in the

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Alexandria area, marsh creation and wetland restoration in the Mississippi Delta region, hurricane protection in the New Orleans metropolitan area, delta building in Atchafalaya Bay, and environmental projects in the Atchafalaya Basin.

Prior to his association with the New Orleans District, Carlton had experience in development, and civil and architectural design.

Carlton is a native of New Orleans. He received both his BS degree in Civil engineering and his MS degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering from Tulane University. Carlton is a licensed planner. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association, Society of American Military Engineers, and the Society of Tulane Engineers. Carlton serves on several environmental committees for Governor Foster. He is a member of the Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellow, and former club president. He received the 1999 Young Leadership Council Role Model award.

[Learn More About the Foundation](#)

Make Reservations For November 23rd

Sunday Party Event At Frank Stewart's

Mark your calendars for a club fund-raiser to be held on Sunday, November 23rd, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the lovely home of Frank & Paulette Stewart on Bellaire Drive.

The cocktail party is a reprise of the very successful event Frank sponsored in 2005 including a silent auction. All members and spouses are encouraged to attend. Proceeds will go to the club for Thanksgiving food baskets, City Park clean-up and other service opportunities.

Donation of auction items is now being solicited. We are particularly interested in hotel nights, dinners, vacation get-aways, etc. Please call Michael Duplantier at 504- 524-1071 to make a donation and watch the Bolo for more details.

Holiday Brunch Scheduled for December 6th

Make Reservations Now

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Brunch on Saturday December 6, 2008 from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Commander's Palace Restaurant, 1403 Washington Avenue. \$45 per person.

Entertainment will be provided by Offkey acapella group

from Newman School. As a holiday charitable effort, we ask that you bring with you fluorescent light bulbs to be given to needy elderly - you may bring a check for light bulbs instead!

For the Holidays, our Rotary Club is donating compact fluorescent light bulbs to the needy elderly. The Warren Easton Interact Club will distribute the bulbs for us in the Holiday bags that they distribute to their "Feed the Needy" people.

Please bring compact fluorescent bulbs (the little "pig tail-looking lights) to the Holiday Brunch and to the meetings before and after the brunch anytime until the week of December 21. A collection box will be available.

For more information, contact: Faun Fenderson (504) 525-4361 (ext 232) faun@faunfenderson.com RSVP to Cindy Markham @ 228-2719

NORFI Election Report 2008-09

Charles E. Young Elected Chair

Charles Young has been elected president of the New Orleans Rotary Foundation, Inc. (NORFI) for 2008- 2009. Other officers are Fred Smith, vice president; Bob Clark, secretary, and Bob Mora, treasurer. Also serving on the NORFI board are James C. Carter S.J., Drew Jardine, Charles Nelson, Louis Nunes, Shelby McIntosh and Fred Preis. Darwin Fenner is an emeritus member of the board. NORFI makes grants annually to a wide variety of nonprofit organizations in the New Orleans area. For more information on NORFI, along with how and when to apply, click on the New Orleans Rotary Foundation, Inc. (NORFI) link on the Rotary Club of New Orleans website.

Election to the Club Board of Directors

Vote Wednesday or Next Week

You will receive a report from the Nominating Committee in a special edition Bolo listing the candidates for positions on the New Orleans Club Board of Directors. Voting will be conducted this week and again next week .

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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.

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Last Week's Speaker: Ms. Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director Gulf Restoration Network

Upcoming Speakers:

Today: Carlton Dufrechou, Executive Director Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation

November 19: Mr. Jim Brandt Public Affairs Research Council

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