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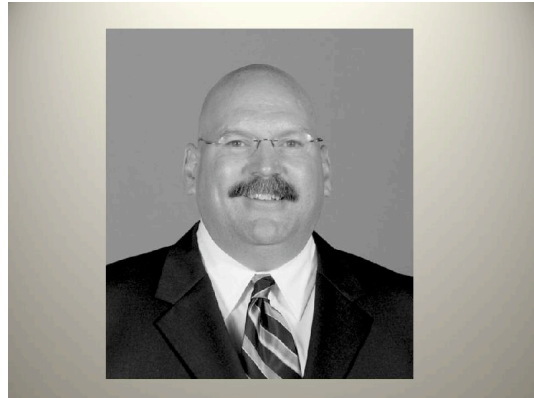
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**Location Change: We meet in the Casino today!**

### Today: Jeff Bower

**General Manager, New Orleans Hornets**

Jeff Bower is General Manager for the New Orleans Hornets where he has worked for more than 14 years. As the team's general manager, he handles all day-to-day basketball operations and oversees player personnel decisions, the coordination of schedules for the entire scouting staff and the compilation of data in preparation for the NBA Draft.



Bower began his tenure with the Hornets as an advance scout from 1995 to 1997 before earning a promotion as the team's director of scouting (where he served from the 1997-98 season through 1999-00). In addition to his scouting duties during the 1998-99 season, Bower joined the coaching ranks as an assistant after Paul Silas was named interim head coach on March 7, 1999 (and helped him lead the Hornets to a 22-13 record). He was named assistant general manager for the 2000-01 season. On June 4, 2001, Bower was promoted to general manager (under then-Vice President of Basketball Operations Bob Bass) and held that position through the 2002-03 season.

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He returned to the bench as an assistant coach under Tim Floyd in 2003-04 before returning to the front office as director of player personnel in 2004- 05. Bower's years of experience working at all levels in the Hornets' basketball operations department culminated with his appointment to the current post of general manager just prior to the start of the team's 2005-06 training camp.

The 2007-08 Hornets squad set a franchise record with 56 wins, representing the culmination of Bower's efforts to rebuild the team following the 2004-05 season. The Hornets have completed a 38-game turnaround in just three seasons under his direction. The current record-setting roster was formed when Bower was able to keep certain team members that were key to the Hornets' previous success and combine them with new additions that he felt the team needed to reach the next level.

Prior to joining the Hornets, Bower enjoyed an impressive career at the collegiate level. He spent three years as an assistant coach at Penn State University from 1983-86 before moving to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. After first serving as an assistant coach from 1986 through 1990, he was promoted to associate head coach, a position he held for five years. Bower helped lead the Red Foxes to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1987 after winning the Northeast Conference. He also coached former Indiana Pacers center Rik Smits, the second overall pick in the 1988 NBA Draft, for two years during his time at Marist.

In addition to his college and NBA accolades, Bower was a three-time guest of the International Basketball Academy held in Pula, Croatia, where he gave coaching clinics and provided instruction to players.

The native of Hollidaysburg, Penn., and his wife, Lisa, have a daughter, Lindsey (born in January 2003). Bower holds a bachelor's degree in history/education from St. Francis College in Pennsylvania.

[Learn More About The Hornets](#)

## Club Night Out

**The "Ball & All" at Le Chat Noir, Friday, March 6**

Those fantastic ladies from " The Ball and All " are back ! Rickey Graham's hilarious take on Mardi Gras crews, which ran for an unmatched 4 years the first go round, is returning to Le Chat Noir for a short run. We are reserving tickets for Friday, March 6. The time is 8:00 pm, the cost \$34 per ( which includes a \$5 bar credit) and parking is right next door for only \$2.00. This is the most popular locally produced show to ever hit our fair city and makes for a really fun evening.

Tickets are selling out as we speak, so if interested phone Bobbie at 218-8082 ASAP for reservations.

## **The Kiwis are coming! The Kiwis are coming!**

### **GSE Team From New Zealand**

The GSE Team from the south half of the South Island of New Zealand will be visiting our district from April 13 through May 14. This is an excellent opportunity for clubs in our District to meet others from across the world and exchange cultural traditions. Biographies on each member of the visiting GSE Team are posted on the GSE page on the District website, [www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org). The itinerary of the team will be finalized and distributed soon.

See Club Member Alberto Musto if you can help house, entertain, or educate our visitors during their brief time with us.

## **Do you remember Benny Goodman? Glenn Miller?**

### **Club Swing with the LPO**

Join us Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 8:00 pm when the Rotary Club of N.O. goes to "Club Swing" with the LPO at the newly renovated Mahalia Jackson Theater.

Dance the night away or never leave your seat as Mahalia Jackson Theatre becomes Club Swing, "where the music's hot, the drinks are cool and the dance floor is always open." Swing dance lessons at 7:00!

Featuring Five By Design, musical theatre ensemble.

Since 1990, Five By Design has been preserving the traditions of vocal harmony and the American popular song. The Washington Post heralded their Kennedy Center debut with the National Symphony Orchestra as "one of the best NSO pops performances of the season." Your club has purchased a block of tickets for this concert at \$27 each. Sign up now and bring your spouse for an evening of fun and American popular music.

Order your tickets now by: 1. Signing up at the Rotary meetings, or 2. Email Cindy Markham at [cmarkham@bcm.org](mailto:cmarkham@bcm.org) 3. Phone Cindy Markham at 504-228-2719

## **History of Rotary-The Beginning**

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an

attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The New Orleans Club was the sixth club formed!

Rotary's popularity spread, and within a decade, clubs were charted from San Francisco to New York to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents. The organization adopted the Rotary International name a year later. As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need.

The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: "Service Above Self". By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members. The organization's distinguished reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers and a host of other luminaries to its ranks.

Today there are more than a million members in more than 30,000 clubs around the world. In addition to its many services, Rotary is one of the most effective sources of international peace and understanding.

## **Reminder to Club Board Members**

**Next Board Meeting March 5th at 4:30 pm**

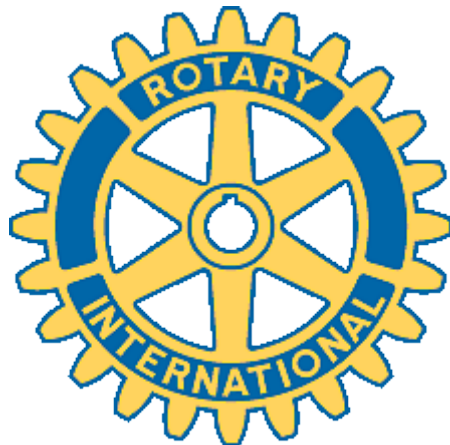
The next Board meeting will be on March 5th at 4:30 p.m. at BCM offices, 400 Poydras St., Suite 2950. Park in the building from the Magazine Street entrance and bring your punch ticket to exchange for a pre-paid pass.

## **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.

Notification of New Member Application:  
Michael W. Gahagan,  
Attorney-Immigration  
Law has been approved  
for membership in the New Orleans Rotary Club by the  
Membership Committee and tentatively placed in an active



classification. He is proposed for membership by Bob Mora and George Lambert. 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 Club President. President Phil Nimmo is available to answer any questions you may have.

[Download New Member Applications](#)

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**Last Week's Speaker:** No Meeting Last Week , Survive Mardi Gras?

**Upcoming Speakers:**

Today: Jeff Bower , General Manager , Hornets

March 11: Sue Burge , Director , Louisiana Network of , New Technology High Schools

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

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