

Rotary



Club of Houma

Margie Bailey Scoby - SPEAKER OF THE WEEK



She was raised on the bayou of Terrebonne. She lost her mother and father at age of 7 months. Under the guidance and instructions of her Great-grand Mother Lillie Smith. Margie being the seventh child was taught the knowledge of her family lineage at a very young age. Lillie poured all she had into Margie in order that she become the woman God has called her to be.

Margie worked for Lafourche Parish Government as a Right of Way/ Servitude coordinator being one of the first African American female to hold that position. Terrebonne Parish School System;(McKinley Vento homeless program), She helped to organized and worked the Hippie program (no child left behind a secondary elementary school program), Terrebonne Department of Health and Hospital, The Emergency Management for Archdiocese of Houma Thibodeaux, Terrebonne Parish Tourist Commission; Where she was instrumental in completing research on the history of the African American of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish, She received an award from Ameri-Corps for severing as outstanding leader in her community, She worked for Louisiana Spirit and received an award for her artistic work; where she wrote and performed puppet shows that was used throughout region as a form of therapy for children who suffered from

traumatic stress and, she volunteered her time and services with Meaningful Minds an organization that set out to help those who deals with mental illness.

Her family history and portrait can be seen at Houma area Convention & Victors Bureau also is an PBS documentary that tells the story of her ancestor the prince of Africa (Prince Among Slaves) a documentary that was put together and directed by actor and producer Bill Duke and David Dryer. She had the pleasure of speaking with world renowned author and poet Dr. Nikki Giovanni; congratulating her on the completion of her book. She was chosen by the local newspapers as winner for one of her many poems; Vessel of the bayou. She has featured in several magazines and newspapers; she was a special guess on the local Television for being (one who beat the odds) she is an advocate for woman and children of domestic abuse.

She received the key to the city for registering one of the oldest building owned and operated by African American in Terrebonne Parish which is now on the National Register of Historic places. She completed the history of the former Southdown High that now bares the marker of Margie's research, she was instructional in bringing to light the history of the first four African American children to enter an all-white school in back in 1966 and again a plaque was placed in their honor.

While in the work field she often wondered ♦When will the time come for us, the time to say, express and tell who we are as African American ♦s. Well that time was set aside by God. On Feb 04, 2017 Margie Bailey Scoby alone with her business partner (Alvin Tillman) and board members opened the largest and the most powerful African American museum in the state of Louisiana. Recently, Margie researched and was instrumental in working with the Terrebonne Parish ♦s Sheriff office to honor eight former Black sheriffs.

She is one that God has called forward to; work, live, love and be what He has called her to be. Her vision was of God, and her walk has been ordered by God. She is the founder, president and curator of Finding Our Roots African American museum located in this wonder city of Houma.

Events

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| November 4th
Houma Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker:
Margie Scoby,
Finding Our
Roots Museum | November 4th
Happy Bucks |
| November 8th
Steak Night | November 11th
Houma Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker:
Veteran ♦s Day
club program |
| November 18th
Houma Weekly Club Meeting | November 18th
Two Truths and a Lie |
| November 25th
Houma Weekly Club Meeting | December 2nd
Houma Weekly Club Meeting |
| December 2nd
Happy Bucks | |

Birthdays

[Michael D. Bergeron](#)
November 25th

Years of Service

[Michael D'Angelo](#)
8 Years

[Derek Chaisson](#)
8 Years

Sondra Corbitt - ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK

Sondra Corbitt is the Executive Director for the Houma Area Convention & Visitor ♦s Bureau. She is married to her husband of 25 years ♦ Brandon Corbitt. They have a daughter, Gabrielle Corbitt, who is attending Nicholls University and studying to become a Registered Nurse.

Sondra started her career in her younger years with the United Houma Nations during the summer as a student worker for Chabert Hospital in Medical Records, Social Security Administration and Congressman Billy Tauzin.



She worked for PFG Caro Foods for 15 years holding various position such as Customer Service Representative, Purchasing Agent, Accounting, and Account Management Executive. After 15 years, she wanted to spend a little time home with her daughter and decided to retire from PFG Caro. During her time off, she spent quality family time and continued with her studies and earned a bachelor's degree in Business.

When it was time for Gabbie to begin school, she returned to work at the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in the Accounting Department. Although she enjoyed her tenure with TPCG, she wanted to do something different. That is when the opportunity with the Houma Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau opened. She started with the HACVB in 2012, as the bookkeeper, move onto becoming the Deputy Director, and is now the Executive Director.

Sondra serves on the Downtown Development Board of Directors, the Louisiana Association of Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors, and the Louisiana Tourism Coastal Coalition. She is also a 2018 Leadership Terrebonne Graduate and a 2020 Southeast Tourism Marketing College graduate. She was elected to the 2021 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is currently enrolled in Leadership Louisiana and working on her Certified Destination Management Executive classes.

She was introduced and invited to the Rotary Club by Mary Lynn Bisland in 2018.

Happy Bucks!

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

It's the first Wednesday of the month, and that means it's time for **Happy Bucks!** Bring your happy announcements and your bucks!!!

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