

# Rotary



## Club of Houma

### Guest Speakers - Jonathan Foret - South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center - Executive Director



As a native of Chauvin, Jonathan Foret grew up in a culture-rich environment from working on shrimp boats as a young boy to speaking Louisiana French with his grandmother. He received his bachelor's degree in English from Nicholls State University and taught English at Grand Caillou Middle in Houma, LA and later in Brooklyn, New York, before he joined the Peace Corps.

He served in the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific for two years, where he taught English as a second language, served as community development coordinator and taught the Tongans how to use a Louisiana cast net. He returned to the States to work with several nonprofit organizations before leaving again to take a position with a disabled people's organization in Bangladesh. This work led him to work for the United Nations in the Asia Pacific region.

Upon completion of this work, he returned to the United States to receive his master's in Public Administration from the University of New Orleans. He is proud to be working with the board of directors for the Wetlands Discovery Center to move the organization's vision forward.

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### Reuben Williams - Rotarian of the Week

Reuben Williams became a Rotarian in 2004 at the invitation of Darrin Guidry. Prior to retiring several years ago, Reuben was a self-employed business owner in the security industry. Today he enjoys focusing on his hobbies of fishing, model railroading, and managing projects around the home and office. Reuben and Dianne have been married for 52 years. They have 2 wonderful daughters living out of town, which allows Reuben and Dianne to travel a bit. When asked why he joined Rotary, "Reuben wants to give back to the community that has been so generous and make it a better place."



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### Weekly Words of Wisdom

"Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is." Ernest Hemingway

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### Weekly Luncheon Menu

By Carroll D. McKey III on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Sundried tomato chicken pasta and pork ribeye's  
Mac & Cheese, lima beans & mixed vegetables  
Salad, dessert & coffee

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### upcoming club activities - EarlyAct & Interact Programs with elementary schools

The start of a new school year is coming with the Terrebonne Parish Schools. The Rotary Club of Houma has leadership programs with the following schools: Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary, H.L. Bourgeois High School, Mulberry Elementary School, and St. Matthew's Episcopal School. Ask your fellow Rotarian how to get involved with our EarlyAct and InterAct programs in these schools...

## Events

No Events found

## Years of Service

Mark Hudson Lee  
18 Years

Earl Eues Jr.  
16 Years

Aronda Smith Benson  
1 Year

## Birthdays

John Hassell  
August 8th

Carroll D. McKey III  
August 13th

Jessica Domangue  
September 1st

## District Officers



[Ken Firmin](#)  
District Governor

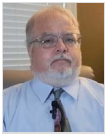


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DG-Nominee

## Club Officers



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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