

Rotary



Club of Louisiana

Club Leaders



[Todd Smith](#)
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Events

September 5th
[Weekly Rotary Meeting](#)

September 10th
[Monthly Rotary Board Meeting](#)

September 12th
[Weekly Rotary Meeting](#)

September 19th
[Weekly Rotary Meeting](#)

September 26th
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Birthdays

Marvin Brown
September 9th

Tim Jenkins
September 10th

Linda Jean Beer
September 15th

Dean Randall Cone
September 21st

Betty L. Dolbear
September 25th

Brenda Miller
September 28th

Stitching & Ripping for the Lord

Thursday, September 26, 2019



overseas ministries.

Displaying samples of what has been made in the last five months, Pat spoke of the love and care poured into each item. In addition to the cute little dresses, there are 80 hats and 15 scarves for local school children, 30 prayer shawls for the local hospice, washcloths for the Shoebox Ministry, 150 preemie hats for the NICU in St Louis, and hats for chemo patients at PCMH!

The group incurs very little expense as most materials (yarn, needles, material) are donated. One exciting intermingling with a previous Rotary speaker: Eric Dolbear has agreed to take about 100 of the pillowcase dresses with him as he returns to Zambia, Africa, in November.

Pat advised that a service to bless and consecrate the items will be held Sunday, October 6th at 3:00pm at St Joseph Catholic Church, with a small reception to follow in Seton Hall. If you are interested in donating any sewing items to this group, contact Pat Glenn through our Rotary website.

Improving Pike County E-911

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Jim Porter, Director of the Pike County E-911 System, and Brittney Fangrow, Mapping & Addressing, joined us for an update to the newly combined county dispatch system.

With 2-3 dispatchers per shift, the call volume for police, fire, and medical has gone from 6,611 calls in 2018 to 12,607 so far in 2019! Dispatchers are being trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) to be able to stay with a caller who is in an emergency situation; while help is being dispatched, the caller can be directed how to administer medical aid to the victim until professional medical personnel arrive.

Equipment upgrades include the GPS-based cellphone location system where callers from mobile phones can be located if the caller was unable to confirm his/her position. Also, the fire departments radio system was recently upgraded to be able to simulcast over frequencies used by multiple departments responding to a single emergency.

Mr. Porter extended an invitation to schedule a tour anytime. If interested in this or in becoming part of the dispatch system, contact him by email (jim.porter@pikemo911.org) or by phone (non-emergency (573.324.3202).



State of School District

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Louisiana RII School Superintendent Todd Smith (aka our Rotary Club President!) presented an update on the new school year. With 722

Club Anniversaries

Wentzville

October 11th

Washington

October 23rd

Troy

October 28th

Club Meeting

Louisiana

Meets at First Baptist Church

Events Center

608 South Carolina St

Louisiana, MO 63353

Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM



students and 58 teachers, the student-teacher ratio is an amazing 12:1, offering a valuable opportunity for each child to enjoy focused interaction with a responsible role model and instructor.

Updates and changes reported on:

1. The state school time requirements recently changed from a set number of DAYS per school year to a set number of **HOURS per school year**, in this case 1,044 hours. This shortened the school calendar from 174 days to 164 days, with six snow days built in.
2. Missouri House Bill 608 now requires **background checks** for any person working OR VOLUNTEERING in the school system. This check is run through the Missouri Highway Patrol at a cost of \$40 per person, payable by the individual.
3. Bond **projects finished** include: HVAC, parking lot, water line, floors, bleachers, bathrooms, fire system, roof, electronic locks, and middle school lockers.
4. Two projects still in process are the bus barn and the phone system. The **bus barn** is a testament to small town ingenuity and character: originally estimated to cost about \$800,000, the project is nearing completion with an all-in cost-to-date of about \$406,000. The fencing is the primary remaining element. This savings was generated by four current staff taking on the mission themselves and giving the school a (nearly) completed project to be proud of! The new **telephone system** places a phone in each classroom, providing security and good communication throughout the building. It is anticipated to be finished in September.
5. Citing an exceptional teaching and administrative staff, Todd this time highlighted the **principals** of each building: Stacy Hamlett (Elementary), Bobby Spoonster (Middle School), and Nick Heggemann (High School).
6. And finally some sad and **serious figures** to report: in the past, an employment opening in the elementary school would elicit around 50 applicants; today that figure is 5 or 6! In the high school, it is even less with only 1 or 2 applicants per opening! Citing competition with schools that may have a 4-day work week and, of course, higher salary packages, Todd acknowledged the many challenges that he and the Louisiana schools face, but he also recognized the well-built foundation that our local district is built on and its ability to weather the trials of staffing, facility maintenance, safety, and student needs.

We are truly fortunate to hear these regular reports from Todd. It reminds each of us, whether business or individual, to be informed and to be involved with our younger generation. THEY are the future of ROTARY!

Utilizing Your Y at 100%

Thursday, September 5, 2019

Ever start a tour with the guide saying, ♦Close your eyes?♦ That ♦s how Karma Gaw opened our Louisiana Rotary virtual visit to the Twin Pikes YMCA! Guiding us expertly through every area of our local ♦Y♦, Karma shared the assorted offerings for every interest and every age. The obvious ones were there: swimming, exercising, sports; but so were the lesser-known: massage, Before & After-School programs, mentoring, party rentals.

Teaming with the new Membership Director, Rani Raney, Karma presented an enthusiastic and informative program, detailing the offerings and plans of the ♦Y♦. Also noted were the partnerships the ♦Y♦ has with the Pike County Memorial Hospital physical therapy program and annual health fair, the Pike County Home Health & Hospice veterans program, and the local radio stations. The "Y" is always open to discussing new partnerships with any local group or business.



Along with what the YMCA offers, Karma & Rani offered a few of its needs, including the search for a new CEO with applications being accepted through mid-September, ideas for new classes, instructors for new & existing classes. The upcoming annual auction fundraiser will be held Saturday, September 21. For more details on this event or anything that Karma and Rani mentioned, visit the website at TwinPikeFamilyYMCA.org

