

# Rotary



## Club of Houma

### Speaker - NSU - Center for Traditional Louisiana Boat Building

**Vickie Gibbens Eserman, M.Ed.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

Vickie Eserman is a retired educator with a passion for preserving Cajun culture, especially artifacts associated with her Cajun ancestors. She holds a master's degree in education from Nicholls State University and retired after 32 years working in various elementary schools. She became interested in working on the board after her dad, Richard Gibbens donated his antique Putt Putt boat to the museum. She is eager to showcase the collection managed by the ***Friends for Traditional Louisiana Boat Building*** once the new center is complete. She has been on the board since 2010 and resides in Raceland with her husband, Reggie.

**Ernie Savoie**  
**Director**

Ernie Savoie is a third-generation carpenter with strong ties to Cajun culture. He was born on Bayou Lafourche and speaks Cajun French. Ernie specializes in building cypress pirogues, paddle carving, and miniature boat building. He demonstrates his traditional boat-building and paddle-making skills at many Louisiana festivals, including the Larose Cajun Heritage Festival, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, La Fête du Monde, the Bayou Arts Festival, and many more. He has won many awards for his boat building skills. He resides in Larose with his wife, Catherine.

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### Weekly Words of Wisdom - Cajun Proverb

"La patience est la clé de la réussite."

Translation

"Patience is the key to success."

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### Announcements: Rotarians At Work - Wounded War Heroes Grand Isle Offshore Rodeo



The WWH Grand Isle Offshore Rodeo is a two-day deep-water fishing event for combat injured veterans on the WWH roster held annually at Bridge Side Marina in Grand Isle, LA. The invited veterans will arrive on Thursday, June 26th, to meet their captains and camp owners. The volunteer boat captains and many camp owners come together to make this event possible for our veterans. They will be fishing on Friday and Saturday, June 27th and 28th. The veterans will compete in 8 fish categories. Only veterans are allowed to

enter fish into the rodeo. Plaques are given in each category. Each veteran leaves with either an additional trip or a door price valued at least \$250. All the fish caught will be cleaned by volunteers and each veteran will leave with an ice chest of cleaned fish.

This is a 2-day fishing rodeo meaning that some of the bigger boats can and will stay offshore overnight. For most of our members, that's a trip beyond their means. For some, it's a trip of a lifetime.

Each night everyone, including veterans, captains, camp owners and sponsors, will come together for a meal donated by even more WWH Grand Isle Offshore Rodeo supporters. So, as you can see, without the support of the community, WWH couldn't pull off this event. We thank you for your support!

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## Weekly Luncheon - June 18, 2025

Smothered Chicken and Grilled Pork Chops with peppers & onions  
White Rice and Roasted Potatoes  
Squash, Zucchini, and Lima Beans  
Salad, dessert and coffee

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## Happy Bucks!!! - MacDonell Children's Services

Happy Happy Bucks!!!!!! Wednesday June 11th..... for MacDonell Children's Services Summer Camp

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## Announcements: Rotary Club of Houma Installation Banquet

Our Club's Annual Officer Installation and Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Venue to be announced soon!!!! Save the date.....

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### Events

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### Years of Service

Frank R. Kolwe Jr.	Shelby M Isch
38 Years	3 Years

### Birthdays

Elmy W Savoie  
June 24th

Stephanie Corso  
June 30th

Pete Konos  
July 16th

### District Officers



[Craig Walling](#)  
District Governor



[Chris Duhon](#)  
DG-Elect



[Margaretta Mayes](#)  
DG-Nominee

### Club Officers



[Craig Hebert](#)  
President



[John K. Tipton Jr.](#)  
President-Elect



[David M. Ohlmeyer](#)  
Secretary



[Katie L. Portier](#)  
Treasurer



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

### Club Meeting

Houma  
Meets at Plantation Inn - Houma  
Plantation Inn 1381 W Tunnel Blvd

