



**Club Leaders**



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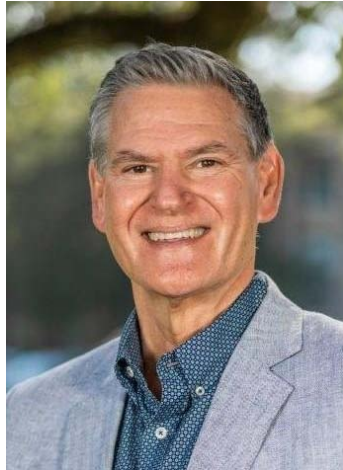
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Board Member

Scott Lucien Laliberte  
Board Member

**President's Message**



Fellow Rotarians,

It is a Great Day to Be an Alexandria Rotarian!!!

I am looking back to the events that led me to this day in Rotary. I was invited to join Rotary in 1986 by Stanley Child. Stanley called me for lunch and took me to Rotary. The then President of the Cleveland Mississippi Rotary Club, Homer Sledge Jr. (Uncle of Larkin Simpson), proceeded to introduce me as the newest member of the Club that day. I was taken back as I looked around the room to see the near 100 Business and Community leaders who were including me in this prestigious organization. I was truly honored!

In my first meeting, the Polio Plus initiative was announced. Homer stated, "Rotary is putting forth an effort to eradicate polio from Planet Earth and the Cleveland Rotary Club is committing to raising \$18,000 over the next 3 years to help this happen". Wow, eradicate Polio, what a challenge. My second thought was, 'that's a ton of money.' The Club met the goals and today we are in the closing moments when Polio will be eradicated from Planet Earth.

This is what Rotary is! This is who we are as Rotarians! We are a group of Service Minded individuals who can accomplish any goal that we set out to accomplish.

To begin the month of October, we kicked off the Economic Development Summit with Louisiana Central under the direction of Lafe Jones. We were given a presentation on how to express and acknowledge our love for our community and, with the effort, we would attract others to live and love working alongside us. This presentation impacted me in a big way. The concept of loving our families, our community, our workplaces and our Rotary Club is a life-giving application that not only helps guide our daily walk positively but creates an environment of prosperity. I have come to realize that our Rotary Club is the organization that can drive and impact our community with the incredible information that we are given through the presentations shared in Rotary. As we **hear** the information, we are empowered to **take** the information and **share** the information throughout our circles of influence. This activity will surely impact our position as a community and our position as a Rotary Club.

Dr. Loren Scott gave us an economic update for our state and local region that was riddled with incredible opportunities for our local and statewide economies. I am so encouraged by the programs that give the current situation along with the encouragement to excel and overcome the obstacles that could impede our progression. Loren presented information with viable solutions and outcomes in mind. We are blessed to be given the opportunity to process such information and apply it to our economic impact through our vocations.

The impact of our Rotary Club through our service has Rotarian Aaron Mangum inviting all Rotary members to attend the Grand Opening of the new Bocce Ball Court (built by New Generations Rotary) at the OLS community home on 347 Browns Bend Road, Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm. We will have "Bocce and Barbeque" as well as amazing resident hosts who want to show Rotary their appreciation for our Service.

We are an awesome Rotary Club who truly make a difference and I am so proud to serve as this year's President. I am truly inspired by each of you as we serve together in Rotary.

Robert Taylor  
President

**October Meetings Set Attendance Records**



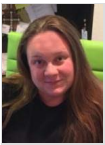
[Trish Leleux](#)  
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iPast President



Our October 4 meeting was the kick-off for Manufacturing Month. It was also the kick-off for Louisiana Central's Regional Economic Summit and they chose to have it begin at our Rotary luncheon. We had the largest number of guests we have ever had at a club meeting -- 130+! Our speaker was Ashley Hanson, Executive Director of the Department of Transformation in St. Cloud, MN. She encouraged us to think outside of the box; to love where we live and share our enthusiasm with others and to use (and pay) local artists for their time, creativity and talents. It was great to see so many area leaders in attendance and hopefully some of them will join our club.

Our October 18 meeting featured Dr. Loren Scott speaking on the Economic Forecast for our area. This meeting was underwritten by CLECO and co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. We had over 60 guests attend this meeting. Thanks to **Lafe Jones**, **Larkin Simpson**, **Deborah Randolph** and **Cindy Cespiva** for their hard work in making these informative and inspiring meetings happen.



## Swedish Exchange Student Visits Our Club

### Events

November 1st  
**Speaker:** Steven Procopio

**Subject:** PAR

November 8th  
**Speaker:** Wally Fall  
**Subject:** My Vietnam Experience

November 15th  
**Speaker:** Cindy Rushing  
**Subject:** The Importance of Investing in Early Childhood Education

November 21st  
**Board Meeting**

November 22nd  
**Speaker:** Billy Nungesser & Leadership CenLA graduation  
**Subject:** Leadership

November 29th  
**Speaker:** Phillip Terrell  
**Subject:** Update from the D.A.



## Sidebar

Thanks to **Deborah Randolph, Randall Dupont** and **Larkin Simpson** for our November programs. If you have a great idea for a program, please let our Club President, **Robert Taylor**, know.

## Club Meeting

Alexandria  
 Meets at Alexandria City  
 Hall Convention Center  
[www.alexandriarotary.com](http://www.alexandriarotary.com)  
 915 Third St  
 Alexandria, LA 71301  
 Time: Tuesday at 12:00  
 PM

We were able to meet and hear from a second generation Rotary exchange student at our October 25 meeting. Wilma Sandstrom, from Sweden, wanted to come to the US and visit the places her Dad had visited as a Rotary exchange student and as an adult club exchange member. Her Dad spent time as a Rotary exchange student in high school in Ohio and returned to the US as an adult where he was hosted by our District on a Rotary exchange.

Wilma spent time in Ohio and Texas before coming to Louisiana. She is on a gap year before attending University and stayed with Rotarians in Shreveport, Monroe, and Alexandria during the month of October. Thanks to **Judy** and **Bob Ginsburgh, Tammy Magnano** and **Ed Caplan** for hosting Wilma while she was in Alexandria.

## Community Service Volunteer Update

Good afternoon Rotarians,  
 Let me start by saying WOW and THANK YOU. Recently, President **Robert Taylor** placed out volunteer forms at our weekly meetings. I was delighted by how many members signed up to participate at a capacity they have not before. I have taken some time to compile the lists and for lack of better terms, assign each to their committee(s) of preference. Each committee is guided by a chair who will guide you through the process of activity within the committee. Words cannot express how proud and grateful I am to serve as your Community Service Committee Chair, and I look forward to hearing all the great things our Rotary Club does with your participation. If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please let me or **Robert Taylor** know and we will add your name. **Scott Laliberte**

### Rotary Grants – Scott Laliberte, Chair

Maggie Martin  
 Robert Bash  
 Susan Bowers  
 Grace Semones  
 Susan Broussard  
 Catherine Pears  
 Dan Cohn  
 Mikell Kimsey  
 JB Stroud  
 Blake Chatelain  
 Annie Collins  
 Jimmy Sawtelle  
 Erin Roes  
 Jack Hodges  
 Dean Christian

Stephen Katz

**Scholarship Committee – Melinda Anderson, Chair**

Melinda Anderson  
Judy Miller  
Arlene Duos  
Dennie Williams  
Aaron Mangum  
Dustin Matthews  
Frank Jackson  
Ed Caplan  
Katie Vanderlick  
Kristine Antoon  
Larry Cordaro  
Randy Ponthie  
Robert Taylor  
Trish Leleux  
Jennifer Nichols  
Lafe Jones  
Scott Laliberte

**Students/Career Day/Ryla – Jason Hawk, Chair**

Kevin Broussard  
Jimmy Sawtelle  
Carly Long  
Annie Collins  
Michelle Purl  
Dorman Clayton  
Paul Coreil  
Grace Semones  
Deborah Randolph  
Hayward Joiner  
Susan Bowers  
Thomas David  
Toby Brazzel

**Awards/Service Above Self – Scott Laliberte, Chair**

Randy Ponthie  
Melinda Anderson  
Lafe Jones  
Dustin Matthews  
Scott Laliberte  
Patrick Moore  
Annie Collins  
Bernard Kramer  
Blake Chatelain  
Will Harp  
Catherine Pears

**Fellowship and Membership – Trish Leleux, Chair**

Paul Price  
Bill Bond  
Bernard Kramer  
June Johnson Davis  
Patrick Moore  
Greg Gormanous  
Deborah Randolph  
Jennifer Nichols

**Publicity/International – Jennifer Nichols, Chair**

Ronny Briley  
Will Harp  
Deborah Randolph  
Grace Semones  
Misty Slayter  
Chris Daigrepoint  
Chris Karam  
Paul Price

**Doll and Toy – Jim Smilie, Chair**

Warren Morris  
Jason Hawk  
Scott Laliberte  
Katie Vanderlick  
Deborah Novotny-Upton  
Aaron Mangum  
Jason Hawk  
Thomas David  
Kristine Antoon

Trey Crump  
Jerome Hopewell  
Mary Fowler  
Larry Turner  
Rob Royer  
Robert Taylor

## Bocce Ball Court Grand Opening

Several members of our Club recently completed a Bocce Ball Court at the Our Lady of Sorrows Group Home on Brown's Bend Road in Alexandria. The building of the Court was funded by a grant from our Club. We received discounted lumber from Gregory Building Supplies, free use of machinery compliments of DL Phillips Logging and had volunteers from our Rotary Club, Our Lady of Sorrows, Ainsley's Angels of Cenla and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Our Lady of Sorrows will host a grand opening on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 11-2 at the Our Lady of Sorrows Group Home (347 Browns Bend Rd.). All Rotarians are invited. The residents are so excited to have this activity there. We invite you to join us for hamburgers, hot dogs and some Bocce Ball. Please RSVP to Cindy at 318 487-8897. For more information, contact **Aaron Mangum**.

## World Polio Day Challenge

World Polio Day was October 24 and in honor of this day, our club decided to offer another opportunity for our members to become Paul Harris Fellows (or earn a step-up). Any member of our Club could donate \$300 to the Rotary Foundation and it would be matched with 700 points to meet the necessary 1000 points or dollars to earn a Paul Harris Fellow. The following members took advantage of this challenge:

Lou Bangma  
Kelli Brazzel  
Toby Brazzel  
Jim Chancey  
Graham Kramer  
Mike Mikell  
Randy Ponthie  
Robert Taylor (honoring Rebekah Simpson)

They will receive their next level Paul Harris pins at a future meeting.

## Cenla Leadership at Rotary

Once again, our club will host the Leadership Cenla graduation at one of our luncheons. The new, outstanding class of local leaders will receive their graduation certificates and join us for lunch on Tuesday, November 22. The guest speaker that day is Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. Lt. Governor Nungesser will be providing fresh Louisiana seafood to John Ed Laborde, our caterer, and so the meal is sure to be special. We hope you will join us.

## Doll and Toy Fund 2022

Our Club's largest service project of the year is the Doll and Toy Fund toy give-away where toys, games and technology items are given to needy families in our area for the holidays. This year, the toy give away will be held at City Hall on **Saturday, December 17, from 7:30 am until noon**. We expect 100% participation from our club, meaning you can either come and work on that day or make a donation to the Doll and Toy Fund. Checks made payable to the Doll and Toy fund can be dropped off at the sign-in table at our weekly meetings or mailed to Rotary, PO Box 12306, Alexandria, LA 71315. **Jim Smilie** is the Chair of the Doll and Toy Committee and will have sign-up sheets for those who can work on the 17th at our meetings in November, so you can sign up to help.



## New Members

**Fred Reid** was born in Mississippi and received a medical degree from LSU Medical Center, New Orleans. He has lived in Alexandria for the past forty-four years. Fred joined the ER staff at Rapides Regional in 1979 and left in 2009. He then worked at the Huey P. Long ER until it closed and, in 2021, he retired from emergency medicine.

Fred says he has an old motorhome that he hopes to put to better use and he has



a passion for flying. He is married to Daphne and has grown children and two grandchildren. He joined Rotary because he has always tried to give back to the community that provided him with a living for the past 44 years . While working, he did not have the time, but now in retirement, Fred is enjoying attending our informative programs with his friend and sponsor, **Bob Bash**.

We are also happy to have two new Corporate members - CLECO Corporate Holdings, LLC (represented by President/CEO, **Bill Fontenot**) and Hayes Manufacturing Company (represented by President, **Jason Hayes**). These two corporate members were sponsored by **Lafe Jones**. Our corporate memberships are specifically designed for larger companies so that they can have some flexibility in who attends the meetings. There is a primary member, but the company can name two other executives who can attend if the primary member is unable to attend.



Bill Fontenot Jason Hayes



## Making Up Rotary Meetings

Not too long ago, if you missed more than a few Rotary meetings, you had to resign your membership in the Club. Today, attendance is no longer required, but in order to get the most out of your membership, you should attend. Being a member of our Club gives you the opportunity to network with most of the major leaders in our community. There are some members who pride themselves on having a great attendance record at Rotary. So, there are ways that you can "Make-up" a meeting if you miss one.

You can make-up a meeting by attending the meeting of another Club anywhere you happen to be in the world. You can find a listing of where and when other Clubs in our District meet at this link:

<http://www.rotary6190.org/?p=whereclubsmeet>

And you can make-up a missed meeting online by viewing videos at this link:

<https://www.rotaryclubone.org/makeups/howtodoamakeup/>

Please give the proper paperwork to our Club Secretary, **Judy Ginsburgh**, in order to get credit for your make-up.

## Club Anniversaries

Name	Start Date	Yrs. in Rotary
Mike Davis	11/1/75	47
Vic Sooter	11/1/82	40
Dennie Williams	11/13/01	21
Joyce Lyford	11/3/15 *	19
Charla Ducote	11/2/04	18
Greg O'Quin	11/22/05	17
Philip Laborde	11/14/06	16
Angela Chustz	11/9/10	12
Faye Flanagan	11/1/11	11
Jason Hawk	11/25/14	8

Lisso Nachman	11/18/14	8
Dan Condell	11/26/19	3
Ronnie Briley	11/30/21	1
Herbert Bruce	11/30/21	1

\* denotes years in another club

## Birthdays

Rob Allen Wright  
November 1st

Sally Foster  
November 6th

Blake Chatelain  
November 12th

Andree Leddy  
November 16th

Susan Menache  
November 20th

Raymond J. Dunn Jr.  
November 22nd

Scott R. Coleman  
November 29th

Lewis A McBryde  
November 2nd

William B. Owens  
November 7th

Deborah Novotny-Upton  
November 14th

Kristine Antoon  
November 18th

Bryon C. Salazar  
November 22nd

Richard Irby Ducote Jr.  
November 25th

Sem Ganthier  
November 3rd

Robert A. Taylor Jr.  
November 11th

Michelle Purl  
November 15th

Jimmy Whittle  
November 18th

Jeff Powell  
November 22nd

James Sawtelle  
November 27th