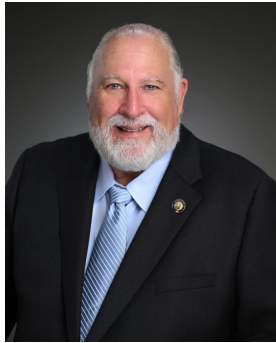


# Rotary



# Club of Houma

## Guest Speaker - Senator



For over 30 years, Big Mike Fesi has led the Oil & Gas Industry with innovation and dedication. As founder and owner of Pipeline Construction & Maintenance, Inc. (PCM) in Houma, Louisiana, Big Mike employs over 200 families and has created thousands of jobs. His drive, determination, and innovative business practices inspire those around him to go the extra mile.

Big Mike's achievements include Kid Energy USA, featuring characters Burnie (a gas flame) and Earl (an oil drop), to educate children about 811/Call Before You Dig and the oil and gas industry's significance. He holds three patents: Hydraulic Oil Well Pumping Apparatus (2010), Oil Skimmer & Method (2014), and Method & Apparatus for Excavating a Soil Containing Mass (2022).

A devoted husband to Carla for 44 years this November, father of four, and grandfather of twelve, Big Mike prioritizes faith, family, and community. He supports the Regional Military Museum, Disabled American Veterans, Terrebonne Churches United Food Bank, Louisiana Oil & Gas Association, and more, including local youth recreational teams, school supply drives, scholarship funds, and organizations such as the NAACP and MacDonell Children's Services.

Since 2020, Big Mike has served in the Louisiana Senate, advocating for Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes.

**Quote from Big Mike:** "I love to give back to the community. Seeing the smiles of those we help is my greatest pleasure. I encourage everyone to give back, whether with time, talent, or treasure."

## ROD - Joseph

### Rotarian of the Day

Joseph G. "Joe" Kopfler

Year joined Rotary: 2023

Name of the Rotarian who proposed you to join the Rotary Club of Houma: Dalton Leblanc

### Employer:

Joe is the owner of Kopfler and Hermann law firm. He has been a practicing lawyer in Houma since he came here in 1977. He first worked for a law firm for three years, after which he set up his own business in 1980 right across the hall from his guest speaker today. Joe handled just about every legal matter until his firm developed expertise in civil litigation and trial work.

Joe focuses on representing individuals, families and businesses in civil disputes in a wide variety of areas, from maritime matters to real estate, to insurance, life, property and casualty, to environmental damage, to plane crashes and explosions.

### Hobbies:

Joe enjoys LSU and Saints Football, gardening and yard work, fishing, hunting, hiking, physical fitness, theater and the Arts.

### Family

Joe is married to Pamela Kopfler for 22 years, and they have a shared family of five children and seven grandchildren, ages, three months to 19 years. Joe and Pamela keep busy attending sporting events and activities of the kids and grandkids from Chicago to Alabama to New Orleans to Miami.

Joe and Pamela also make time to enjoy their standard poodle Cash.

### Why Joe accepted the invitation to become a Rotarian:

Joe made a commitment to himself about 30 years ago to give back more.

working at his job, at home with his family and in the community.

Joe enjoys service work and like-minded people who make up service organizations.

Joe admired the projects and the long history of the Rotary Club. He worked on projects through Kiwanis and the Salvation Army with Rotary club members Tim McNabb and Daniel Doiron. His late brother was a Rotarian and president of Slidell Club, and he attended meetings there. Joe has friends from Monroe and West Monroe, where Pamela lived, who are Rotarians who have held leadership positions.

Joe said "In 2023, everywhere I looked in Downtown Houma were banners announcing the 100-year anniversary of Houma Rotary and the continuing construction of Rotary Plaza. So when his friend Dalton reached out to him to join, it was a no-brainer!"



## Weekly Words of Wisdom - Margaret Mead

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

## Weekly Luncheon - July 10, 2024

Fried Chicken and Grilled Smoked Sausage  
Red Beans w/rice, roasted potatoes, green beans  
Salad, Dessert, and Coffee

**The Rotary Club of Houma**

**President – Craig Hebert**

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Morgan Allison

**Secretary – David Ohlmeyer**

**Treasurer – Katie Portier**

**Sergeant-at-Arms –**

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Ashley Champagne

Sondra Corbitt

Stephanie Corso

Jim Goodwin

Mark Lee

Elmy Savoie

Stacy Solet

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**Events**

No Events found

**Years of Service**

Dale Norred  
12 Years

Tasha M Pinkard  
0 Years

Seth Guidry  
0 Years

**Birthdays**

Pete Konos  
July 16th  
Sondra C Corbitt  
July 20th

Aronda Smith Benson  
July 29th

William R. Foster  
July 19th

Katie L Portier  
July 22nd

Matthew J Armand  
August 3rd

James E. Goodwin  
July 19th

Jill Ganier  
July 24th

Dalton Leblanc  
August 6th

## District Officers



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District Governor



[Chris Duhon](#)  
DG-Elect



[Margaretta Mayes](#)  
DG-Nominee

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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