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See you at the Race Track for lunch on THURSDAY, January 22, 2009

Reminder: The next Rotary Club meeting normally scheduled for Wednesday at noon has been cancelled in favor of a "Day-At-The-Races" the next day, Thursday, January 22nd. See More Below.

[Learn More About The Track](#)

2009 Marks Club's 99th Anniversary

Thursday, January 22, 2009 Day At The Races

In honor of our 99th anniversary, the Rotary Club of New Orleans kicks off the 2009 racing season on January 22, 2009, at the Fairgrounds with our "Rotary Day At The Races". We will meet on the 5th floor near the buffet and there will be a race named in honor of Rotary. There is a new chef at the Fairgrounds and a delicious buffet is promised (along with a special Birthday cake)!

This will be a great time to invite a prospective member to join you for some extra special Rotary fellowship.

Reservations will be required. Call Cindy Markham at 504-228-2719 or email: cmarkham@bcm.org to RSVP.

From Rotary International

Presidential Citation Applications Due

It'll be here before you know it. That is, the deadline for the Presidential Citation. In just over three short months

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all criteria for the award must be satisfied. The criteria for the award and the application form are included on the forms page of the district website, www.rotary6840.org.

The application form must be submitted to DG Greg Lier no later than March 31 to allow sufficient time to process and deliver the applications to RI by April 15. Interact clubs are also eligible for a Presidential Citation. The criteria and form for this award are at www.rotary.org.

District Governor's Message

We Are At The Half-Way Mark

As we approach the end of the first half of the Rotary year, I thought we should review the goals that we set at the beginning of the year for membership growth and Foundation giving to gauge how much we have accomplished and what we need to accomplish during the second half of the year.

Membership - Our goal for membership growth is a net gain of 200. As of November 30th, our net gain in membership is 102. This is a great accomplishment. I want to congratulate all of the sponsors for their efforts in bringing in new members. We are over halfway to our goal.

One of the reasons for our success in membership growth is our newest club, Central Hancock County. I want to thank everyone involved in chartering Central Hancock County for helping bring this club to life. I would encourage you to attend the Charter Celebration for our new club on January 29th. Our goal this year for new clubs is two. We are working on chartering an evening club in our District. We hope to accomplish this by the end of March.

One area of membership growth I would like to focus on as we move forward is inviting Rotary Alumni to join Rotary. Our goal this year is to have 10 Alumni join Rotary. The ideal place to start is our GSE team members and our Ambassadorial Scholars. These potential Rotarians already have an appreciation of what Rotary is about. For those clubs that have sponsored these individuals over the years, it's time to re-establish contact with them and invite them to join. If you have sponsored a team member or scholar over the past five years, we will be contacting you about your plans to help us accomplish this important goal. As a reminder, Alumni are not subject to the classification and position of authority rules that govern admittance to membership.

The Rotary Foundation - Our goal for annual giving is \$200,000. Our ultimate goal is Every Rotarian Every Year.

As of November 30th, we have contributed \$33,838, 17% of our goal. To meet the Bill Gates Challenge, our goal is for every Rotarian in our District to donate \$33 per year to Polio Plus for the next three years. Based upon 2,500 Rotarians in our District, our total goal for Polio Plus is \$82,500. We have raised \$10,968, 13% of our goal. In reviewing the goal forms that each club submitted at the beginning of the year, I am convinced that we will meet our goals in these important areas. The chart on page 7 shows those clubs that have already contributed to the Foundation. I want to thank them for making early contributions to the Foundation.

We should all be proud of our accomplishments during the first half of the year. With the help of the dedicated Rotarians in our District, I know that we will reach all of our goals by year end.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous and Rewarding New Year. Greg Lier

Wanted: volunteers to help plan and organize the Convention. If interested contact Subhash Kulkarni at Rotarianone@aol.com to volunteer.

ROTARY DAY AT CITY PARK

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Come meet Rotarians from Venezuela, Denmark, California, New York and Georgia. Rotarians, friends, neighbors and families welcomed (no age restriction.)

Sponsors: Rotary Clubs of Hitchin Tilehouse, Herts, England and Algiers U.S.A. Hurricane Katrina Repair of 20 Soccer Fields and 10 Baseball Diamonds. We will move several piles of old shredded Hurricane Katrina trees out of the Soccer area and spread them on the Park's walks and flowerbeds. City Park will furnish 75 wheel barrows with appropriate rakes and shovels.

Registration desk on Harrison Ave. will be open at 8:30 A.M. with coffee and doughnuts. Look for our Rotary Banner on Harrison Ave between Marconi and Diagonal Dr. We will work from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Algiers Rotary Club will provide lunch. You will be able to visit the World Famous Bronze Sculpture Garden in the afternoon free.

Rotary Clubs may select one member to add up their volunteers or individuals may email. I need to get an idea of how many we will have for lunch. We will get an accurate count with names and clubs at the Registration Desk.

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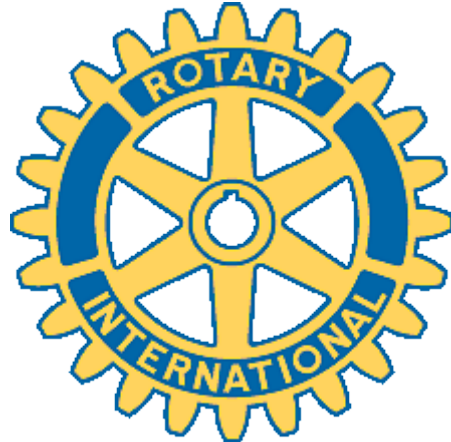
Capital Projects & Technology Grants

NORFI (New Orleans Rotary Foundation Inc.) is receiving grant applications during all of January. If you know of a worthy organization in need of support for capital projects such as computers, office equipment or furnishings please complete the application form and send it to NORFI (don't forget the extra copies). Simply go to the New Orleans Rotary Foundation Inc. (NORFI) link on the Rotary Club of New Orleans website and download the form. If you have any questions, call NORFI president Charlie Young at 593-2333.

Know a Prospective Rotarian?

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.



Tim Rusnak, CEO of Benjamin Franklin Charter High School has been approved for membership in the New Orleans Rotary Club by the Membership Committee and tentatively placed in an active classification. He/she is proposed for membership by Byron Harrell and Charles Young. In accordance with the Articles & Bylaws of the Club, this announcement will be posted in the Bolo for two weeks during which time you may inquire into the nomination and register any new information you deem advisable with the Nominating Committee. President Phil Nimmo is available to answer any questions you may have.

[Download New Member Applications](#)

Last Week's Speaker: Peter Ricchiuti Tulane University

Upcoming Speakers:

Today: NO MEETING in favor of Race Track luncheon tomorrow January 22 at noon.
January 28th Dr. William Locander Dean, Loyola University School of Business

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

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