



Club Leaders



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Events

August 3rd
Speaker: Mayor Jeff Hall

August 10th
Speaker: Mike Strain
Subject: Agriculture and Forestry
in Louisiana

August 16th
Monthly Board Meeting

August 17th
Speaker: Mark Wood
Subject: Report from Rapides
Parish Sheriff Mark Wood

August 24th
Speaker: Pigskin Preview

President's Message



Can you believe it's August? The heat is here and the new school year is starting soon. I sure hope Covid does not further interfere with school.

I am sure you are well aware that Covid cases are spiking both nationally and locally. The hope is that this spike will be short lived. I personally know several people who have Covid or just got over it. Please be safe, be responsible, and encourage others to get vaccinated. One of our members suggested having a table for vaccinated members. Since this will give a few of our members a little peace of mind without negatively affecting anyone else, we will have a reserved table up front for these vaccinated members. All that means is if you aren't vaccinated, please don't sit at that table. Otherwise, please continue joining us on Tuesdays as you have been. An obvious example of being responsible during this time, if you have been exposed or have any symptoms, please join us via Zoom instead of live.

Even if you take Covid out of the picture, we are living in a unique time. Our interest rates are very low, the housing market is on fire, labor is hard to find, the stock market is at all-time highs, and the price of oil has been recovering. The cost of nearly everything we buy is going up but the government tells us the inflation is transitory and they aren't worried about. If that's not enough, we have the private sector making trips to space and most car makers will have electric vehicles by next year. Times have always changed, but times seem to be changing faster and faster each year.

Let us not allow the rapid changes to squeeze service from our schedule. As we manage our time and our lives, let's remember to serve others. There are many people who need you, your time, your service. Don't forget, this Rotary year's theme is **◆Serve to Change Lives.◆** I am encouraging you and the whole Club to look for ways to serve others. If we focus on service, we will meet the needs of others and build unity.

Randy Ponthie
President
Rotary Club of Alexandria

Rotary District Cookbook

Our Rotary District (District 6190) is planning to create a Cookbook to sell as a fundraiser for Camp RYLA. RYLA is the youth leadership camp that Rotary holds each summer. Our Club typically sends about 15 high school students to this week long camp. The cookbooks will be ready for sale for holiday giving this year and we will take pre-orders at our weekly meetings. They are asking for Club members to send in recipes by September 10. Please submit as many recipes as you want, the more the better! Please submit your recipes to the following email address:

Rotary.d6190.cookbook@gmail.com

Recipes must be submitted on the Excel Form the District has provided. You can find the form at our Club website - www.alexandriarotary.com under the Documents Tab. Look for "Cookbook Recipe Template."

To kick off the cookbook fundraiser, the District held a contest for the Cookbook title. And, we are happy to report that two people from our Alexandria Club were selected. **Ed Caplan** won the Cookbook title contest with his entry - Rotary - Eats & Treats: A Collection of Our Favorite Recipes. **Jim Smilie** came in a close second and will have his entry featured on the back of the book - Servings Above Self: The Four Course Test. Of the things we cook, drink and eat: Is it tasty? Is it easy to make? Will it be nutritious and make a good meal? Will it be satisfying to all who are hungry?



EATS & TREATS

A COLLECTION OF OUR
FAVORITE RECIPES

COOKBOOK

Benefiting



DISTRICT 6190

Name by Ed Caplan – Alexandria Rotary Club

Subject: Meet the local Football teams

August 31st

Speaker: Christi Guillot

Subject: St. Mary's Training School

Congratulations, Ed and Jim!

(Pictured is a tentative mock-up of the front cover of the Cookbook)

Annual Pigskin Preview



On Tuesday, August 24, we will host our annual Pigskin Preview. Hosted by **Vic Sooter**, this event is looked forward to by many in our Club. It is an opportunity for us to meet the coaches of all the local high school and college Football teams and be introduced to some key players. Last year because of COVID, we were unable to host this event and most of our schools had disrupted or cancelled schedules. Now that things are more back to the way they were, we look forward to hearing about the strategies and plans for this years local football season. We hope you will come out to support our local teams and these talented student athletes.

International Students in Cenla

One of our Club's International Projects is to provide Welcome Bags to International Students attending LSUA and LA College. **Joyce Lyford** collected many useful items from Club members in addition to bedding for these students which will be given to them this Fall semester. Joyce, **Annie Collins** and **Wally Fall** all helped pack these welcome bags for over 20 students and we thank them for their help with this project. Pictured is Wally Fall.



New Members



Michelle Purl is the new CEO of the United Way of Central LA. She moved here from Florida where she lived for 32 years. She is originally from Minnesota. Michelle is a graduate of Florida State University. She has worked in the non-profit world working with delinquent youth, the Boys and Girls Club, counseling abused children and was a Child Protection Investigator. Before moving to Alexandria to become the Executive Director of the United Way of Central Louisiana, Michelle worked for 4.5 years at the United Way of Lake and Sumter counties in Florida. She is dedicated to her family where they can often be found volunteering in the community. In her small amount of free time, Michelle enjoys being outdoors, reading and creating art. Michelle's sponsor is **Wayne Denley**.

Christi Thomas Grew up in many different places because her father was in the Army primarily stationed during her childhood in Germany or Ft. Polk. She graduated from Anacoco High School and then attended Northwestern State University earning a degree in Business Administration. She has worked at WNTZ FOX TV since 2002. Christi and her husband, Chuck have been married for almost 15 years. She loves to meet people, shop and help out at her church - Alpine First Baptist. Christi says she hopes she can use her media skills to help spread the word about all the wonderful things our Rotary Club does in the community and she looks forward to helping out with the Doll and Toy Fund. Her sponsor is **Tim Williford**.



Logging in to the Rotary Database

Now, more than ever, we need to use the internet to stay in touch with one another. We want to make sure you know how to log in to the Rotary database where you can view our Club directory.

The easiest way to do this is to go to our Club website - www.alexandriarotary.com. Once at the site, you will see "Dacdb Log in" in the upper right hand corner. Click on this link and it will bring up a log in box. (Do not click on "Member log-in" -- this link does not work at this time)

If this is the first time you are logging in to the site and you do not know your password or you have forgotten your password, please follow these steps:

Your user name should be the email that you gave us as your preferred email for Rotary. Enter this email for your user name. Then select "forgot password." An email will be sent to your preferred email address with instructions to create a new password. Follow those instructions, and then return to the login screen. Enter your username and new password, and the system should open. (Carefully follow the instructions for how long the password needs to be and what characters you need to include).

If you are unsure of your username, contact judy@judymusic.com and she will send you your username for the Rotary site.

Also, please check our Rotary Club website at www.alexandriarotary.com and Club Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rotaryalexandria for the latest information about our Club and its activities. You can always find our monthly schedule of meetings, our current monthly newsletter and pertinent documents (Documents Tab) at our club website.

Did You Know?



One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at "make up" meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that

banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club.

The board was also mindful of the financial burden such exchange may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange. In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

If you know you are going to be visiting a Rotary Club in another State or Country, feel free to request one of our Club banners to exchange while you are there. You must request a banner at least one month before you need it. Make requests to Club Secretary Judy Ginsburgh at judy@judymusic.com

Pictured: Bob Ginsburgh exchanging banners with the President of the Kauai, Hawaii Rotary Club

Club Anniversaries

Member	Start Date	Yrs. in Rotary
Ed Caplan	8/16/55	66
Graham Kramer	8/1/67	54
John Murphy	8/1/78	43
Bruce Wallace	8/1/83	38
Christie Phillips	8/1/90	31

Mike Upton	8/1/95	26
Greg Gormanous	8/25/98	23
Randy Ponthie	8/31/04	17
Corey Lair	8/26/08	13
Dustin Matthews	8/26/08	13
Mike Chatelain	8/4/09	12
Jennifer Nichols	8/11/15	6
Tim Williford	8/1/20 *	6
Daniel Lonsberry	8/16/16	5
Judy Miller	8/1/17	4
Dan Cohn	8/7/18	3
Jimmy Sawtelle	8/20/19	2

* = some years in other Clubs

Birthdays

Larkin Simpson
August 6th

Catherine Davidson
August 12th

William E O'Neal
August 17th

Brian Gunter
August 21st

Cynthia A. Cespiva
August 29th

Glenda Stock Smith
August 9th

Katie Vanderlick
August 12th

Jeremy Dean Duncan
August 17th

Edward L. Crump Jr.
August 24th

Kevin R. Broussard
August 30th

Robert Louis Royer
August 9th

Charla Hawthorne Ducote
August 16th

Faye Flanagan
August 21st

Karl Carpenter
August 28th

Randall Dupont
August 31st