



Club Leaders



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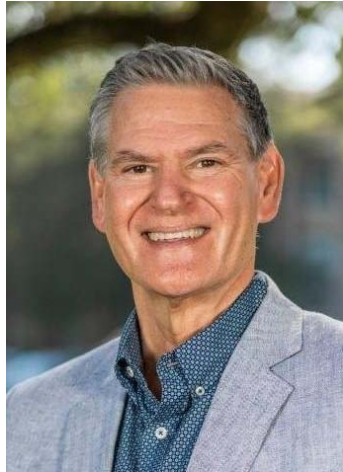
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President's Message



Alexandria Rotarians are doers!!!

As our Rotary vision statement proclaims, we want to live in “a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.” That’s why we all joined Rotary, and that’s why we all stay. We want to be engaged. This February has been an Engagement Blast!!!

According to Michael Wynne, General Custer made tracks in Alexandria after the Civil War and was quite the encourager to the CENLA population during his time here. Together, we discovered the conditions surrounding the newsprint industry and the positive economics of Lafayette, shared by Adam Daigle. Introduced by **Zeb Winstead**, Ralph Hennessy assured us that England Air Park remains a significant player in this region of the United States and continues to be a driving force for economic development in our region of the State. Finally, Bobby Tudor presented the life-giving prospects of Carbon Capture, which proposes an awesome opportunity for economic growth for us living in Central Louisiana.

Mike Tudor did a phenomenal job lining up the programs for the month of February! Mike presented uplifting Mardi Gras elements. As always, we were treated to Mardi Gras facts and history! **Mike Davis**, **Greg Gormanous** and I were all amazed by the insights specified. There were alleged and undocumented connections between the Zulu Queen and some members of the club. Much to the disapproval of Marjorie, yours truly is having a special display case built to house the coveted “Zulu Coconut” sent directly to me by the Zulu Queen herself.

So, how does our club ensure it is providing sustained engagement for its members? We are seeing it happen week-in, week-out. **Great Programs, Great Food** and **Great Fellowship**. We are all-in on our community's effort to invest in early childhood development. We are all-in on the promotion and economic development of our community. Mostly, we are all-in on the continued development of a CENLA that brings us together to create lasting investments for change. Collectively, our club is providing a model for how Rotarians can engage with the rich traditions of the past, the challenging conditions of the present, and our hope-filled expectations for the future.

Our club is growing! We welcomed seven new members just this month. This year appears to be going by so fast. I see great members making everything come together.” In March, **Patrick Moore** and **Tom David’s** program planning will blow your mind. Just hang on tight, Rotarians. It starts with an inner passion. When that feeling happens, everyone around you sees it and wants to feel it too. When we believe, others believe and will follow us in that spirit. This is how simple it is to grow Rotary.”

It’s a Great Day to Be a Rotarian,
Robert Taylor

March Programs

We have a very exciting lineup of programs for the month of March made possible by our March program chair - **Tom David, Jr.** We start with Mayor of Alexandria, Jacques Roy, on March 7 who will talk about his first 100 days as Mayor of the City. On March 14, we will hear from U.S. Congressman, Mike Johnson, who will give us a congressional update and report on the U.S. economy. On March 21, local Attorney, Mike Small will speak on Louisiana Legal Cases That Matter. And, rounding out the month on March 28, will be Governor John Bel Edwards with a State of the State report. You won’t want to miss any of these meetings...so please join us each Tuesday at noon at City Hall for an informative meeting with fellow business leaders.

Getting Ready for Camp RYLA

Camp RYLA is our Rotary District’s six-day leadership camp for high school students entering their junior year. Our Club sends approximately 15 students to this camp each year from our area high schools. Our current RYLA chairs are **Chris Daigrepoint** and **Will Whisenant**.



Patrick C. Moore
Board Member



Jennifer Nichols
Board Member



James William Smilie Jr.
Board Member



Randall Ponthie
iPast President

We know from previous years that anyone who attends RYLA has a life-changing experience. So, if you know of a student going into their junior year of high school, please pick up one of our RYLA brochures at a Tuesday meeting or get in touch with either Chris or Will for more information. You can also find the RYLA Application Packet and instructions on the Documents page of our website - www.alexandriarotary.com.

Rotary Grants and Honors

The Alexandria Rotary Grant Season is here. Be sure to tell your nonprofit leaders about this great opportunity for their organization. The Alexandria Rotary Club "Imagines" a community where our nonprofits feel supported and encouraged to do the great work they do. This is why we invest over \$20,000 locally! The grant application is available on our website (www.alexandriarotary.com) under the Documents tab. Be sure to spread the word and let's Imagine Rotary! The deadline for receiving grant applications is April 19.

All year long we should all be thinking and performing "Service Above Self". It is time to submit applications for our club's prestigious "Service Above Self" award. Our members all contribute to the success of our community and club. Do you know someone who stands out? If so, please complete the nomination form and email it to the Service Above Self Chair, **Melinda Anderson**. The nomination form can be found on our website under the documents tab. Note: the recipient of the "Service Above Self" Award does NOT have to be a member of our club. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 30.

Rotary College Scholarships

Each Spring, our club offers scholarships to local high school students who will be attending a local school of higher education in the Fall. We will award three (3) \$2,000 scholarships as follows:

1. The W.E. Pate Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is limited to a graduate of Bolton High School
2. Two Downtown Rotary Scholarships are decided based on academic excellence, community service, extracurricular activities and financial need.

Requirements:

Must be a 2023 graduating senior

Must attend a high school in Rapides Parish (public or private)

Must attend LCU, LSUA or CLTCC in the Fall

The Scholarship application can be found at our website: www.alexandriarotary.com under the Documents Tab.

All scholarships must be submitted by April 17th by 5:30 pm. For questions, email scott@thediamondgrill.com

New Members

Nolan Spillers is a Commercial Lender at First Guaranty Bank. He was born in Alexandria and graduated from Alexandria Senior High. He attended Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern State University. In his spare time, Nolan likes to cook and eat! He is married to Cathy, who works for Kinetix and they have a son, Grant. Nolan was also the winner of our Doll and Toy Fund Gumbo Cook-Off this past December. He joined Rotary to be part of an organization that helps strengthen our community. His sponsor is **Katie Vanderlick**.



John Moylan is a dentist at the Alexandria Smile Center. He holds a degree from Tulane and a DDS from LSU School of Dentistry. He is married to Rotarian, Heather Moylan and they have four children.

In his spare time, John likes to spend time with his family and participate in outdoor activities. He joined Rotary for the opportunity to meet other business men and women in the community and to learn from their experiences. His sponsor is **Heather Moylan**.



Events

March 7th

Speaker: Mayor Jacques Roy

Subject: First 100 Days as Mayor of Alexandria

March 14th

Speaker: US Congressman Mike Johnson

Subject: US Economy and Congressional Update

March 20th

Board Meeting

March 21st

Speaker: Mike Small
Subject: Louisiana Legal Cases That Matter

March 28th

Speaker: Governor John Bel Edwards

Subject: State of the State

Sidebar

Many thanks to **Tom David, Jr.** and **Pat Moore** for the outstanding programs this month.

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

Mardi Gras at Rotary

Thanks to **Mike Tudor** and his "Mardi Gras Boys" - **Christophet Daigrepoint** and **Will Whisenant** - for making our Mardi Gras meeting fun. We enjoyed a great speaker, a delicious meal complete with king cake and Mardi Gras festivities.



District Foundation Banquet



On Saturday evening, February 25, our District held its annual Foundation Banquet in Bossier City. **June Johnson Davis** represented our club at the banquet. Each club in the District was asked to donate an auction item of at least \$100 in value. Our club donated a one-night stay at the Bentley Hotel and a \$100 Diamond Grill gift card. Thanks, **Scott Laliberte!** The high bidder for this item was Linda Thomas, our next District Governor. We hope she can enjoy a nice staycation here in Central Louisiana.

(pictured are Linda Thomas with **June Johnson Davis**)

Congratulations, Scott!

Congratulations to Board Member, **Scott Laliberte** for the recognition he recently received from the Mayor and the City of Alexandria. We are proud to have you in our Club, Scott!



Logging in to the Rotary Database

Now, more than ever, we need to use the internet to stay in touch with one another. We want to make sure you know how to log in to the Rotary database where you can view the most up-to-date version of our Club directory.

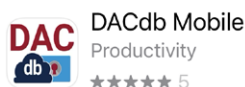
The easiest way to do this is to go to our Club website - www.alexandriarotary.com. Once at the site, you will see "**Dacdb Log in**" in the upper right-hand corner. Click on this link and it will bring up a log in box. (Do not click on "Member log-in" -- this link does not work at this time). NOTE: You need to initially create your Rotary User name (the email you use for Rotary) and your password on your desktop or laptop before trying to get the app on your phone.

If this is the first time you are logging in to the site and you do not know your password or you have forgotten your password, please follow these steps:

Your user name should be the email that you gave us as your preferred email for Rotary. Enter this email for your user name. Then select "forgot password." An email will be sent to your preferred email address with instructions and a link to create a new password. Follow those instructions, and then return to the login screen. Enter your username and new password, and the system should open. (Carefully follow the instructions for how long the password needs to be and what characters you need to include - password must be at least 12 characters long and include both capital and small letters, numbers and special characters).

If you are unsure of your username, contact judy@judymusic.com and she will send you your username for the Rotary site.

Once you have logged in successfully on your computer or laptop, you can add the Dacdb app on your phone! Go to the app store and download the Dacdb Mobile app. It looks like this

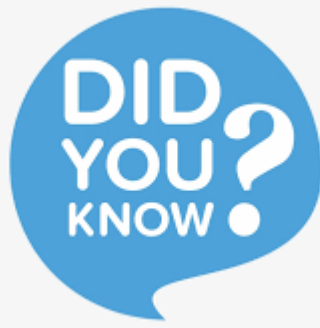


Log in to the app using your email and new password and you will be able to access a current and up-to-date member directory on your smart phone. You can also see our calendar of events and other information pertinent to our club.

And, don't forget to check our Rotary Club website at www.alexandriarotary.com and the Club Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rotaryalexandria for the latest information about our Club and its activities. You can always find our monthly schedule of meetings, our current monthly newsletter and pertinent documents (Documents Tab) on our club website.

Did You Know?

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and promoting the United Nations in Rotary publications. Rotary International's relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) dates back to a 1943 London Rotary conference that promoted international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, and



chaired by a past president of RI, the conference was an impetus to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946.

Club Anniversaries

Name	Date Joined	Yrs. in Club
Jeff Hall	3/6/01	22
Judy Rundell	3/2/04	19
John Davidson	3/29/05	18
Brad Kirzner	3/28/06	17
Patrick Cunningham	3/31/09 *	16
Melinda Anderson	3/17/09	14
Katie Vanderlick	3.31.09	14
Jimmy Faircloth	3/8/11	12
Mike Jenkins	3/1/22	1
Max Lakes	3/15/22	1

* some years in another Club

Birthdays

Philip Morris Laborde
March 1st

Jennifer Nichols
March 4th

John Rowan
March 6th

Tim Williford
March 7th

William R. Whisenant
March 10th

Randall Maurice Welch
March 13th

Wilton A. Guillory Jr.
March 21st

William Bernard Kramer
March 26th

John A Miguez
March 28th

Joel Len Swisher
March 3rd

Lisso Nachman
March 4th

Richard L Ranson Jr.
March 6th

Dallas Long Hixson
March 9th

Keith E Adams
March 10th

Monroe Milton
March 16th

John P. Benjamin Jr.
March 23rd

John Carl Davidson
March 27th

Valerie Aymond
March 28th

Lafe L. Jones
March 4th

Tammy W. Magnano
March 5th

Cale Smith
March 7th

Ronald Briley
March 9th

Robert Hughes
March 12th

Robin L. Hooter
March 20th

Dennie Williams
March 25th

Gary Allen Clark
March 27th

Matthew Preston Bruyninckx
March 30th