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New Orleans Rotary Club Newsletter

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Usual Meeting Location

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

Our speaker this week: Chief Tim McConnell, Assistant Superintendent, New Orleans Fire Department

Chief McConnell was the Deputy Incident Commander for the Hurricane Katrina Incident. Promoted in 2001 to District Chief, McConnell has over 25 years with the New Orleans Fire Department. He is an elected Board of Trustees member of the New Orleans Fire Fighters Pension and Relief fund. He has served on the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Firemen's Federal Credit Union since 1996. He is a permanent member of the NOFD Awards Committee, the NOFD Memorial Foundation and the Advisory Committee for the New Orleans Fire Fighters Foundation.



Chief McConnell was placed in charge of the fire station recovery project for the Department after Hurricane Katrina. Under his direction, through donations and volunteers the Department has restored eighteen of the twenty-two engine houses (33 total stations in City when storm occurred) that suffered flood damage during hurricane Katrina. Chief McConnell served as the Vice-

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President of the New Orleans Association of Fire Chiefs until his promotion on May 3, 2009 to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of the New Orleans Fire Department.

NORFI and Paul Harris Fellows

Gifts to NORFI as a result of past president Phil Nimmo's recent Support NORFI letter now total \$7,252. If you haven't written your check, do so right away and give it to NORFI President Charlie Young at this week's meeting.

If you have an August birthday, why not give NORFI a gift of \$1 for every year you've been on Mother Earth. Remember, your generosity helps NORFI support numerous nonprofit organizations in our community. This past June, NORFI awarded \$18,000 to a wide range of nonprofit organizations. To paraphrase the Four-Way Test, NORFI gifts are "BENEFICIAL to all concerned and build GOODWILL"

If you haven't done so, send your birthday 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. If you are unwilling to reveal your age, please round up to the nearest \$100.

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

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)

Wednesday 30 September 2009. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, New Orleans Rotary Club Spelling Bee to benefit Club Service Projects

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.

Feed the Hungry, Spelling Bee

Help Feed the Hungry

As a part of our Club's contribution to the Warren Easton
Interact Club's "Feed the Hungry" project, we are
collecting this week bags of RED BEANS to add protein to
the 144 food distribution bags assembled by the
Interactors. Please donate some red beans to the project
by:

- 1- dropping some off at the home of either Mike Lappa
(1633 S Jeff Davis) or Faun Fenderson (725 Marigny St) -
you can leave them on the porch at either home; or
- 2- bringing some to the Rotary meeting; or

3- supplying a cash donation for the purchase of red beans (checks payable to "cash") - given to Faun Fenderson. The food bags are distributed every two weeks. It is our plan to add protein to each distribution. We will offer a different form of protein each time - next time maybe cans of tuna, or ??

Questions? Email Faun (faun@faunfenderson.com) or Mike (mike@mlappa.net).

New Orleans Rotary Club Spelling Bee to benefit Club Service Projects

Wednesday September 30, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Objective: Have as much fun as possible

Raise money for Rotary Service Projects

Try to become the victor of the coveted Honey Bee Spelling Trophy.

We are looking for teams from various businesses represented in the club. The cost per team of four is \$375 & should be made payable to NORFI. We have spaces for 15 no 14 no 13 now 12 teams remaining.

Even if you are not on a team we encourage you to attend this fun and festive event! This will be a fun competition among some of the most intelligent people in the city.

Come and support our club with this fun exciting event.

Drinks and light appetizers will be served.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Bourg at 504-717-0671.

President's Messages

by Henry Lowentritt

Henry's inaugural 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.

1921- 1923

1921-1922 The club publication was renamed "THE ROTARY SPIRIT." That year we sponsored the organization of Rotary Clubs in Biloxi, Gulfport, Pascagoula, Hammond, and Houma.

1922-1923 The club inaugurated a loan fund for helping boys through high school, and sponsored a membership drive for the Child Welfare Association.

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, 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

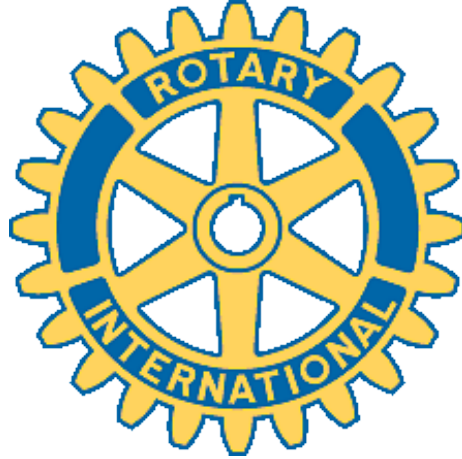
Thank you Byron

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: Reimer Priester has been approved by the membership committee under the classification Fund Development - Philharmonic (8/19, 8/26)

[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:

12 August 2009 - Jeff Thomas, Office of Recovery, City of New Orleans

This Week's Speaker:

19 August 2009 - Chief Tim McConnell, Assistant Superintendent, New Orleans Fire Department

Upcoming Speakers: (subject to change):

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;

18 November 2009 - Doctors for Charity Hospital

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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