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President's Message



I know the May newsletter is a few days late, but I wanted to wait and wish everyone a Happy Cinco de Mayo! (actually, I just procrastinated on getting the president's message together sorry.)

Our first month of meeting back live at City Hall has been a huge success. Our attendance numbers have gone up each week and I fully expect that trend to continue into the month of May; especially during our May 11th meeting where we will be joined by Dr. Raphael Bostic, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. We are so blessed to have access to these types of programs thanks to the connections of our Rotary Club members.

Also in May, we will honor our local scholarship awards recipients; hear from State Representative, Jack McFarland and CEO of CLECO, Bill Fontenot.

Only 2 months left in the Rotary calendar year and I assure you it will be jam-packed with quality programs and plenty of much needed fellowship. I look forward to seeing you all EACH Tuesday at noon!

P.S. If you missed the Service Above Self Award presentation last month, you missed a GREAT one! Congratulations to Harry Silver on his well-deserved honor

No person was ever honored for what he received; honor has been the reward for what he gave. Calvin Coolidge

Dustin Matthews
President, Rotary Club of Alexandria

Back to In Person Meetings



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On April 6, our Club went back to City Hall to meet in person with all social distancing protocols in place. Temperatures were taken upon entry to City Hall, masks were required, the tables were spaced widely and only 4 people were seated at each table. Panaroma Catering did a great job of food preparation and serving a delicious and bountiful meal. Club member, **Mike Davis** entertained us with piano music prior to the meeting. And, members were also able to tune in via Zoom. President **Dustin Matthews** called his third in-person meeting during his term as President to order and our speaker was Brad Fontenot of the newly formed Avant Organics (a branch of Crest Industries). Approximately 80 members and their guests attended this meeting. We hope to see more of you in the future. Remember...if it's Tuesday, it's Rotary!

Atlanta Federal Reserve President to Speak to our Club



Dr. Raphael W. Bostic took office June 5, 2017, as the 15th president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He will address our Club on Tuesday, May 11 at noon.

Dr. Bostic is responsible for all the Bank's activities, including monetary policy, bank supervision and regulation, and payment services. In addition, he serves on the Federal Reserve's chief monetary policy body, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC). The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta serves the Sixth Federal Reserve District, which covers Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, and parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The Bank has branches in Birmingham, Jacksonville, Miami, Nashville, and New Orleans.

Dr. Bostic will be coming to us on Zoom and will be talking about what the Fed does, his outlooks for the economy and answering any questions we have. We hope you will join us at this special meeting. Many thanks to **Ed Caplan** for setting this up.

Four New Members Receive Paul Harris Fellow

For the past couple of years, our Club has made an offer to all new members...if they attend their first three months of meetings with perfect attendance, they will receive a Paul Harris Fellow (or step up if they already have one). Last year, member, **June Davis** was the only new member to receive this. This year, four new members were presented with a Paul Harris Fellow at our April 20 meeting for perfect attendance during their first three

Events

May 4th

Speaker: Liz Mileszko

Subject: Cenla Giving Day

May 11th
Speaker: Dr. Raphael Bostic
Subject: The Federal Reserve and the Economy

May 18th
Speaker: Representative Jack McFarland
Subject: Gas Tax and Infrastructure

May 25th
Speaker: Bill Fontenot
Subject: Cleco - Becoming Louisiana's Leading Energy Company

months of Rotary. Those receiving this honor are: **Will Harp, Jr.; Judy Ginsburgh; Grace Semones and Tim Williford**. Congratulations to these dedicated Rotarians and welcome to Rotary!



Service Above Self Award Recipient



Each year, our Club presents a Service Above Self Award to someone in our local community who has gone above and beyond in giving to the community and making it a better place to live. This person does not have to be a Rotarian. Nominations are solicited from the Club and a committee chooses a worthy recipient. This year our recipient is Harry B. Silver who was honored at a special meeting of our Club on April 27.

Harry is originally from New Jersey. He received his law degree from Rutgers and then served in the US Army Air Corps where he was stationed at England Airbase. There he met his wife Marilyn and entered the family retail business - Weis & Goldring - settling in Alexandria. Harry served our community for over 65 years and just this February, he resigned at the age of 99 from the City Council where he served since 2005. He was the oldest elected official serving in the US. In addition to running Weiss & Goldring, Harry served on many community boards and was Chair of the United Way, the Rapides Foundation Board, the Rapides Regional Hospital Board, Vice President of the Chamber of

Commerce and President of the Jewish Temple.

Over 100 people attended this special meeting and several of Harry's friends spoke including **Tom David**, Jim Montgomery, **Joe Rosier**, Ralph Sisco, Pappy Little and Charlie Dewitt. Congratulations, Harry for a much deserved honor.

(Pictured: Club President, **Dustin Matthews** presents Harry Silver with the 2021 Service Above Self Award)

Career Day

Sidebar

Thanks to **Robert Taylor, Ed Caplan** and **Mike Johnson** for planning our programs for the month of May.

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



On April 20, our Club held its annual Career Day. Twenty two seniors from local high schools participated where they were matched with mentors in the community who shared a career of interest to them. Many of these students attended the meeting where we heard from **Crystal Burch** and Trinity Foster, a former Career Day student about the impact Career Day had on her decision to pursue a degree in Biology and Chemistry at Louisiana College leading to a career in the dental field.

Many thanks to **Aaron Mangum, Crystal Burch, Jason Hawk** and their committee: **Scott Coleman, Trey Crump, Haywood Joiner, Trish Leleux, Scott Laliberte, Jennifer Nichols, Heather Poole, and Grace Semones** for all their hard work this year.

(Pictured: Some of the students who attended the Career Day luncheon. Trinity Foster is on the far right.)

Small Business Development Center

At our April 13 meeting, Evelyn Jones, Business Consultant for the newly formed Small Business Development Center spoke. The Small Business Development Center is located at the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Alexandria and their services are free to small businesses and those wanting to start new businesses. Evelyn shared the following information about how to contact them or to schedule a consultation:

Phone: 318 545-5077

Email: ejones@louisianasbdc.org

Website: www.louisianasbdc.org

Member News

KSYL Talk Radio 970AM / 104.9FM makes history with the hire of Rotarian **Trish Leleux** as Co-Host. KSYL's award winning show **Talkback** is Central Louisiana's longest running radio show, and one of the longest running in the history of Louisiana radio. For nearly 40 years, **Talkback** has been an integral part of waking up Cenla. The show has been hosted by Matthew Dunn, the son of longtime Rotarian **Deborah Randolph**, since 2017 and On April 1, 2021, Cenla Broadcasting announced the hiring of show's first ever female co-host in Rotarian **Trish Leleux**.



Jimmy Sawtelle, will earn a Doctorate in Adult Learning & Development from Northwestern State University in May. He is one of 3 Sawtelles graduating from Cenla colleges as his daughter Maria earns a Registered Nursing Bachelors Degree from Louisiana College and son Jack earns a Communications Bachelors Degree from LSU of Alexandria. Jimmy noted these three degrees were all because of wife and mother extraordinaire, Laura. Jimmy is currently the Chancellor of Central LA Technical Community College.

Congratulations, Trish and Jimmy!



Did You Know?

By Judy Caplan Ginsburgh on Friday, April 30, 2021



The term "Four Avenues of Service" is frequently used in Rotary literature and information. The "Avenues" refer to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service. Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, the concept has been accepted as a means to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

◆ "Club Service" involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their club function successfully.

◆ "Vocational Service" is a description of the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club.

◆ "Community Service" pertains to those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.

◆ The Fourth Avenue, "International Service," describes the many programs and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the "Four Avenues of Service," the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.

Club Anniversaries

Name	Date Joined	Years in Rotary
Ed Hixson	5/1/71	50
Bill Owens	5/1/72	49
Brent Pearson	5/1/91	30
Lafe Jones	5/1/95	26
Warren Morris	5/30/06	15
Chris Chelette	5/29/07	14
Jonathan Dean	5/15/12	9
Frank Jackson	5/19/15	6
Susan Menache	5/5/15	6
Matt Henry	5/2/17	4
Cindy Sayes	5/2/17	4
Will Harp, Jr.	5/20/20	1

Chris Karam	5/12/20	1
Justin McDaniel	5/12/20	1
Mike Shelton	5/19/20	1
Mark Wood	5/12/20	1

Birthdays

Victor H. Sooter
May 1st

James William Smilie Jr.
May 6th

Rodney V. Noles
May 12th

Dan Condell
May 18th

Edward L. Tarpley Jr.
May 23rd

Joseph R. Rosier Jr.
May 25th

Kelli Brazzel
May 4th

Billy L. Tingle
May 7th

Catherine M Pears
May 13th

Evelyn Jones
May 21st

Jerrold King
May 24th

Rachael L. Dauzat
May 28th

Annie Collins
May 5th

Thomas David III
May 12th

Crystal Y. Burch
May 14th

Willard A. Harp Jr.
May 22nd

Dorman Clayton
May 24th