

Rotary



Club of Houma

Guest Speaker - Celeste Poiencot Landry - Director Southdown Plantation

Monday, October 23, 2023



Celeste Poiencot Landry

Employer/Company you are representing and position:
Southdown Plantation & Museum, Managing Director

Brief Biographical Sketch:

Celeste is the current Managing Director of Southdown Plantation & Museum, and its gift shop. She is the former owner of *Just For You* Flower and Gift Shop located on East Park Avenue for 35 years. After Hurricane Ida destroyed her business, Celeste was looking for new opportunities that did not involve being a business owner. She was notified by a friend of an opportunity at Southdown, and accepted the challenge. She worked tirelessly overseeing repairs and reconstructing exhibits after Southdown was devastated by Ida. After two years, she held the "Grand Re-Opening" of Southdown Plantation & Museum in September of this year. Celeste feels a connection with Southdown since several of her relatives worked at the plantation years ago. She fondly recalls her grandmother's story of her first date with her grandfather at a Southdown picnic. Celeste is a founding member, and currently serves as the Vice President of the Houma Irish Italian Parade, and is also a member of the Terrebonne Parish Republican Women's Club.

Title and short synopsis of your topic for your program/presentation:
Southdown Plantation renovations, Fall Marketplace, and Winter Wonderland.

ROD - Mary Pontiff Aucoin

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Mary Pontiff Aucoin

Year you joined Rotary:
2022

Name of Rotarian who
proposed you to join
the Rotary Club of
Houma: Stacy Solet

Employer Company and
your position:

Retired Supervisor of
Special Education &
504 Services for
Terrebonne Parish
School District. Served
as teacher, master
teacher, and principal
from 1982-2021. I also
serve as a member of
the Board of Directors
for Terrebonne
Historical & Cultural
Society, which oversees
the operations of
Southdown Museum &
Plantation and its gift
shop.

Hobbies: Gardening,
fishing, vacationing,



and, of course,
shopping!

Family information that you would like to share: Married to Bryan Aucoin

A brief statement explaining why you accepted the invitation to become a Rotarian:
As principal at Mulberry, I had the opportunity to work with the Rotary Club of Houma, and met many of its members. The first Early Act Club in Terrebonne Parish was established at Mulberry by former Rotary President Sybil Webb. What I observed from working with the Rotary Club of Houma is that Rotarians invest in the community, its future, and the youth of Terrebonne Parish. I too wanted to give back to the community that has given so much to me,

Weekly Words of Wisdom

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"Believe you can and you're halfway there." – Theodore Roosevelt

Weekly Luncheon Menu

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Baked breaded pork chops; Hawaiian chicken breast
Yellow rice; mixed vegetables
Tossed salad with tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers, cheese, bacon bits, garlic croutons
Dessert and coffee

Upcoming Club Activities - EarlyAct & Interact Programs with elementary schools

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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: 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 meetings are at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates: 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: 11/16, 12/13, 1/10, 2/8, 3/7, 4/17

St. Matthew's Episcopal School:

Events

No Events found

Years of Service

Michael D'Angelo
11 Years

Derek Chaisson
11 Years

Birthdays

Stacy V Solet
October 23rd
Dale Thompson Jr.
November 1st

Darryl K. Christen
October 26th
William B. Bisland Sr.
November 11th

Carroll Parr
October 31st

District Officers



[Ken Firmin](#)
District Governor

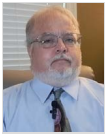


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[Chris Duhon](#)
DG-Nominee

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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