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New Orleans Rotary Club Newsletter

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Welcome - we meet at noon on Wednesdays at Harrah's Hotel, 2nd Floor, 228 Poydras Street

Our speaker this week: Jeremy Davenport, N.O. Musicians & Music;

For nearly a decade, Jeremy Davenport has been a vital part of the New Orleans music scene. With his original lyrics and music, Jeremy infuses his unique style and mood of storytelling creating not only a modern edge, but also the distinct feeling of a lifestyle reminiscent of a time when Jazz was at its peak of popularity. He is known for his vocal and trumpet playing skills, as well as being a born entertainer. Davenport's showing has tempted such performers as Sting, Paul McCartney, Harry Connick, Jr. and Diana Krall.



Jeremy Davenport was born in St. Louis, Missouri into a family of musicians. His mother has been a music educator

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for nearly 50 years and his father recently retired, after 40 years, from the St. Louis Symphony. From a young age Jeremy studied and played with members and guests of the St. Louis Symphony, which included an early introduction to Jazz great, Wynton Marsalis. Upon finishing high school, Jeremy was accepted to the acclaimed Manhattan School of Music, under the direction of Raymond Mase. He continued to develop a friendship with Marsalis and it was at this time that Wynton introduced Davenport to Harry Connick, Jr. Together they persuaded Jeremy to move to New Orleans. He enrolled at the University of New Orleans and began training under the patriarch of the Marsalis family, Ellis Marsalis - music educator and jazz pianist. Jeremy went on to play with Harry Connick, Jr.'s Big Band for 6 years touring around the world.

Jeremy Davenport can be found every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at The Davenport Lounge in the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. He recently released an album titled, "We'll Dance 'Til Dawn" (Basin Street Records) - available nationally July 2009.

NORFI and Paul Harris Fellows

So far (as of 24 July 2009) \$6,892 has been raised for the New Orleans Rotary Fund Inc. (NORFI) as a result of Past President Phil Nimmo's letter asking club members to consider a gift of \$100. Remember, NORFI distributed \$18,000 to area nonprofits in June. If you haven't done so, send your gift today to Charlie Young c/o NORFI; suite 2950; 400 Poydras St.; New Orleans, LA, 70130 It's not too late. If you want to save postage, give Charlie your check at this week's meeting.

The NORFI officers for 2009-2010 are Charles Young, president; Fred Smith, vice president; Bob Clark, secretary, and Bob Mora, treasurer.

Having a July birthday, why not send NORFI a gift..\$1 for every year you've been on Mother Earth?! If you are hesitant to tell your age, please round up to the nearest \$100.

Paul Harris Fellows

Randy Feldman reports that currently 67 of our 144 members (47%) are Paul Harris Fellows. We need just 5 more members to become Paul Harris Fellows to reach the 50% mark. Please contact Randy (rfeldman@wyes.org) about how to become a Paul Harris Fellow.

[NORFI Web Page](#)

Mark Your Calendars

(dates, times, and events subject to change)

District 6840 Foundation, Membership and PR Training session - Saturday, August 8, 2009



Sunday 22 November 2009 - Fall Party - location and time TBA

Saturday 5 December 2009 - Holiday Luncheon at Commanders Palace

Day at the Fairgrounds - Friday, 15 January 2010 - noon - New Orleans Fairgrounds

Saturday 23 or 30 January 2010 - Walk/Work in the Park - details TBD (tentative)

16 February 2009 - Mardi Gras - no meeting that week

SAVE THE DATE! The Rotary Club of New Orleans is planning a celebration of its 100th anniversary. It will be a dinner-dance affair the evening of Saturday, February 27, 2010. Please mark your calendars. We hope you will be able to attend. Location and time TBA (no meeting Wednesday 24 February)

Wednesday, 24 March 2010 - Warren Easton Luncheon

Rotary Derby - Wednesday 5 May 2010 - noon

Group Study Exchange with Argentina

Our District will participate with Argentina in a Group Study Exchange for four weeks in April - May, 2010. Through the program, teams of young professionals from Districts 6840 and 4825 will exchange visits. Team members experience the way of life, customs and vocational practices of the two districts, while sharing information about their home countries. The GSE promotes international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country. Rotary pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host countries provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. For information see our web site or contact Sharron Newton in Slidell at snewton0959@earthlink.net or by telephone at 985.661.0718.

Warren Easton Update

A brief message from President Henry Lowentritt

I regret we had limited time at our club meeting on 29 July 2009 for three very special Warren Easton students to tell us more about their RYLA experiences. They expressed their gratitude for our club's sponsorship of their RYLA scholarships. Besides thanking us orally, they brought letters of thanks, which are attached. I am forwarding them to various people who will be interested in reading about the students' experiences and how they think they benefited from RYLA. Please pass the letters on to others who you think should read them. They can be found at <http://www.neworleansrotary.org/pdf/rylathanks0709.pdf>

Enjoy, Henry

President's Messages

by Henry Lowentritt

We plan to mark our Centennial Year with a new focus on two areas: First we will concentrate the club more on service activities. And second, we will increase our support of Rotary International and District 6840. To accomplish these objectives we are organizing the club a little differently than usual. Of course we will continue the club administrative functions that are necessary to make the club run smoothly, to keep our meetings interesting and valuable, and to assure that club finances are solid. Club Administration falls under the Chairmanships of Club Vice President Christine Hoffman and Club Secretary Aaron Miscenich.



Dianne Boazman and Josh Danzig's Program Committee is continuing our tradition of strong meeting programs and excellent speakers. We are pressing Bobbie Collins into service again, this time in the Fellowship Committee, where our parties and fun events will be planned and executed. Thank you Bobbie for also being very helpful to me personally in this new role. Two important pillars of an effective Rotary Club are Membership, and Public Relations. President-Elect Kevin Laborde is going to continue the outstanding job he is doing as Membership Chairman. Each of you should consider yourselves a part of his committee, helping recruit people who would be good Rotarians. Public Relations is charged with presenting Rotary's story in the media. We expect to have an active year of events that should be publicized. Jennie Campbell heads up the Public Relations Committee. Jennie is also the very successful PR chairperson of District 6840.

Of course we have several ongoing activities and service projects, which will continue and be strengthened. For one, our dedication to the Warren Easton Interact Club will continue under the watchful eye of Faun Fenderson. And now about the new wrinkle in our club structure. That is the Centennial Committee. Focusing on service, we will concentrate and coordinate service projects under a highly motivated and enthusiastic Chairperson. Mary Beth Arceneaux, one of this year's Outstanding Rotarian award recipients, will head up our Centennial Committee. The Committee will coordinate our several new service projects, and some of the promotional and fundraising activities. Look at the list of activities you have at your tables. Those are just initial ideas and possibilities. We welcome your additions, your involvement, and especially, your participation. This committee will also promote the club in some novel ways to draw attention to us in this anniversary year. It's where the action is going to be this year, and we hope you will chose to be a part of Mary Beth's several sub- committees under the Centennial Committee banner.

Focusing more support of Rotary International and District 6840, Michael Bourg will head up the Foundation Committee. His role will be to honcho the RI annual giving and PolioPlus campaigns, and to oversee Randy Feldman's chairmanship of the Paul Harris Fellowship efforts. It is often through The Rotary Foundation that individual clubs and individual members participate in international service projects, which we plan to do this year. Mike Bourg will appreciate your assistance as he performs his responsibilities. Drawing us closer to the district, we will urge more participation in District 6840 leadership training and fellowship activities. Perhaps we will again have a presence at the food fest at the district conference.

We like to say that Rotary is an organization of VOLUNTEERS. I was reminded recently that a person is not a volunteer until he DOES volunteer. You voluntarily chose to join Rotary. Now we hope you will volunteer to work within Rotary's infrastructure. At the reception desk and on each of your tables are brief outlines of this year's committee structure. It is a list of activities, of opportunities, for each person in this room. I hope you will look at it carefully, and choose something that you want to participate in. Please, I am asking you to get involved and work in the committees that interest you.

Rotary, the most successful of all the service clubs, has over 1.3 million members worldwide. We are a part of that. YOU are a part of that. If you want to make a difference -- in the club, in the community and in the world, Rotary is the place, and now is the time to do it.

We hope you will take the challenge, and that by your example, others will follow your lead. We want, we expect, all of you to take us into our second 100 years, not only as the 12th oldest club in the universe, but also as the BEST and most successful club in the world.

Thank you. I look forward to a great Centennial Year as your club president.

Henry's entire message can be viewed at
<http://www.neworleansrotary.org/pdf/presmsg070109.pdf>

CENTENNIAL MINUTE: During this, our Centennial Year, each week we will spend a minute to review the long and distinguished history of our club. 1916 - 1919 During World War I, in addition to hosting a conclave of Southern Rotary Clubs in 1916, the club was busy with the war effort. In 1917-1918, the club equipped an Enlisted Men's Club in the Audubon Building, participated in Liberty Loan drives, established a Women's Red Cross Auxiliary, and helped support five French orphans. Then, after the war, in 1918 the club helped find employment for returning servicemen. And in 1919, our club sponsored the organization of the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge.

Rotary Four-Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

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, Pontchartrain Point Restaurant; 8536 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans

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

New Orleans; 12:00pm; Harrah's Hotel of New Orleans, 2d Floor, 228 Poydras Street

Thursday

Metairie Sunrise; 7:00 a.m., Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA; **Northlake-Mandeville Rotary Club**, Thursday at 12:00 PM, Beau Chene Country Club, 602 North Beau Chene Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471; **Metairie, LA** 12:15pm, Metairie CC; **Kenner, LA** 12:15pm, Johnny Trauth's Seafood Bistro

Friday

Slidell, LA 12:10pm, Pinewood Country Club **Harahan, LA** 12:15pm, Colonial Country Club

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Thank you Byron

Many thanks to Byron Harrell for editing the Bolo for the past two years. I already miss his hard work. With every passing week I miss it more. Seth Nehrbass, current Bolo editor.

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 Henry, Kevin Laborde, or Cindy Markham.



In accordance with the Articles & Bylaws of the Club, the following 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 Henry Lowentritt is available to answer any questions you may have.

Proposed member: Marbury Little, classification of Real Estate Appraiser, proposed by Henry Lowentritt and Susan Simon (7/29, 8/05).

Proposed member: Patricia Monju, classification Retirement Consultant, proposed by Denise Berthiaume (7/29, 8/05).

Proposed member: Melanie Talia, classification of Foundation - Police and Justice, proposed by Anne Kiefer (7/29, 8/05).

[Download New Member Applications](#)

Usual Meeting Location

We usually meet at 12:00pm at Harrah's Hotel of New Orleans, 2d Floor, 228 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 533-6000

[Meeting information and directions](#)

Last Week's Speaker: 29 July 2009 - Rob Couhig, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority;

This Week's Speaker: 5 August 2009 - Jeremy Davenport, N.O. Musicians & Music;

Upcoming Speakers: (subject to change): 12 August 2009 - Shannon Jones, Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives, Tulane University; 19 August 2009 - Fire Chief; 26 August 2009 - Rotary District Governor;

2 September 2009 - Kristin Palmer, Rebuilding Together New Orleans; 9 September 2009 - Labor Day Week - no meeting; 16 September 2009 - Speaker of House Jim Tucker; 23 September 2009 - Linda Laborde Deane, CFP; 30 September 2009 - Jim McNamara;

7 October 2009 - Scott Cowan, Tulane University; 14 October 2009 - Craig P. Taffaro, Jr., President of St. Bernard Parish, Recovery since Katrina; 21 October 2009 - Steve Rueb, Dorsey & Co., The economy and the stock market; 28 October 2009 - Louisiana Secretary of State Dardenne

Deadline for Bolo Publication Submissions: Friday 5:00 p.m. Please include as the subject of your e-mail messages the date of the newsletter in which you would like your article to appear. This will greatly increase the chance of your article appearing in the proper issue.

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