

Rotary



Club of Houma

Dr. Craig McClain -- Guest Speaker



Dr. Craig McClain received his Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts Boston, and conducted postdoctoral work at the University of New Mexico and Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. At Duke University, he served as the Deputy Director for the Triangle Center for Evolutionary Medicine and the Assistant Director for Science at the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center. He currently serves as the Executive Director for the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium.

During his tenure at LUMCON, he has secured \$10 million dollars in grants, a \$110 million regional class research vessel, and over \$30 million dollars in funding for a new joint maritime campus. LUMCON's staff, scientific usage, and student population have also shown significant growth. With over 60 published papers, Dr. McClain's research focuses on areas of biodiversity, climate change, and carbon cycling in coastal and deep oceans. He has participated in and led dozens of oceanographic expeditions taking him to the Antarctic and to the most remote regions of the Pacific and Atlantic. His current research focuses on how energy and metabolism drive the biology of marine organisms from individuals to ecosystems. More specifically, he is seeking to uncover how organisms will respond to

climate change.

Craig's research has been featured on National Public Radio, Discovery Channel, CNN, Fox News, National Geographic and ABC News. In addition to his scientific research, Craig also advocates the need for scientists to connect with the public and is the founder and chief editor of the acclaimed Deep-Sea News (<http://deepseanews.com/>), a popular ocean-themed blog that has won numerous awards. His writing has been featured in Cosmos, Science Illustrated, American Scientist, Wired, Mental Floss, and the Open Lab: The Best Science Writing on the Web. His forthcoming book, *Craig With Big Things, And Small Things* explores his obsession with the diversity in sizes of life.

JJ Buquet - Rotarian of the Day

JJ Buquet is president of Houma-based Anheuser-Busch distributor Buquet Distributing. He has served as board chairman of the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, the Bayou Community Foundation, the South Louisiana Economic Council, the Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence and Coastal Commerce Bank. He has also held board positions with Louisiana Community Bancorp and the Greater New Orleans Foundation.

Buquet received his bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University before attending graduate school at Tulane. He finished his studies with a master's degree in business administration in 1990.



Happy Bucks!

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

Announcement

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

This is our LAST WEEK at Ramada!

Starting next week, we will be meeting across the street at the Plantation Inn. See you there!

Weekly Words of Wisdom

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

-- Joseph Addison

Join our Meeting By Zoom!

You can participate in our weekly meeting by teleconference using the Zoom app. Click the link to get started:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83521205429?pwd=YlphejJWeVlyN2pCOTIEZFdtL0ZNZz09>

Events

May

5th - [ROD: JJ Buquet, Speaker: Dr. Craig McClain](#)

12th - [Guest Speaker: Craig Greene, MD](#)

19th - [Two Truths and a Lie](#)

5th - [Happy Bucks](#)

19th - [ROD: Stephanie Corso](#)

26th - [ROD: Darryl Christen](#)

June

2nd - [Houma Weekly Club Meeting](#)

2nd - [Happy Bucks](#)

Birthdays

Frank Kolwe
May 5th

Brenda M. Fauchoux
May 18th

James J. Buquet III
May 27th

Jeremy Gueldner
May 5th

Craig Hebert
May 21st

Derek Chaisson
May 27th

Dale Thompson Sr.
May 14th

Peter M. Benoit
May 24th

Royal D. Havens
June 3rd

Years of Service

[Michael D'Angelo](#)
9 Years

[Derek Chaisson](#)
9 Years

District Officers



[Catherine Yvonne Lognion Normand](#)
District Governor



[Mark Hudson Lee](#)
DG - Elect

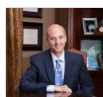


[Timothy James McNabb](#)
DG - Nominee



[Harold L. Domingue Jr.](#)
iPDG

Club Officers



[Jerry P. Ledet](#)
President



[Stephanie Corso](#)
President - Elect



[Carroll D. McKey III](#)
President - Nominee
Secretary



[Morgan Allison](#)
Treasurer



[Derek Chaisson](#)
iPast President



[Brenda M. Fauchoux](#)
Club Executive Secretary

Club Meeting

Houma
Meets at Ramada Inn - Houma
1400 W. Tunnel Blvd.
Houma, LA 70360
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM