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Rotary Club of Lafayette



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Rotary Club of Lafayette Meeting

Petroleum Club Lafayette
Thursdays at NOON

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February 18, 2021 - Speaker Gabe Giffin - LWF

Gabe Giffin is a public information officer with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

His primary role is a photographer, videographer and story teller of Louisiana's abundant natural resources. His work is often featured in local print publications as well as on Louisiana Public Broadcasting.

In reality, he's a Louisiana boy with knack for doing outreach. Better known as "Gator Man Gabe" when visiting the schools and libraries, Gabe has become an annual visitor in the summer time programs at the Calcasieu and Cameron Libraries. Giffin visits youth organizations with alligators and always a take home message about Louisiana's outdoors.



Giffin has been a part of the Blackbear Restoration, and now spends his wintertime dressed as a Whooping crane helping welcome the newest cohort of Whooping Cranes to Louisiana's marshes.

He spends a majority of his weekends at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, in Grand Chenier. Where he welcomes in Boy Scouts, 4-H groups and most importantly University students who have come to learn about Louisiana's eroding coastline and what we are doing to save it.

When not in the beauty of Louisiana, Giffin resides in Lafayette with his three dogs and litany of alligators.

Zoom Only Meeting

This week's meeting will be conducted only via Zoom due to COVID-19. Recently, we have been getting reports that the link has not always worked when clicked. If you have trouble with clicking the link, please copy and paste it into your browser. Additionally, this meeting link has not changed since October, so old links that you could click prior should still work.

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Recap of February 11, 2021 Program - Ben Broussard, Catholic Charities of Acadiana



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Birthdays

Darren P. Scott
February 23rd

Jacqui Leigh Johansson
February 27th

John L. Hollier
March 9th

Michael J. Huber
March 11th

Noel A. Bajaj
March 15th

Club Member Anniversaries

Richard P. Domingue
02-01-1978
43 Years

Linwood J. Broussard
02-01-1991
30 Years

Susan M. Sewall
02-01-1995
26 Years

Todd G Citron
02-08-2001
20 Years

Scott D Lavergne
02-22-2001
20 Years

Anne A. Patin
02-28-2013
8 Years

Charles Richard Cornay
02-12-2015
6 Years

Denbo H. Montgomery
02-04-2016
5 Years



Mr. Ben Broussard, Chief Communications Officer with Catholic Charities of Acadiana, was the guest speaker for the February 11, 2021 meeting. Mr. Broussard provided a brief background on the organization which was founded in 1973 by now deceased Msgr. Alexander Sigur, a former member of our club. Catholic Charities of Acadiana currently provides over ten programs, the most notable of which is St. Joseph's Diner which provides meals for those who are experiencing hunger in Acadiana. Other programs include a hygiene facility that provides a place for homeless individuals to take a shower, use the restroom, do laundry, and take care of other basic hygiene needs; three emergency housing shelters; disaster response; Food Net Food Bank; and Rebuilding Together. The mission of Catholic Charities is to care for the sacred gift of all human life, especially the most vulnerable. Mr. Broussard expressed his thanks to the club for the support of its programs.

First Shots Program - March 7, 2021



In conjunction with our sporting clays fundraiser, Dan Lavergne is putting on a "First Shots" event to prepare new shooters to sporting clays. The information about this event can be found below.

The Louisiana Sporting Clays Association (LSCA) and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) presents an introduction to amateur clay target shooting.

When: March 7, 2021- 1PM to 3:30 PM

Where: Ed's Sporting Clays Range, 21327 Chestnut Road, Kaplan, LA 70548

Cost: \$25 Range Fee payable to Ed's Sporting Clays Range

Who should attend: Individuals who would like hands on experience before attending Sporting Clays fundraisers or anyone who would like to become active in LSCA's weekly amateur Sporting Clays competitions.

Seminar Objectives:

1. Practice shotgun safety procedures.
2. Learn Sporting Clays terminology/rules.
3. On a Sporting Clays Range, practice Squad formation, hands on practice shooting from a Sporting Clays stand, practice scoring, practice shooting etiquette and learn how to find your scores on the internet.

Seminar Outline:

- Lead Instructor: Dan Lavergne, NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor.
- Safety training in an open pavilion.
- Review of Sporting Clays Rules in open pavilion.
- Range Experience: Assign to an instructor ♦ Hands on shooting in a simulated NSCA Registered shoot/sporting clays fundraiser.
- Squads will be formed consisting of three attendees and one instructor.

Participants required to bring: a shotgun in a safe operating condition capable of holding two shells, 50 shotgun shells (2 boxes) (7.5, 8,8.5 birdshot lead). Upon completion, NSSF will

Michael L. Roebuck
02-01-2018
3 Years

Sarah E. Djos-Raph
02-07-2019
2 Years

Joshua L. Joseph Savoie
02-14-2019
2 Years

Kay K. Gautreaux
02-13-2020
1 Year

Art Hawkins
02-20-2020
1 Year

Polly E. Koury
02-27-2020
1 Year

provide each participant a \$25 voucher to be spent at Ed's Sporting Goods Store. Hearing and Eye protection will be provided (you can use your own if you prefer).

Preregistration is required to insure proper squad formation (1 instructor and 3 participants).

Please contact Dan Lavergne @ 337-962-3822 or dan@edcnow.com to be placed on the attendee list. (We need: Name, Address, Phone Number, email address.) A youth must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Note: Class size is contingent on obtaining proper ratio of participants (3)/instructors (1)). Individual registration will be confirmed on February 28, 2021. Map on www.edssportinggoods.com

Volunteers needed for LHSAA State Championship

Lafayette will be hosting the LHSAA Boys Basketball Top 28 Semifinals at the Cajundome on March 8,9,10 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Mike Roebuck is looking for volunteers to be a host for each team. Minimum commitment would be 3 hours or so the day of their assigned team's game.

Hosts would receive free entry into the games, a meal, and a small gift. Responsibilities would just be to serve as sort of a concierge for the team and show them to locker room, answer questions, etc.

If anyone would be interested, please let Mike know. He will have a meeting for anyone interested.

Thanks!