

# Rotary



## Club of Houma

### Guest Speaker - Randy Hawthorne



Randy Hawthorne - Professional Bio Randy Hawthorne is a dynamic community leader and entrepreneur based in Houma, Louisiana. He serves as the founder and president of M4Louisiana, the nonprofit organization behind the annual 'May the 4th Be With You' Festival. This event, now in its fifth year, has evolved into Louisiana's largest Star Wars-themed celebration, blending sci-fi fandom with Cajun culture to support local high school music programs.

Under Hawthorne's leadership, the 2024 festival raised \$15,000 for the Terrebonne High School Band, following a \$10,000 contribution to Ellender

Memorial High School in 2023. The festival features a variety of activities, including the Kessel Run 5K, Roux Wars cook-off, Wookiee Calling Contest, costume competitions, live music, and local vendors.

Professionally, Hawthorne is the Head of IT and Marketing at Gulf Coast Contracting Services, a prominent general contracting firm in the region. He also co-owns Mudbug Digital, a technology and marketing solutions company. Through these roles, he leverages his expertise to foster community engagement and drive economic development in Houma.

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### Weekly Words of Wisdom - Peace Pole

#### What is a Peace Pole

A Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in different languages on each of its four or six sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace.

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### Announcements: Plant a Peace Pole - Project coming to Houma

#### Plant a Peace Pole - Project

Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. It is a wonderful project for any community, organization or your home. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and

harmony. Stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth.



## Weekly Luncheon - April 30, 2025

Meatloaf w/gravy and stuffed chicken breast spinach w/red peppers & mozzarella cheese  
Mashed potatoes and yellow rice  
Squash & Zucchini and Green beans  
Salad, Dessert, and Coffee

## Rotary Club of Houma - InterAct and EarlyAct activities



Hey club members, the 2024/2025 school year is upon us! That means the start of our activities with HL Bourgeois High School InterAct Club and the EarlyAct Clubs with Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary School, St. Mathews School and Mulberry Elementary School are under way. Please join us throughout the year by engaging in the activities our club gets involved with to assist these young student leaders of Terrebonne Parish.

### Schedule of meeting dates:

HL Bourgeois High School meetings are from 12:00 p.m. to 12:25 p.m. on 5/1  
Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary School meetings are from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. on 5/6  
Mulberry Elementary School meetings are

from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. on 5/21

## Events

No Events found

## Years of Service

Reuben Williams  
20 Years  
Sondra C Corbitt  
6 Years  
Mary P Aucoin  
2 Years

Katie L Portier  
6 Years  
David M Ohlmeyer  
6 Years  
Stacy V Solet  
1 Year

John K. Tipton Jr.  
6 Years  
Gregory Maidoh  
2 Years  
Jill Ganier  
1 Year

## Birthdays

Gregory Maidoh  
April 28th  
Dale Thompson Sr.  
May 14th  
Craig Hebert  
May 21st  
James J. Buquet III  
May 27th

Jeremy Gueldner  
May 5th  
Janie A. Cypret  
May 18th  
Peter M. Benoit  
May 24th

Frank R. Kolwe Jr.  
May 5th  
Brenda M. Fauchaux  
May 18th  
Derek Chaisson  
May 27th

## 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. Fauchaux](#)  
Club Executive Secretary

## Club Meeting

Houma  
Meets at Plantation Inn - Houma  
Plantation Inn 1381 W Tunnel Blvd  
Houma, LA 70360  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM