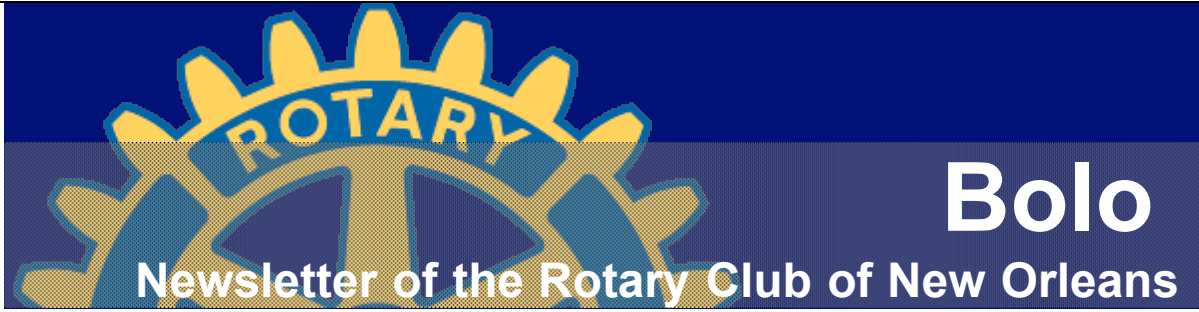


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Sandy Rosenthal is the founder of Levees. Org., the high profile flood protection advocacy group that grew out of Hurricane Katrina's blow to the New Orleans area. Levees.Org was one of the first-and most vocal -groups to finger the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its faulty design of the levee system that failed, resulting in 80 percent of New Orleans flooding.

A native of Attleboro, MA, she has an undergraduate degree from Mt. Holyoke College and an MBA from Tulane. She has won numerous awards and is a recent inductee to the hall of fame of the Louisiana Center for Women &

Government. She also served as a member of Gov. Bobby Jindal's transition team. Despite a hectic civic calendar, she managed to find time to win the City Park Sizzler Tennis Tournament, a USTA event.

She and husband Stephen have three children and a dachshund named Chester.



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Change in Lunch Charges May 1st

Charge Still Below Cost

The Board of Directors recently approved an increase in the lunch charge for all guests, visitors, past service members and members who pay for meals individually to \$30.00. President Nimmo noted that this is still 12% below our actual cost per meal but for ease of handling and consistency, the charge was adjusted down. Please make note of this increase.

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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.

Connect with Club Member Alberto Musto (amusto@lsuhsc.edu) if you can help house, entertain, or educate our visitors during their brief time with us.

[Learn More About New Zealand From the CIA](#)

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Yom Hashoah Educator of the Year Award

This letter forwarded to President Phil from club member Carole Neff was written by Nancy Hernandez, School Librarian following receipt of the Yom Hashoah Educator of the Year Award from the New Orleans Jewish Community Center. It is shared with you because of our devotion as a club to this same wonderful school. From Ms. Hernandez to Ms. Debbie Pesses:

"I want to express my heart felt gratitude for awarding Warren Easton High School Yom Hashoah Educator of the Year Award. Our school was honored to be the chosen school for such a prestigious award. The ceremony was beautiful and our students will remember it forever. The lighting of the Menorah was very emotional and a great honor for us to do it. We have learned a lot from you. The Holocaust survivors are a good example for us to follow and learn to have courage in time of adversity. We have learned about the atrocities of the Holocaust thanks to you. I know that one of my purposes in life is to tell the story of the Holocaust so that it never repeats itself. I have books about the Holocaust on display throughout the library for the students and teachers to check out. I feel that the school library is the center of knowledge

that holds the school together. Our teachers and students are constantly coming to the library to obtain information that supports the school curriculum. A powerful nation is built on avid readers. Reading is the first step to literacy and to achieve a good education. Education is the key to break the chains of poverty and to improve society."

"I want you to know that your support in helping our school and our students pays off. We are graduating 220 seniors this year. Students come back after graduation to tell us what they are doing. Many are studying Computer Science, Business Administration, Law, Nursing, Pharmacy, Art, Education, and other careers. Many of our students are in the Armed Forces and receive decorations and medals for exemplary service. We are proud that we graduate students that will become responsible productive members of their community. "

"There are no words in the English dictionary that can express our gratitude for your kindness and generosity to Warren Easton School. You are making a difference in our community and in the future of our students."

Thank you Carole Neff and President Phil for sharing this with us.

District Conference

That's right. If you miss District Conference, you'll miss out on a wonderful experience. There's something for everyone, whether it be fellowship or Rotary education. Conference will be held May 7-9, 2009 at the Hollywood Hotel and Casino in Bay St. Louis. Our fellowship begins Thursday, May 7 with a golf tournament at the Bridges Golf Course, followed by a social that evening. Bring your spouse, special friend, children you get the point. Everyone's invited.

District Conference offers several opportunities to promote your business. Networking opportunities abound during the Conference, but you've got to attend to reap the benefits. So, when the time comes, make sure you register and attend. Sponsorships are also available for the registration brochure, conference program, session sponsor, registration area and Food Fest. See the Conference Sponsorship brochure for details. Then there's the opportunity to brag about your business. The Conference Committee will be seeking ditty bag items and door prizes in the spring. So, when planning your promotional purchases for next year, add plenty to contribute to the Conference.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hollywood Hotel. \$89 per night for Wednesday and Thursday nights and \$159 per night for Friday and Saturday nights, plus tax.

For Information contact Barbara Mauldin, Conference Chair, at docbarbara@yahoo.com. You can see more of the plenary sessions at the link below.

Also approved for membership is Edward Doskey, classification: Attorney- -Employee Benefits. Edward is an attorney with the Kimsey Law Group and is sponsored by Joe Friend.

Michael Fredrick, has also been approved by the Membership Committee under the classification of Technology - Web Design. Michael is sponsored by David Duggins.

David Loeb has been approved by the Membership committee under the classification of Attorney - Commercial Investments. David was recommended by District Governor Lier and Club President Nimmo.

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Last Week's Speaker: Coach Joe Pasternak, UNO Basketball

Upcoming Speakers:

Today: Sandy Rosenthal, Levees.org

May 13: Sherri McConnell, Louisiana Office of Entertainment Industry Development.

REMINDER:: :

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

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