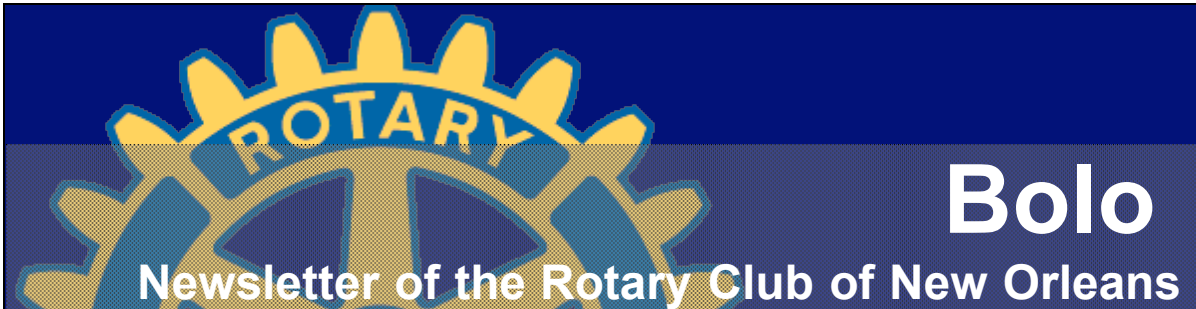


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City Park

City Park is a unique state agency of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism operated by the non-profit City Park Improvement Association (CPIA). At 1,300 acres, City Park is one of the largest urban parks in the country. The land occupied by City Park is owned by the City of New Orleans. CPIA was established in 1891 to provide for the improvement of City Park. The Louisiana Legislature placed City Park under the control of CPIA in 1896 and invested it with the authority to operate and develop the park. The first parcel of land was acquired in 1854, making it one of the country's oldest parks. A series of expansions over time have expanded the Park to its present size. Once the site of Allard Plantation facing Bayou St. John, City Park's 1,300 acres offer visitors a sample of the city's riches both in fine art and natural splendor. City Park is home of the New Orleans Museum of Art and the largest collection of mature live oaks in the world. Trees in the oldest grove are over 600 years old.

Today's City Park is distinguished by its large menu of sports and recreational activities, attractions for children, and its natural beauty. City Park has a special place in the hearts of generations of New Orleanians and is a must visit for visitors to the city. A popular place to picnic, play a favorite sport, wander through its gardens or take a boat ride, the park hosts 11 million visitors each year. It is located in the heart of the city and is the largest recreation area for the entire metropolitan area.

City Park traditionally received little or no public operating support. Following Hurricane Katrina, however, the Park

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has started to receive some operating assistance from the State of Louisiana. The Park receives capitol support from City of New Orleans but no operating funds. In 2006, this public support amounted to approximately 25% of our total operating budget. We must raise 75% of our operating funds through self-generated revenue.

City Park's attractions include the New Orleans Botanical Garden, Storyland fairytale playground, and the Carousel Gardens Amusement Park delight visitors of all ages. In addition, several facilities are available to host any public or private event from a formal wedding to a casual picnic, a concert to a business meeting. The hundreds of acres of park land provide enjoyment for young children playing on our playgrounds and walkers, joggers, and bicyclists winding through the park's streets and trails.

Friends of City Park is a separate 501 (c) 3 nonprofit that raises money to help support the park. The New Orleans Botanical Garden Foundation, also a 501 (c) 3, raises money to support the Botanical Garden, one of the park's attractions.

[Learn More About City Park](#)

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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. They will be staying with members of our club from May 10-13. 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. The itinerary of the team will be finalized and distributed soon at a club meeting.

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

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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 3. Phone Cindy Markham at 504-228-2719

Missed A Meeting?

Make Up By Attending Another Club In The Area

Monday

New Orleans International Airport, LA Noon, Treasure Chest Casino Buffet

Westwego, LA Noon, The Four Columns Restaurant, Harvey

Carrollton, LA Noon, Saltwater Grill & Seafood Grill

Tuesday

Covington, LA ; Noon, Greater Covington Center

Westbank/Gretna, LA ; 12:15pm, Gretna United Methodist Church

La Place, LA; Noon, Bull's Corner Restaurant

Wednesday

Algiers, LA; 7:30 am, The Villas at Woldenberg

Metairie, LA 12:15pm, Quality Hotel, South Causeway Blvd.

Thursday

Kenner, LA 12:15pm, Johnny Trauth's Seafood Bistro

Harahan, LA 12:15pm, Colonial Country Club

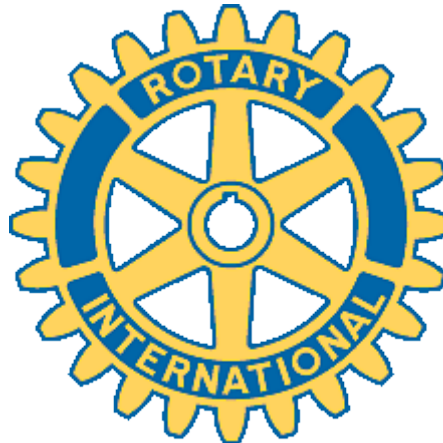
Friday; Slidell, LA 12:10pm, Pinewood Country Club

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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.



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](#)

Last Week's Speaker: Lauren Anderson, Neighborhood Housing Services

Upcoming Speakers:

Today: Beau Bassich, City Park

March 25: Meeting At Warren Easton High School, 3019 Canal Blvd., Please make your reservations through Ms. Cindy Markham at 504-228-2719.

REMINDER:: :

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

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