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

**Our speaker this week: 16 December 2009 - Jim Letten, US Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana**

Jim Letten, who has served as the United States Attorney since April, 2001, is a native of New Orleans, having graduated from the Tulane Law School in 1979. He spent a total of four years in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, under then-District Attorney Harry Connick. He has served over twenty-five years as a federal prosecutor beginning with the U. S. Department of Justice Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force, and became Chief of the Strike Force in March of 1988 and remained Chief of the unit through that office's merger into the United States Attorney's Office in 1990, until being named First Assistant in August of 1994. While First Assistant, Jim served as a lead prosecutor in the investigation, prosecution, and successful conviction of former Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards following a four-month jury trial in early 2000.

Jim was initially appointed by the U. S. Attorney General as the U. S. Attorney in April of 2001, until his Presidential appointment and subsequent Senate confirmation in July, 2005. As the United States Attorney, Jim has served on the Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittees on National Security/Counter Terrorism, Environment Crimes and Violent Crimes, and presently serves on working groups on Organized Crime and the Death Penalty. Jim is also a retired Naval Reserve Intelligence Officer, having achieved the rank of Commander, and served as Squadron Intelligence Officer, NCIS Special Agent, and Foreign Counter-Intelligence Officer. Jim has been and remains active in the U. S. Department of Justice's role in the post- Katrina efforts to rebuild the New

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Orleans Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies, as well as the state and local criminal justice and judicial systems.

Over his career as a prosecutor, Jim has received numerous awards from federal, state and local enforcement agencies, and civic institutions, including, most recently, the University of New Orleans Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2008, and Top Attorney of 2007 in New Orleans Magazine. Jim was also awarded the United States Attorney General's Medallion for Distinguished Service recognizing his leadership following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

### NORFI, Feed the Hungry, Holiday Help

**Feed the Hungry with Warren Easton Interact Club** The Interact Club is collecting old cell phones which they are recycling to earn money to fund their projects. If you have any old cell phones and wish to contribute to their causes, please bring the cell phones to the Rotary meeting and or deliver them to Faun Fenderson's office (700 Camp Street) - call Faun at 528-9500 (ext 319) for more info.

Your Bucks for Beans purchased 144 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese which are being distributed via the Feed the Hungry project. Your continued support for this project will ensure that these 144 families receive some protein in their food bags! Thanks!

### NORFI

If you have a December 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. 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. December Birthdays for Rotary

- John Hutchins 12/21/33
- Richard McCarthy 12/24/39
- Charlie Young 12/25/42
- John Menszer 12/01/39
- E. Preis 12/01/49
- Susan Shushan 12/30/52
- Craig Wroten 12/30/54
- Peter Waring 12/8/58
- Josh Danzig 12/25/72

## Grant applications due in

# January 2010

The New Orleans Rotary Fund Inc. (NORFI) will be receiving grant applications during the month of January. Rotarians can go to [www.neworleansrotary.org](http://www.neworleansrotary.org) and click on the NORFI link for more information on how to apply. Grants will be awarded in June.

## *Please help the less fortunate*

### **PAJAMAS AND BOOKS**

I hope that everyone had a wonderful, family filled, Thanksgiving. Now that Thanksgiving has passed, our thoughts turn to Christmas, Hanukkah, and the lovely gifts we will buy for our children. If they are anything like my Grandchildren, it will be kind of hard to find a goodie that they don't already have! In the spirit of the holiday season, I'd like to ask if you would buy one little extra gift for any of the hundreds of children in our city who have no home, no clothes and no toys (but probably a lot of hope that Santa will find them anyway) as you get your own shopping done.

We were asked to support the Pajamas and Books group this year by providing some PJs and age appropriate books for children between 1 - 12. With the great sales going on, it will cost very little compared to the amount of joy it will bring. With this in mind, please buy a pair of pajamas and a book to bring to the meetings next week and the week after that; the Socials Committee will get them wrapped and ready for distribution. Hopefully, we can make a lot of kids, besides our own, have a very Merry Christmas.

Speaking for the Socials Committee I want to say THANKS, in advance, for what we know will be a great response.

Bobbie Collins, Chair, Your Social Committee

[NORFI Web Page](#)

### **Mark Your Calendars**

(dates, times, and events subject to change)

Gleaning with Second Harvest Food Bank 19 December 2009

Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana is leading the fight against hunger in south Louisiana through food distribution, advocacy, education and disaster response

. One in eight people in Louisiana is struggling with hunger. The struggling economy and growing number



of unemployed and underemployed have created an unprecedented need for food assistance in Louisiana. In fact, over the past year the need for food assistance has increased 61 percent across the 23 south Louisiana parishes Second Harvest Food Bank serves.

Volunteer to pick oranges for Second Harvest Food Bank

Saturday, December 19th from 9am-Noon

Belle Chasse, LA

Local Louisiana farmers donate their citrus crop to Second Harvest Food Bank. Volunteers are needed to help pick the fruit, box it up and load it onto Second Harvest trucks.

This fresh produce will then be distributed to our agencies throughout our 23 parish service area. Who:

This is a fun volunteer opportunity for all ages!

Chaperone Requirements for Youth Volunteers: Adult supervision is required to ensure the safety and productivity for volunteers.

We require:

1 chaperone per 5 students between the ages of 9 & 13 (4th - 8th grades) 1 chaperone per 10 students between the ages of 14 & 18 (9th - 12th grade) Where: 12194 Hwy 23 Belle Chasse, LA 70037

When: Saturday, December 19th from 9am - noon To sign up: Email [volunteernow@secondharvest.org](mailto:volunteernow@secondharvest.org) or call Melanie Stevens at 504-729-2834.

#### **New Member Orientation**

Chez Henry and Jane Lowentritt 102 Mulberry Dr., Metairie  
Friday, 22 January 2010

Time t/b/d, probably about 6:00 pm

New members and experienced members encouraged to attend

Greetings,

I have posted a New Orleans Rotary Calendar and we'll keep this updated on an ongoing basis.

You can view the calendar at:

<http://ical.me.com/drdrmrmd/New%20Orleans%20Rotary>

You can subscribe to the calendar and it will be updated into your Outlook or iCal by clicking this link:

<webcal://ical.me.com/drdrmrmd/New%20Orleans%20Rotary.ics>

If you have items for the calendar, send them to me. We'll

have a link up on the home page today.  
Thanks,  
Tim  
Timothy S. Harlan M.D.

Wednesday 6 January 2010 - N.O. Mayoral Forum (tentative).

Friday, January 8 2010 - Day at the Fairgrounds - New Orleans Fairgrounds  
Because the Fairgrounds changed our last date to night racing, we have changed the day of our participation to Friday, January 8 2010 - 11:30 am. Reservations are needed - Bobbie 504-218-8082 or email at yourmim@yahoo.com. (ASAP please). Also, a sign up sheet will be at the registration desk.

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

15-17 April 2010 - District 6840 Conference, Bay St. Louis

### **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.

Rotary Derby - Wednesday 5 May 2010 - noon

14-16 October 2010 - District 6840 Conference, New Orleans, in conjunction with 2011 HOC

## CENTENNIAL MINUTE

by Henry Lowentritt, President

During this, our Centennial Year, each week we spend a minute to review the long and distinguished history of our club

1946-1947 Dues were increased to \$25 per quarter. Sir John Balfour was a guest speaker.

1947-1948 Club pennants were presented to the steamships Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary.



## President's Messages

by Henry Lowentritt

Go see Warren Easton's website for news about the school and kudos for Rotary:



<http://www.warreneastoncharterfoundation.com/>

Thanks,  
Henry

### **Join in Southern Hospitality at 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans**

The following is a message from our Rotary District:

The 2011 Rotary International Convention will be held in New Orleans. Six Rotary districts in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee are the host districts. Rotarians from the host districts are responsible for planning various events during the convention, including a fellowship event Monday evening.

#### **Host Responsibilities**

The evening event on Monday is called Host Hospitality Night. This is an RI convention tradition offering a memorable opportunity for convention registrants to share an evening of hospitality and international fellowship. In 2011, this event will also give us an opportunity to show the world our famous Southern hospitality.

The events on this evening are hosted, sponsored and organized by individual Rotarians or Rotary clubs. The events can be as small or as large, as simple or as extravagant, as the hosts design and can afford. Examples include dinner in the home of a Rotarian or at a local park or attraction hosted jointly by Rotary clubs.

In addition to sponsoring the event, the hosts are responsible for transporting their guests to and from the event. In all, the

event should be about 3-4 hours long, including transportation. The cost of the event and transportation are the sole responsibility of the Rotarian and/or Rotary club hosts.

The Monday Evening Host Hospitality subcommittee will assemble the names of the guests as they register. As the event approaches, the subcommittee will assign the guests to the Rotarian and Rotary club hosts and notify these hosts accordingly. The hosts will then contact their guests directly to make logistics arrangements, including transportation.

Don't Live in New Orleans? No Problem. You can still host an event. Host participation is not limited to Rotarians and Rotary clubs in the New Orleans area. In fact, the participation of many Rotarians from the Rotary districts in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana will be essential to sharing our Southern Hospitality. We are expecting 2,000-3,000 conventioners to register as guests for this event. The subcommittee will develop a list of Rotarians and Rotary clubs interested in hosting a Monday Night event. Rotarians and Rotary clubs outside the New Orleans area can contact the subcommittee for a list of New Orleans area Rotarians and Rotary clubs to partner with to host an event.

Call to Action: Sign up to be a host and appoint club liaison. Rotary clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to participate as hosts and register interest by filling out the preliminary interest form on the Online Registration page at [www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org). Each club is also asked to appoint a club liaison with the Monday Evening Host Hospitality subcommittee. Please send the name and contact information for the club liaison to PDG Neil Alford at [neil@alfordlegal.com](mailto:neil@alfordlegal.com).

## **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

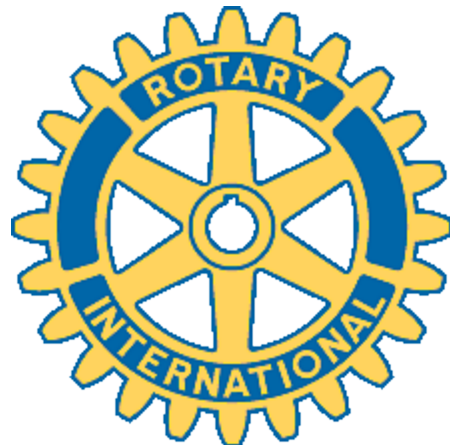
**Harahan, LA** 12:15pm, Colonial Country Club

## 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.

Gregory Hollingsworth, Classification: Investment Management  
- Fixed Income (12/16, 12/23)

[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](#)

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#### **Last Week's Speaker:**

9 December 2009 - Howard Schwartz - (FBI Assistant Special Agent in charge, New Orleans)

#### **This Week's Speaker:**

16 December 2009 - Jim Letten - United States Attorney, New Orleans

#### **Upcoming Speakers:** (subject to change):

23 December 2009 - no meeting

30 December 2009 - no meeting

6 January 2010 - Mayoral Forum

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20 January 2010 -

27 January 2010 - Major General David Mize USMC (RET), President and CEO of the New Orleans Federal Alliance

3 February 2010 - Angie Green, Executive Director, The Green Project

10 February 2010 - Jim Montgomery, CEO of Touro Infirmary

17 February 2010 - Mardi Gras week

24 February 2010 -100th Birthday Party

31 March 2009 Gene Dattel, author of "Cotton and Race in the Making of America: The Human Costs of Economic Power."

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

Please include as the subject of your e-mail message 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. Please also include your article or announcement in electronic form so it can be copied into the newsletter. Thank you.

Bolo Editor (Seth M. Nehrbass)

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