

Rotary



Club of Houma

Guest Speaker - Mary Ann Bisland



Mary Lynn is the Executive Director of Terrebonne Arc (TARC). Prior to this position, Mary Lynn was a Special Education teacher, Residential Director and the Community Outreach Director at TARC. Chasing her passion of working with individuals with disabilities, Mary Lynn creates instrumental changes at Terrebonne Arc leading by her charisma and professional style. Because of her leadership, TARC operates 14 businesses, provides services to over 160 participants and employs 175 employees.

Mary Lynn is an involved community servant as well. She has been a member of the State and Regional Advisory Committee on behalf of the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities. President of the Rotary Club of Houma, a member of the National Conference of Executives of the Arc Us and Louisiana Conference of Executives of the Arc. A member of the Leadership Terrebonne and a past member of the Houma Convention and Visitors Bureau board.

She has earned a Masters in Education degree in Special Education and a Bachelor of Science in Vocational Home Economics Education from Nicholls State University, served on the NSU SGA as a Senator, chosen as WHO's Who in Colleges and Universities and an Officer in the first sorority formed at Nicholls.

Mary Lynn is married to fellow Rotarian, William (Brunnie) Bisland, has three children, Billy, a surgeon in Thibodaux, Shelly a Master Special Education teacher in Terrebonne Parish and Lydia, a commercial appraiser and MBA for the parish of Lafayette. She has three grandchildren Connor, William III, and Katherine.

Arona Smith - Rotarian of the Week

Arona Smith is a Houma native and a 1987 graduate of Terrebonne High School. She recently returned to the Houma area after residing in Philadelphia for 20 years. She earned her Bachelor's degree in business administration from Peirce College and a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Organizational Dynamics. While in her master program, she earned three master's certifications: Organizational Coaching, Organizational Leadership, and Organizational Development and Change Studies.

She is the owner of The Ivy League Coach LLC, a coaching and consulting firm. Her firm specializes in executive coaching, professional development, and leadership development. Her clients include government entities, mid-level managers, professionals, and universities. Aronda shares her expertise by serving on boards, panels, and committees. She has over fifteen years' experience in the non-profit sector and six years' experience in human capital management.

Arona served honorably in the United States Army deploying in support of Operation Desert Shield and Storm.

Her hobbies are riding her Can-Am Ryker, shooting her compound bow (preparing for deer season next year), and spending time with her goddaughter.

Arona joined the Rotary Club for fellowship and to serve the local community. She was invited by Michel Claudet.



Honoring Our Interact Scholarship Winner

At this week's meeting, we will be honoring our annual scholarship winner. Sarah Guzman is a senior at HLB. She has been involved in the marching band, color guard, student council, and Interact. When not at school she helps her mom take care of a girl with a rare disease.

Sarah also works part time as a hostess at Cajun Critters. She will attend ULL in Lafayette, financing her education through grants. Sarah will be trying out for Color Guard in the Fall.

Weekly Words of Wisdom

My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.

-- Winston Churchill

Events

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Birthdays

Brenda M. Fauchoux
May 18th
Derek Chaisson
May 27th
Christian D Lapeyre
June 15th

Craig Hebert
May 21st
James J. Buquet III
May 27th

Peter M. Benoit
May 24th
Royal D. Havens
June 3rd

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Club Meeting

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