



Club Leaders



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President's Message



Let me begin by expressing what an absolute honor it has been to serve as president of our club this past year. I will always treasure the wonderful friendships I have made in Rotary and the opportunities that this presidency has afforded me.

My sincere thanks go to the board of directors for their dedication to our club. Also, thank you to those who served on various committees and as avenue of service chairs. You all deserve commendation for your hard work.

Our Rotary Club wouldn't be where it is today without our members and leaders. We should all take pride in being part of one of the greatest Rotary clubs in the world.

I am saddened that this time is coming to an end. However, I am confident that our President-Elect, Melinda Anderson, has great plans for our club.

Please continue to create hope in the world and in our community. Once again, thank you for this opportunity. I am truly humbled by it.

Katie Vanderlick, President

June Programs

We begin the month of June with speakers Dr. Robert Twilley and Andy Maas on June 4. They will speak about the Future Use of Energy in Louisiana (FUEL) Initiative. On June 11th, we will get a Legislative Update from LA Representative **Mike Johnson**. On June 18, **Paul Coreil** and the Administration at LSUA will give us an update on what is going on there. We will also present our Rotary grants to local non-profit recipients. And, we will end the month with the installation of our new Rotary Board and Officers on June 25, as we say goodbye to President, **Katie Vanderlick** and welcome **Melinda Anderson** as the new Club President for 2024-2025.

Rotary Grants

Each year, our club makes grants available to local non-profit organizations. Many thanks to **Scott Laliberte** and his committee for their hard work on reading all the grants that were sent in and making final award decisions. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Alexandria Museum Of Art
Food Bank Of Cenla
Rapides Symphony Orchestra
YWCA
Central Louisiana Arts and Healthcare, Inc.
Community HealthWorx
Fostering Community
Inner-city Revitalization
Glass Act
River Oaks Art Square

Congratulations to these local organizations. We will present these grant awards to them at our June 18 luncheon meeting.

United Way Received Rotary Donation

Director of the United Way of Central Louisiana, **Michelle Purl**, presented an update for our Club at our May 21 meeting. She shared what the United Way is doing, including ways for us to get involved or support them in their efforts to help the working poor of our community. Each year, our club gives the United Way a check for \$2,000 to help them help others. The United Way works in 8 parishes and is an umbrella organization for several other non-profits.

Pictured: Rotary club President, **Katie Vanderlick** presents a check to **Michelle Purl**.





Larry Turner
Board Member



Robert Taylor
Past President

Rotary Scholarships

Each Spring, our club offers scholarships of \$2,000 each to graduating seniors who will be attending one of our local schools of higher education - LSUA, LCU or CLTCC. Scholarship applications were distributed to area high schools and three recipients were chosen:

Ayla Zeibo graduated from Bolton High School and is attending LSUA to study Accounting.

Faith Williams graduated from Bolton High School and is attending LSUA to study Nursing.

Isabella Rachal graduated from Alexandria Senior High School and is attending LCU to study Exercise Science.

Thanks to **Scott Laliberte** and his Scholarship Committee for choosing these deserving young people. Scott will contact the recipients and invite them to a meeting where we will present them with their scholarship awards.

Events

June 4th

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Andy Maas & Dr. Robert Twilley

Subject: Future Use of Energy in LA Initiative

June 11th

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Representative Mike Johnson

Subject: Legislative Update

June 18th

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: LSUA Senior Leadership Team

Subject: LSUA Update

Board Meeting at the Bentley, 1 pm

June 25th

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Melinda Anderson

Subject: Installation of new Rotary Board and update on Rotary International Convention in Singapore

Sidebar

Many thanks to **Paul Coreil** for planning our programs in June. If you have an idea for a program, please contact Mike mtupton@aol.com.

Club Meeting

Alexandria
Meets at Alexandria City Hall Convention Center
www.alexandriarotary.com
915 Third St
Alexandria, LA 71301
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Annual Paul Harris Campaign



Each year, our Club offers a special opportunity to members to earn a Paul Harris Fellow (or a step-up). The campaign this year offered any member who made a \$300 donation to the Rotary Foundation a match of 700 points to earn a Paul Harris or step-up. The points we have were provided by Norman and Lorraine Martin. Congratulations to the following members who took advantage of this opportunity:

June Davis - PHF+3

Arlene Duos - PHF and certificate

Brenda Ellington - PHF and certificate

Wally Fall - PHF+3

Joyce Lyford - PHF+5

Mike Mikell - PHF+7

Judy Miller - PHF+3

Deborah Novotny-Upton - PHF+5

Christie Phillips - PHF+8

Jim Smilie - PHF+2

A Rotary member can also decide to present a Paul Harris Fellow to someone else. Club member, **Greg Gormanous** participated in this campaign by presenting a Paul Harris Fellow to: Sister Pearl Caesar and Loren Lampert

Pictured: President, **Katie Vanderlick** presents **Wally Fall** his Paul Harris+3 pin

Rotary International Convention

Our incoming Rotary President, **Melinda Anderson** and her husband, **Andy**, are currently attending the Rotary International Convention in Singapore. At our June 25th meeting, Melinda will give a report on the Convention. It looks like they are having a great time and learning lots about Rotary.



Sister Pearl Ceasar Honored at Rotary



At our May 28 meeting, we were privileged to hear from Sister Pearl Ceasar a Sister with Divine Providence in San Antonio. Sister Ceasar grew up in our area and taught for many years in schools in Louisiana and Texas. She talked about her life, her mission and the incredible sit-down visit she had with the Pope.

At the meeting, Sister Ceasar received a key to the City of Alexandria from **Rick Ranson** (pictured), a proclamation from the Alexandria City Council presented by **Lee Rubin**, some moon pies from **Gail Wilking**, mayor of Ball, a Paul Harris Fellow (courtesy of **Greg Gormanous**) and our Rotary 4-way test coin. Thanks, **Greg Gormanous** for arranging for Sister Pearl to speak with us.

District Assembly

On Saturday, May 18 from 8 am - noon, a District Assembly was held for the Rotary Clubs in District 6190. There were approximately 80 people who attended from around our District, including three members from our Alexandria Club: **Lou Bangma**, **June Johnson Davis** and **Judy Ginsburgh**. Judy and June participated in an additional Grant Certification Training at the end of the Assembly meeting. At least one member from your Club has to have grant certification training in order for the Club to apply for certain District and Global grants. So, now we meet that qualification.

The District Assembly covered topics including Rotary International's New Action Plan; Applying for District and Global Grants; How to Increase Your Club's Social Image and How to Engage More Members. We also reviewed the District budget and met the new District leadership. The new District Governor, Rich Brontoli (Shreveport) will be visiting our Club on August 20 to speak about what we can look forward to as a District this year.

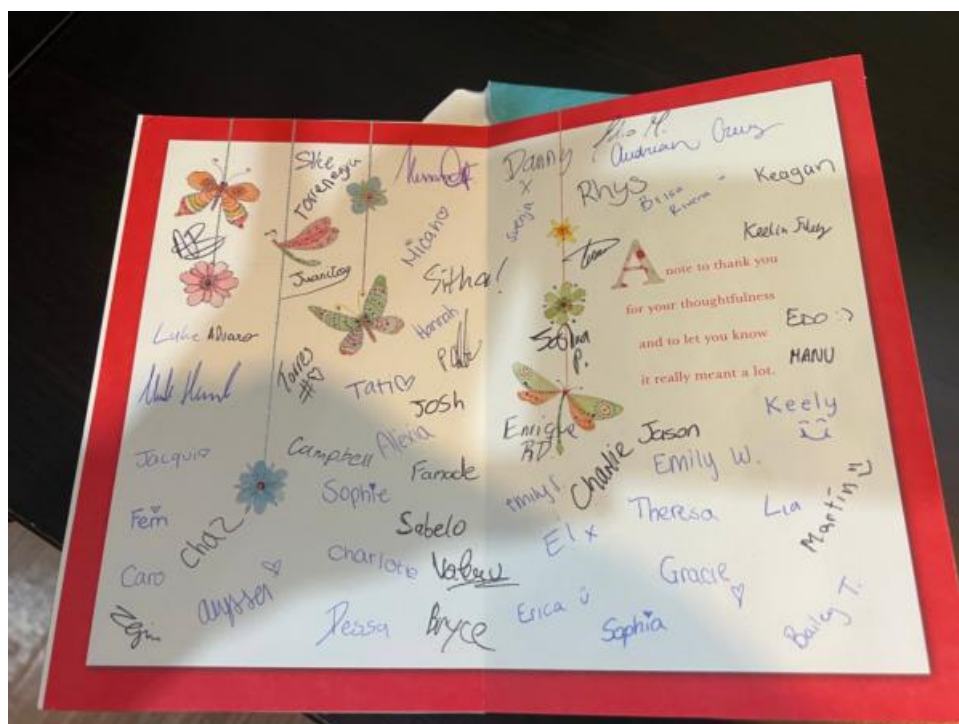
June Davis Completes RLI Training



Club member, **June Johnson Davis** recently completed all three phases of Rotary Leadership Training (RLI). The topics covered were Strategic Planning, Rotary Foundation, International Service, Public Image & Public Relations, Building A Stronger Club and Making a Difference. June is pictured with the Instructors Pamela Stewart, Teri Haynes and John Roa. Congratulations, June!

June took the initiative to attend all three sessions of Rotary leadership training. This training is open to everyone in our club. We encourage you to participate in the next RLI training session, especially if you are interested in being a part of the leadership of our Club or District. For more information, please contact [Judy](#) or our Club President.

Thank You From LSUA International Students



Each year, our Rotary Club provides basic items (bedding, towels, toiletries) for International Students at both of our local Universities - LSUA and LCU. **Jennifer Nichols**, our International Program Chair has been spearheading this project for the past few years. She recently received a lovely card from the International students at LSUA signed by each student who received these items. Thanks, Jennifer, for making sure this meaningful project gets accomplished each year.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Once again, this year, our Club participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Pineville sponsored by the Veteran's Hospital. During the ceremony, held on Memorial Day, **June Johnson Davis** and **Frank Jackson** presented our Rotary wreath. Club members **Mike Tudor** and **Gail Wilking** were also present. Many thanks to them for representing us at the ceremony and to **Jennifer Nichols** for designing and fashioning our beautiful wreath. Photo courtesy of **Mike Tudor**.



New Members



Melissa Easterling is the new manager of Cavender's Boot City in MacArthur Village. She is originally from West Monroe, but has spent the majority of her adult life in Texas. Melissa has a BA from LA Tech and an MA in Education. She has one adult son, Davin Cook who has served as a firefighter and paramedic in Ouachita Parish for the past 8 years. She enjoys farming, ranching and trying new recipes. Melissa's sponsor is **Angie Johnson**.

Club Anniversaries

Name	Start Date	Yrs. In Rotary
Robert Taylor	6/24/03 *	38
RJ Dunn	6/1/87	37
Joe Rosier	6/1/87	37
Dallas Hixson, Sr.	6/6/06	18
Billy Tingle	6/18/19 *	18
Byron Salazar	6/29/10	14
Gary Clark	6/7/11	13
Trey Crump	6/10/14	10
Doug Nelson	6/27/17	7
LaSharron Wenslow	6/11/19 *	7
Peter Dancy	6/5/18	6
Jeome Hopewell	6/5/18	6
Paul Coreil	6/4/19	5
Lee Gwinn	6/2/20	4
Abby Blocker	6/22/21	3
Monroe Milton	6/22/21	3
Beth Palmer	6/22/21	3
Amy Pillarissetti	6/22/21	3
Meredith Rennie	6/22/21	3
David Jeffreys	6/1/22	2
Angie Johnson	6/1/22	2
John Miguez	6/1/22	2
Tyler Unsicker	6/1/22	2
Wesley Watkins	6/1/22	2
Kourtney Bratton	6/1/23	1

* indicates some time spent in another Club

Birthdays

Michael T. Johnson
June 3rd
Heather B Moylan
June 6th
Cindy Sayes
June 8th

Trish Leleux
June 5th
Scott Lucien Laliberte
June 7th
Richard E. Starling, Jr. Jr.
June 10th

Fred Reid
June 6th
Gregory Upton
June 8th
Robert Ratcliff Jr.
June 10th

Jill S Hooper
June 12th

Dan Cohn
June 19th

Cyril John Murphy III
June 25th

Gena Tidwell Gore
June 28th

Martin W. Johnson
June 30th

Christopher Roy Chelette
June 15th

Heather Poole
June 19th

Jerome Hopewell
June 26th

Peter Orji
June 28th

Robert R. Bash
June 18th

Kara Edwards
June 19th

Rebecca B. Morris
June 26th

John H. Lynch, III III
June 29th