

Upcoming Club Events

MAY 30, 2019

REGULAR NOON MEETING
Cian Robinson
Innovation, Research, &
Real Estate Investments
Lafayette General Health

JUNE 6, 2019

NO NOON MEETING
FAMILY NIGHT, at
Rock 'n' Bowl

JUNE 12, 2019

AFTER HOURS CLUB
Meets every 2nd and 4th
Weds. 6:30 p.m. - Jefferson
Street Pub

JUNE 13, 2019

REGULAR NOON MEETING
TBA

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PROPOSED NEW MEMBER(S)

The following person(s) have been

proposed for membership. Unless

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Rotary Club of Lafayette



Cian Robinson: Executive Director of Innovation, Research, & Real Estate Investments, Lafayette General Health

May 30, 2019



Our speaker on Thursday, May 30, 2019, will be Cian Robinson, Executive Director of Innovation, Research, and Real Estate Investments for Lafayette General Health System. Robinson began his career at Lafayette General Foundation (LGF) in August of 2014 as the Director of Development and Operations. Later that year, in November, he was promoted to the position of Executive Director of the LGF. In 2018, Robinson moved into his current position.

In addition to his work with LGH, Robinson is also an adjunct instructor at the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Prior to beginning his tenure with LGF, Robinson was a director of two computer science-based research centers within UL's Research Department: the Center for Business and Information Technology and the Center for Visual and Decision Informatics. He has also been an entrepreneur in the information technology and management consulting fields via Robinson Ventures, LLC, for more than a decade.

In 1991, Robinson obtained his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. In 1994, he was awarded his Master of Science in Public Policy and Administration with a concentration in finance, from Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College in Pittsburgh, PA, and he is currently pursuing his doctorate in leadership from UL.

Robinson has been recognized for his entrepreneurial and community work with several awards including: Silicon Bayou 100 (2017, 2018, & 2019), Leadership Louisiana (Class of 2017), LEAD Virginia (Class of 2008), Amherst, NY Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Champion Award (2006), Western New York's 40 Under 40 Award (2005), Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council's Pathfinder Award (2004), National Science Foundation's Entrepreneur Next Wave Award (2003), as well as Leadership Buffalo (Class of 2000). He and his wife, Dr. Natalie Harder, Chancellor of South Louisiana Community College, reside in Lafayette, LA, and have two children, Tucker and Rory.

Meeting Recap: Walt Handelsman, Triple Pulitzer Prize Winner

May 23, 2019



written objection is received within seven (7) days, these person(s) will be eligible for membership in the Rotary Club of Lafayette.

Name:

Classification:

Proposed by:

EXTRA EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Is there a project, an event or a fundraiser you want to highlight? Were you recognized or did you receive an award? Did you take some pictures at a recent club event? If you have something you would like to have added to the bulletin, please email our Club Bulletin Editor, Stella C. Theriot, at grannastel@yahoo.com. Deadline for publishing is Fridays.

Announcements

Date:



Walt Handelsman, three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist with The Advocate, shared an entertaining PowerPoint presentation of some of his cartoons, both print and animated, for which he does the voiceovers. When asked how he gets his ideas, Handelsman responded that they are driven by panic because he has a daily deadline of 5 p.m., which resulted in laughter from those attending. He explained that he has a stack of roughly-drafted cartoons on his desk, and even after he decides on one, he said it takes about two hours to draw. Handelsman joked that he tries to be fair and direct cartoon jabs at both sides of the political spectrum, and has drawn cartoons through several presidential administrations including Reagan, both Bushes, Clinton, Obama, and Trump, as well as Louisiana gubernatorial ones. He has integrated Mardi Gras, Blue Dog, Tabasco, the Cajun Navy, and many more Louisiana topics and individuals into his award-winning cartoons. He shared that he and his wife, Jodie, who attended the meeting with him, are huge fans of the New Orleans Saints and Drew Brees, which makes them okay in my book! Speaking of books, Handelsman had copies of his most recent one with him, and Rotarians and their guests lined up to get their signed copies after the meeting.

Rotary Satellite Club Fan Drive

NOW THROUGH MAY



The Rotary Satellite Club of Lafayette's Caring Is Cool fan drive to benefit the Cajun Area Agency on Aging ends on **May 31, 2019**, with plans to deliver donations to the CAAA on Monday, June 3, 2019. If you would like to donate, you still have time to do so financially by contacting the Satellite Club Secretary, Darren Scott at darren.scott@lemoinecompany.com.

The CAAA serves persons of need aged 60 and older in the Lafayette Area. Each year, they receive a grant from Entergy of \$500 to purchase both box fans AND space heaters for summer and winter relief for all of its clients.

This grant barely covers the need of the senior citizens the CAAA serves, and with warm weather around the corner the Satellite Club partnered with them to bolster the number of box fans they are able to hand out this year. For more information on the agency, please visit their website: <https://www.cajunaaa.org/home>.