

Rotary



Club of Houma

Guest Speakers - Kimber Ratcliff with Second Harvest Food Bank



Kimber Ratcliff is the Development Officer for Second Harvest in the Bayou Region, which includes Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Grand Isle. After years as a volunteer helping those experiencing food insecurity in our area, she now works full-time in development to share with community members the often hidden hunger crisis and how Second Harvest works with our local nonprofits to address the need in the Bayou.

Second Harvest has been serving the Bayou Region for 40 years. In Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and Grand Isle, community-based food pantries rely on drives from local organizations, postal drives, and individual donations. Those supplies only meet a small portion of the needs in our communities. That's where Second Harvest comes in. Second Harvest receives millions of pounds of donated food from the USDA, retail grocery stores, food manufacturers, farmers, and other large donors. By

delivering these truckloads of nonperishable foods, meat, fresh produce, and dairy, Second Harvest fills the gap for our partner food agencies, usually providing about 80% of the food distributed by local food pantries. Second Harvest also provides resources for programs such as after-school snacks, summer feeding, mobile pantries, and extensive disaster relief.

Due to the continued recovery from Hurricane Ida and the effects of inflation on families, Second Harvest is making long-term investments in the Bayou region by opening a local warehouse to serve as a distribution facility for our work. A new warehouse will allow us to route deliveries directly to Houma, expand food deliveries for the region from 1-2 a day to 3-4 a day, and greatly increase the number of pounds of food distributed each year in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle. This facility will also provide a local location for residents to drop off food donations for Second Harvest and create the opportunity for the food bank to collect donations from local grocery stores and other food retailers. The warehouse will transform our ability to reach the highest-needed areas of the Bayou region in times of disaster and better serve our partner agencies and neighbors year-round.

ROD - Earl J Eues, Jr. - Director of Terrebonne Parish Homeland Security

Mr. Earl Eues, Director of the Terrebonne Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Mr. Eues holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences from Nicholls State University and has over 33 years of experience in the environmental regulatory field and various emergency response/coordination experience.

Mr. Eues has been the director of the Terrebonne Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness since 2008 and under the administration of Parish President Gordon Dove, Mr. Eues coordinates the day-to-day and emergency operations of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

Since his appointment as director, he has managed the following major events affecting

Terrebonne Parish: Hurricane Gustav, Hurricane Ike, Hurricane Isaac, Hurricane Barry. In 2020, the Terrebonne Parish EOC was activated four times for Hurricane Marco, Laura, Delta and Zeta. In 2021, Tropical Storm Claudette and Hurricane Ida. Mr. Eues also managed all Parish operations during the 2009 BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the current COVID-19 health emergency which began in 2020.

Mr. Eues is the former Region 3 Regional Director and chairperson of the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness regional subcommittee, former board member of the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, current board member of the Region 3 Louisiana Emergency Response Network and a commission member of the Terrebonne General Health System.

Mr. Eues is also the owner of KEE Environmental Services, L.L.C., a environmental consulting business based in Houma, Louisiana.



Weekly Words of Wisdom

"You are not a human being in search of a spiritual experience. You are a spiritual being immersed in a human experience." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Weekly Luncheon Menu

By Carroll D. McKey III on Monday, September 18, 2023

Fried Chicken
White beans -n-rice

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



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Upcoming Club Activities - EarlyAct & Interact Programs with elementary schools

The start of a new school year is here 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...
HL Bourgeois InterAct meetings are on Mondays at 12:01 p.m. on the following dates: 9/18, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6, 11/27, 12/4, 12/18, 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/4, 3/18, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6

Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary School EarlyAct meeting are at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 2/6, 3/5, 4/5, 5/7
Mulberry Elementary School EarlyAct meetings are at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates: 9/19, 10/19, 11/16, 12/13, 1/10, 2/8, 3/7, 4/17
St. Matthew's Episcopal School:

Events

No Events found

Years of Service

Dale Thompson Jr.
24 Years

Elmy W Savoie
3 Years

Royal D. Havens
19 Years

Shane P Golmon
2 Years

Jessica Williams
5 Years

Birthdays

Michel H. Claudet
September 20th

Yolanda Trahan
September 29th

Mark Hudson Lee
October 6th

Morgan Allison
October 17th

Jerry P. Ledet
September 21st

Ashlee Esther Champagne
October 2nd

Robert S. Utley
October 13th

Shelby M Isch
September 27th

Jude Laperouse
October 4th

David P Chapman
October 14th

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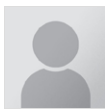
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Club Meeting

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