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President's Message



Dear Rotarians of Alexandria:

Welcome to another fantastic Alexandria Rotary Newsletter incredibly produced by **Judy Ginsburgh** each and every Month to share the awesome information and events of our Club. But more importantly, welcome to the world of The Rotary Club of Alexandria where your ideas, enthusiasm and energy are celebrated!

Our Alexandria Rotary is part of a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change-across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Our Alexandria Rotary is one of over 46,000 clubs globally who promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; grow local economies; and protect the environment. We are such a vibrant shining light that continues to apply these global initiatives in our own community.

During the 2022-2023 Rotary year, our international theme is: Imagine. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones wants us to "Imagine the possibilities" in the change that Rotarians can make to transform the world! Collectively, when unleashed, the power of Rotary is positively awesome!

Our Club Assembly was a critical step toward discovering the various ways that we can Imagine Our Alexandria Rotary Club more inviting, engaging and more interesting. Slowly but surely, our members are returning and in this next month, I really want to encourage each one of you to consider inviting those we know to enjoy the amazing economic development programs lined up in the month of October, presented to our club by **Lafe Jones**, **Deborah Randolph** and **Larkin Simpson**. I can assure each person attending will gain a huge boost to their return on investment.

Our club, through the leadership of Board member **Patrick Moore** is beginning to advocate for Early Childhood Development in our Community. We have so many organizations throughout the community who have been charged with the implementation of the early childhood initiatives mandated by the State of Louisiana and I would ask each Rotarian to leverage our leadership and community connections to insure the success of all efforts being executed by these organizations for our Community's Early Childhood Development initiatives. Let's become the educated community leaders that enable change. Let's invest our energy and resources to develop our community into a stronger hub of economic impact so that Central Louisiana is recognized as the area of our State to Model. I see who you Rotarians are and I can easily Imagine the impact that we can make!!! Rotarians of Alexandria truly operate with a mindset of "Service Above Self".

We are all together building lasting friendships from our connections in the Rotary Club of Alexandria. I've also found that the opportunity to work shoulder-to-shoulder with you all and learn from you, the top leaders in our community, is an amazing professional opportunity. When you are surrounded by great leaders, you learn how to become a better leader! Invest in one another today!!!

I Love OUR Rotary,
Robert Taylor, President

Camp RYLA



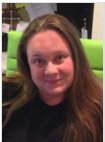
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iPast President



On September 20, we hosted several students who had attended Camp RYLA this summer, the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp. Most of them talked about how they really were not that excited to attend, but by the time they left the week-long camp, they loved it and had made life-long friends. This is what part of the dues you pay supports....so thank you all.

Our Club sent 15 students from local high schools to the camp, including three children of Rotary club members. Many thanks to Aaron Mangum for chairing our RYLA Committee this year.

October is Manufacturing Month

Many thanks to **Lafe Jones** for once again coordinating programs for October - known as Manufacturing Month. We have some great programs lined up beginning on **October 4**. This program will be the kick-off for the LA Central Economic Development Summit being held in downtown Alexandria. The featured speaker will be Ashley Hanson, Executive Director of The Department of Public Transformation, located in St. Cloud, MN.

On **October 11**, we will hear from Anne Duncan, Plant Manager with Syrah Technologies located in Vidalia. They are the first producers in the US of natural graphite material used in electric vehicle batteries.

On **October 18**, there will be a meeting jointly sponsored by Cleco and the Central LA Regional Chamber of Commerce, featuring speaker, Dr. Loren Scott who will give us an economic outlook report through 2024, including Central LA. You **do not** have to register with the Chamber if you are member of our Rotary Club. We will also plan to honor our Rotary Club Corporate members at this meeting.

We will wrap up this special month on **October 25** with Hunt Forest Products and hear from Candy Gerace. Hunt Forest Products is a family-owned business in Urania and Pollock. They are a full-service, state-of-the-art wood products company making a large impact on our area.

Please join us for this exciting month of meetings to learn about businesses making a difference right here in Central Louisiana.

LCU Begins MBA Program

Congratulations to **Rick Brewer** and Louisiana Christian University (LCU) on their newest degree program - the Jonathan E. Martin Master of Business Administration. Jonathan Martin was the Chairman, CEO and past President of RoyOMartin and also a recipient of our Club's prestigious Service Above Self Award. Many leaders of our community, including many of our Rotary club members, attended a luncheon where this important announcement was made. Through the generosity of the

Events

October 4th
Kick Off to LA Central Economic Summit

Speaker: Ashley Hanson - Department of Transformation

October 11th
Speaker: Anne Duncan & Peter Odgers

Subject: Syrah Technologies

October 18th
Co-hosted with Chamber of Commerce;

underwritten by Cleco
Speaker: Dr. Loren Scott

Subject: Economic Outlook Report

October 25th
Speaker: Candy Gerace
Subject: Hunt Forest Products

November 1st
Alexandria Weekly

Club Meeting

Speaker: Steven Procopio
Subject: PAR



Martin Family, this new advanced degree program will be offered at LCU.

Maggie Martin's daughter, Natalie also announced the establishment of the **Dr. Maggie Martin** Leadership Summit which will be offered each year in our community. The first Summit will take place on April 13, 2023 and will feature guest speaker, Anne Beiler, founder of Auntie Anne's Pretzels.

Sidebar

Thanks to **Lafe Jones**, **Deborah Randolph** and **Larkin Simpson** for our October programs. If you have a great idea for a program, please let Larkin know. He is our Program Chair for the 2022-2023 Rotary year.

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

Bocce Ball Court Completed

The bocce ball court service project is complete. What's really cool is that this was truly a community effort. Our Club gave a generous grant, Gregory Building Supply donated lumber, The Garden Path Stone Center offered discounted gravel. **Jennifer Nichols**, **Dusty Robbins**, and **Wesley Watkins** allowed us to use their tractors, skid steers, and backhoes. Clarke Woods served as our project foreman. Members of the Rotary Club, Ainsley's Angels in Louisiana, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and OLS Cookie Jar donated their time to carry out the project. This court will be a means of entertainment for the OLS Community Homes residents and a gathering place for the community. Thank you everyone! Your kindness and service is deeply appreciated.

Rotarians involved: **Aaron Mangum**, **Tyler Unsicker**, **Wesley Watkins**, **Jennifer Nichols**, **Randy Ponthie**, **Larkin Simpson**



Paul Harris Plus 3



Club Secretary, **Judy Ginsburgh**, received a Paul Harris +3 pin. Rotarians can receive a Paul Harris Pin for every \$1000 or 1000 points they donate or accumulate. The highest level is Paul Harris +8. If you would like more information on how to be a Paul Harris Fellow, please contact President, **Robert Taylor** or Foundation Chair, **Ed Caplan**.

New Members

Jim Chancey is the Station Manager at KLAX-TV. He has been a member of Rotary Clubs in Texas and Arizona. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences and attended Arizona Western College, University of Arizona



and University of Texas - RGV. Together, he and his wife Mary have four children. In his spare time, Jim likes to beach travel with his wife and kids, work with his dogs, make new friends and be of service. He joined Rotary because he feels that Rotary is big enough to take on real projects without losing sight of what's important to each local community. Welcome to our Club, Jim!

Shirley Ingram was born and raised in Pineville and attended Pineville High School. She has four grown children - 2 girls and 2 boys. After working and owning several local businesses, Shirley and her husband moved away from the Central LA area in the 1980's. When her parents had medical needs, they

moved back home. Shirley says it has been a joy to be back near family and friends and the state she loves. She has been working with the Alexandria Pineville Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the past 22 years. In her spare time, she loves to cook, raise a big vegetable garden in her back yard and most of all, she loves to travel. She is widowed now but loves to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She joined Rotary because she cares about our community and the quality of life for its citizens. It is time for her to give back to the place she has called home for most of her life. Shirley's sponsor is **Paul Price**.



Greg Burke is the General Manager for the Alexandria/Pineville location of Vexus Fiber after serving as the Director of Athletics of Northwestern State University for 26 years. He grew up in Alliance, OH and received a Bachelor's in Communication from the University of Mount Union and a Master's in Sports Administration from Kent State University. Greg has been married to Natchitoches native, Susu Burke for 35+ years and they have one grown daughter. In his spare time, Greg likes to spend time with family, attend concerts, travel and participate in fitness activities. He joined Rotary because his parents were active in community service and set a great example for him and his siblings. Through Rotary, he wants to help others and create a better quality of life for our community. He also believes that community service is good for the soul! Greg's sponsor is **Rebecca Morris**.

Rotary Database App Now Available

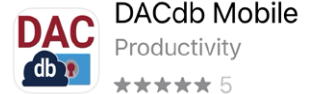
Do you want a convenient way to find members of our Club with all their information? Do you want to see our monthly calendar? Our monthly newsletter and more? Now you can have all this information at your fingertips on your smart phone. There is an app called **DacdbMobile** that you can download in the app store.

You will need to make sure you know your User ID (the email you gave us when you joined Rotary) and Password in order to log in. Most of you probably do not know your password, so you will need to create a password on your computer before being able to log in on your phone for the first time.

The easiest way to do this is to go to www.dacdb.com and log in. Put your email in the User ID box and then click on Forgot Password. You will then generate a new password that has to be 12 characters long. The password must contain both capital and small letters, numbers and special characters. Once you have established that you can log in to the database, you are ready to install the app on your smart phone.

Go to the app store and find the DacdbMobile app. This is what it looks like:

Once the app has been downloaded, you can open it on your phone. If you expand the My Club Tab, you will find:



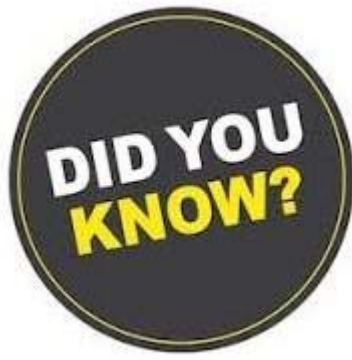
Members and contact information
Birthdays
Club Newsletter
Club Calendar
and more...

This is a convenient way to have your Club information with you at all times. There is a Club Locator tab where you can search to find Rotary anywhere in the world, you can find information about what is happening around our Rotary District under the My District Tab and you check your own data to make sure it is correct under the My Data Tab. Always remember to notify us when something has changed so we can update your files.

If you need help with this, please contact Club Secretary, Judy Ginsburgh for assistance - Judy@judymusic.com

Did you Know?

DEFINITION OF ROTARY



How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976, the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relation Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

Club Anniversaries

Name	Date Joined	Yrs. in Club
Rod Noles	10/15/91	31
Deborah Novotny-Upton	10/30/01	21
Julie Morris	10/4/05	17
Randy Wilmore	10/30/07	15
Heather Poole	10/29/13	9
Lee Rubin	10/1/13	9
John Ryland	10/29/13	9
Glenda Stock	10/1/13	9
Larry Turner	10/28/14	8
Reni Mason	10/25/16	6
Karl Carpenter	10/17/17	5
Bernard Kramer	10/17/17	5
Kay Michiels	10/17/17	5
Rebecca Nation	10/9/18	4
Cale Smith	10/9/18	4
Bill Bridges	10/15/19	3
Scott Coleman	10/15/19	3
June Johnson Davis	10/15/19	3
Carly Long	10/15/19	3
Jeff Powell	10/15/19	3
Misty Slayter	10/15/19	3

Birthdays

Willie P. Obey
October 7th

Jeff Alan Marien
October 8th

Haywood Berkley Joiner Jr.
October 12th

Franklin O'Shee Mikell
October 18th

Gregory Burke
October 22nd

Randall Wilmore
October 26th

Randall Ponthie
October 27th

Jason D. Hawk
October 7th

William S. Wallace
October 9th

Jonathan B. Dean
October 14th

Dean Christian
October 20th

Christopher G Daigrepoint
October 25th

Erin Roes
October 26th

Louis Bangma
October 30th

James K Chancey
October 7th

Misty Slayter
October 9th

R. Bruce B. Wallace III
October 14th

Dustin L. Matthews
October 21st

Rebecca Nation
October 25th

Michael Shelton
October 27th

Patrick C. Moore
October 31st