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Jazz & National Historical Park

In 1987, the 100th U.S. Congress resolved that "Jazz is hereby designated as a rare and valuable national American treasure to which we should devote our attention, support, and resources to make sure it is preserved, understood and promulgated."



The park's mission is to serve the nation as a global leader in the promulgation of New Orleans jazz by enhancing and instilling a public appreciation and understanding of the origins, early history, development and progression of this uniquely American music art form - jazz. To preserve unimpaired this cultural resource and it's core values for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

Jazz music was born in New Orleans at the turn of the twentieth century, a combination of many musical styles, including blues, gospel and ragtime. The originality of the art form came from its focus on improvisation.

A world class Jazz Museum complete with performance stages will be created at the historic Old U.S. Mint as a National Park Service centennial celebration partnership project with the Louisiana State Museum.

According to New Orleans Jazz National Park Superintendent John Quirk, "This project showcases what the National Park and the State Museum each do best to

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create a great venue and visitor experience that neither could do as well alone. The Park brings interpretive programs complete with regular musical performances while the Museum brings exhibits and curatorial knowledge. Together they offer a world class jazz museum and performance center for local residents, schools and the visiting public to enjoy."

John Quirk retired from a career with the California State Park Service in 2003 after 25 years. He accepted his present position with the National Park Service in February 2005. John bought a home in Algiers Point in May 2005 just in time to appreciate the meaning of the term "high ground". John is a graduate of George Mason University with an M.A. in Organizational Psychology (1977) and from Harvard College with a B.A. in Psychology (1973). He has been married to Priscilla (Lyons) for the past 35 years and they have two grown sons residing outside Louisiana.

Lets extend a Rotary welcome to John Quirk.

[Learn More About the Jazz & National Historical Park](#)

Firefighter's Calendar HOT

It's not too late to buy your copy.

Don't forget to buy your copy of the 2009 Fireman's Calendar today. As a matter of fact, buy one for each of your friends! Each calendar costs \$20.00 and proceeds go to help the men and women of the NOFD. Speak with Club Member Gayle Dellinger at 504-569-2418 or contact Cindy Markham at 504-228- 2719.

We Had a Great Time!

Holiday Brunch December 6th Great Success

Dozens of members of the New Orleans Rotary Club met at Commander's Palace for Sunday Brunch on December 6th. The dining rooms were filled with festive holiday decorations and the fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Entertainment was provided by the Offkey Acapella group from Newman School and several members brought fluorescent lights to be given to needy elderly.

Faun Fenderson and her committee did a fantastic job getting us in the holiday spirit by pulling all the details together. Thanks Faun and Happy Holidays to all.

Give to Rotary International

Several Opportunities Should Interest You

DGN Richard "Dick" McCarthy reminds Rotarians of the many opportunities to donate to several worthy Rotary

International projects and programs.

I ask you to please follow the link below and read the letter which explains how each Rotarian in our own way may make annual donations to the Rotary Fund and long term donations to the Permanent Fund as simply as becoming a member of the Bequest Society by promising you will write into your will a desire to have \$10,000 donated after your ultimate demise.

Happy thought! This letter helps clarify the various programs with hopes that you will work with Charlie Young and Randy Feldman to figure out the best way for you to make small or large donations. I am personally stepping up to the plate to make additional donations in both categories. Please won't you join me?

Follow this link to read a very special message from DGN McCarthy and to read more information on your opportunities to participate.

[See Rotary Giving Opportunities](#)

Bring A Fluorescent Light With You

Not Too Late to Donate Lights to Needy Elderly

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 to any of the Club meetings until the week of December 21. A collection box will be available.

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Applications Available//New Member Notices

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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Member Applications



Last Week's Speaker: NO MEETING: Holiday Brunch

Upcoming Speakers:

Today: John Quirk, New Orleans Jazz & National Historical Park

December 17th: Dr. Roy Weiner Tulane University Cancer Research

December 24th: NO MEETING

Deadline for Bolo Publication Sumissions: Friday 5:00 p.m.

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