

Rotary



Club of Louisiana

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Events

October 3rd
ROTD - Tom Ward

October 10th
LANE'S BACKPACK

October 17th
ROTD - Karen Stoeckley

October 24th
ROTD - Sally Haddock

October 31st
ROTD - TBA

November 7th
ROTD - Tessa Gearing

November 14th
LANE'S BACKPACK

Birthdays

Dorothy J. Brown-Murray
October 19th
Heather White
November 5th

Empowering Girls 2024 (Session 1)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024



Building on the success of last year's seminars for the "Empowering Girls" project, another session was held at Louisiana High School today. This project is under the auspices of Rotary District 6060 and was organized by club president Beverly Cogar. The project is to stimulate the interest of young women in a wide variety of career paths available to them.

Rotarian Tom Ward, Superintendent of Schools, has been supportive of this project from its inception. This year we also had the support of Craig Smith, LHS Principal.

A gender gap applies not only to career opportunities but to fair compensation and to having leadership roles. Our mission with this seminar, and another one that will be held on September 25, is to help young women succeed!

Brenda Miller, a member of Rotary, was moderator again this year. Mindy York Webert, a graduate of Louisiana High School who now works for World Wide Technologies with supply chain management and marketing, was a panel member. Brook Patterson attended Louisiana schools in her earlier years, and she gave advice to the students about following their dreams and working successfully with others. She is currently Executive Director of the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce and also an entrepreneur, having started her own business called "It's So Good" in downtown Louisiana. Dr. Patti Blackmore is a veterinarian and is the owner of "Give Spot A Shot" veterinary clinic in downtown Louisiana. She shared how her twin daughters have followed their dreams in pursuing totally different types of careers.



Brittany Taylor
November 6th

Karen Mitcham
Stoeckley
November 12th
Pat F. Glenn
November 15th

Club Meeting

Louisiana
Meets at First Baptist
Church Events
Center
608 South Carolina St
Louisiana, MO 63353
Time: Thursday at
12:00 PM

YMCA After-School Programs

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Rotarian of the Day, Dottie Brown, introduced us to one of her lovely granddaughters who is the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Director of the After-School Program for BONCL, Bowling Green & Frankford school districts. She is partnered with Noveta Shepherd, who holds the same position for Clopton & Louisiana school districts & the Y Day Camp, all through our local Twin Pike Family YMCA.

Funded by a federal grant, the free program is open to K-6 children every day when school is in session during the school year and summer school. K-8 at BONCL. Depending on location, programs may include Before School, After School, Full Day Monday, and Summer Programs, which are licensed through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Much more than "babysitting", the programs offer opportunities for personal growth, physical development, and academic growth. There is time and help with homework, community speakers brought in to spread awareness of local interests, and age-appropriate activities to build character and develop self-confidence and a positive self-image.

If you would like to know more about this program or to volunteer to help with it, contact Ashley at ashley.chamberlain@twinpikefamilyymca.org



A Successful Day of Building

Saturday, September 14, 2024



Today (Saturday, September 14th) was the day we'd been planning for, and everything worked out wonderfully well! We had over 60 people of all ages and from all walks of life who volunteered to help with the construction process for BUNKS ACROSS AMERICA. Over 200 Sleep In Heavenly Peace chapters across the U.S. were all building beds today! Louisiana Rotary organized this build in conjunction with the Liberty, Illinois Chapter SHP Chapter.

No experience was required. Individuals, families, churches, youth groups, sports teams, businesses all showed up and enjoyed serving our community! There were 16 Rotary members attending, plus they brought 12 of their family members.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is 100% volunteer and donation driven. All donations they receive go towards 1) Purchasing materials for beds, 2) Bed assembly and delivery, 3) Building and improving the organization. The donations they get from individuals, service groups or corporations determine how many beds they can produce and deliver.

This is the 4th bed build project that Louisiana Rotary Club has worked on with this chapter out of Liberty, Illinois. They are organized, responsible, and fun to team with! This work will make a big difference to kids in our community. If you know of a child who needs their own bed, applications can be made online at: <https://shpbeds.org/apply/> (Liberty, IL Chapter of SHP).

If you werenâ€™t able to make it, but youâ€™d like to donate money or bedding or wood or tools, check here: <https://shpbeds.org/make-donation/> (Liberty, IL Chapter of SHP)

All the finished framing and the mattresses for 30 beds were loaded onto trucks and taken to our new storage facility at Speed Commerce. We are so grateful for their teaming with us both on the build and on giving us a clean, dry, safe place to store the beds.

Many thanks also to Dr. Tom Ward, superintendent of Louisiana schools. He had the doors opened at the Ag Shop at 7:00 am, and he also spent the entire morning working on the build along with his wife, sister, and brother-in-law!

We appreciate ALL who showed up to help with the project. Our community is a giving, serving community, and that was quite evident with this major service project!





ROTD Edna Dolbear spoke to the club about one of her passions: Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox Ministry. Sponsored by Samaritanâ€™s Purse led by Franklin Graham, OCC has been a part of Ednaâ€™s life since the early 1990s when her own three children were small and joined her in the project. It involves buying and/or making gifts for children ages 3 through 14, packing the gifts in shoe boxes (cardboard or plastic), and getting them to local collection sites located around the United States. Many local churches are the starting point of the boxes' travels, which go to over 170 countries around the world.

These boxes can be filled with personal care items, school supplies, and toys, all selected for a targeted age-range. In addition to the items that are packed by the donors, Samaritan's Purse includes a booklet entitled "The Greatest Journey" which is a 12-lesson Bible study that guides the children through what it means to know and follow Jesus. The shoebox gift is just a tangible way to show them God's love.



Operation Christmas Child Impact Stories

Below are a few examples of how God is at work around the world through Operation Christmas Child. As you read, be encouraged by the power of a shoebox gift and be sure to tell someone about at least one of these stories.

UKRAINE: SHOEBOX GIFTS HELP CHURCHES SHARE GOSPEL

strong emotions in children are continuing to stimulate positive goals is essential to children's emotional well-being. As anxious parents struggle to find work and provide shelter and food, they can't spend as much time with their children as they'd like, so one of the pastors, The children miss all they've left behind: their homes, their friends, their toys. Operation Christmas Child gifts are "a special bright spot," he said, for the children "just to have that and say," "The most important thing, he said, "is seeing the children receive Jesus as Savior."

CENTRAL ASIA: PROVIDENTIAL MEETING GIVES ETERNAL HOPE

After the initial meeting from the Anglican General Conference, the same day on the 11th of the same month, having two fellow students give in his life, he gave them to the boys and told them about Jesus Christ. As a result of this brief encounter, one of the boys, named Aro, responded, 'I believe you, sister. I believe that Jesus came to save me from sin.' Days later, Aro was led by a car and died. Pastor Gadi visited the family, sharing the eternal hope of the Gospel, and Aro's mother and grandfather accepted Jesus as their Savior.

LESOTHO: REMINDED OF GOD'S LOVE

Raffaella lives with a grandmother near the church in their village. Raffaella enjoyed to receive a shoulder bag filled with a doll, socks, a washcloth, soap, biscuits, and pencils. Participating in The Greatest Journey helps her overcome stigmas, she remained at school. 7 her dreams of the things God created. Raffaella soon gave her life to Jesus Christ and began bringing her siblings with her to church. Every time she plays with the gifts from her siblings, she is reminded of God's great love for her.

COLOMBIA: THE SPIRIT OF THE ONE TRUE GOD

More than 10,000 people joined in the Wisconsin fair in South America, including along the shores of Colombia's San Juan River. The Wisconsin believe that everything—humans, animals, and plants—is occupied by a spirit, either a good one or a bad one. A church in the region shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with nearly 400 children in a Wisconsin community through Operation Christmas Child. A total of 247 boys and girls there participated in The Greatest Joy discipline program. One of the children's parents told the missionary partner that their children suddenly sang, pray, and tell each other the Bible stories they have learned. Several adults expressed that they too have decided to walk with God.



Pike County Economic Development Authority

Thursday, September 26, 2024



ROTD Jackson Jones introduced us to Carolyn Wisecarver, Executive Director of both the Pike County Economic Development Authority (PCEDA) and the Pike Lincoln County Port Authority (PLCPA).

Carolyn, who has been with the PCEDA for over 20 years, listed many things that she & her office do to help create jobs and improve the quality of life in Pike County, Missouri, including connecting the unemployed with local employers, helping local businesses find and apply for grants, and promoting training and internship programs to grow the local workforce. Abundant information can be found through their website at <https://pikecountymo.org>

Pike and Lincoln County were awarded Port Authority Designation (PLCPA) in February 2011 from MODOT Waterways Division. Much work has been done since this inception, including rehabbing existing track, dredging the purchased harbor, dock renovation, and scales. For future plans and more information check out <https://pikelincolnport.org>

Both offices are located at 316 West Main Street in Bowling Green, and Carolyn would welcome talking to you about the tremendous potential Pike County has with people, resources, services and transportation capabilities to help your local business succeed.

Thank you, Carolyn, for your service and support! And thanks to Rotarian Jackson Jones for serving on the Board of Directors.

5th Thursday Fun at the Cabin

Thursday, August 29, 2024





A big THANK YOU to Alice Middleton Holtzouser for inviting us to celebrate our 5th Thursday at her family's cabin on the Mighty Mississippi River! About 27 members and guests enjoyed a lovely evening eating good food and getting to know each other more! (EDITED TO INCLUDE RECIPE!)



MOST REQUESTED RECIPE FROM THE EVENING:

Pat Glenn's Broccoli Raisin Salad

1 pound bacon
 6 cups chopped broccoli (3 medium-sized heads)
 1 small red onion, finely chopped
 1 cup mayonnaise (I used Helman's)
 1/2 cup white sugar
 2 tbsp white vinegar
 1 (3 ounce) package of sunflower seeds
 Cook bacon. I put it in the microwave as it seems to cook more of the fat out. Chop or break up into pieces.
 Mix the broccoli, bacon, onion and raisins in a bowl.
 Whisk mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar together in a bowl. Stir the dressing into the broccoli mix.
 Refrigerate for about an hour for the flavors to blend. Sprinkle the salad with sunflower seeds.

