

THE COGWHEEL

Rotary Club of Lafayette



Rotary Club of Lafayette Meeting

Petroleum Club Lafayette
Thursdays at NOON

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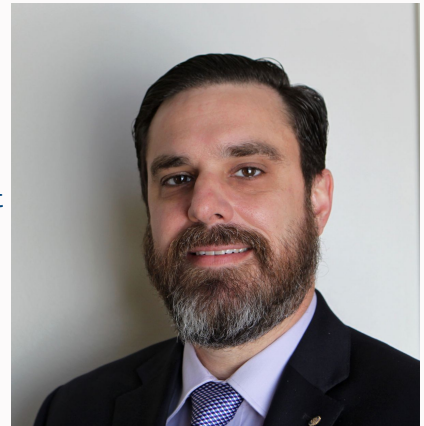
APRIL 4, 2024 GUEST SPEAKER SCOTT LAVERGNE

Our speaker this week will be Scott Lavergne on the topic of Artificial Intelligence, and it's impact on society.

Scott Lavergne is the Chief Executive officer for Enterprise Data Concepts (EDC), which is a technology support company with offices in Lafayette and New Orleans. He co-founded his first IT company, Datastream Inc., a software development and technology support company, in 1999. In 2001, he split from his partner and founded EDC. In 2012, Scott opened his New Orleans location with the goal of supporting businesses in all of south Louisiana. EDC specializes in technology support for the legal, insurance, and medical industries. Over his decades in the IT support industry, Scott has helped businesses transition multiple technology shifts from cloud, virtualization, and now artificial intelligence (AI).

Scott holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in computer science. He is a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Lafayette and a past president. He is currently on the boards of the Better Business Bureau of Acadiana, Foundation for Wellness, and Cypremort Yacht Club. Previously, Scott worked with the Evangeline Area Council BSA with roles in the pack, troop and district level.

Scott has been married to Melanie for 27 years, and they have two children, Nathan (26) and Thomas (23).



Recap of March 28, 2024 Program - Mr. Al Patin, CEO of Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center

Mr. Al Patin, CEO of Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center, began his presentation by providing background information on his career in the medical field. The mission of OLGMC is to serve, heal, lead, educate and innovate, which was observed in a video that featured services provided to a patient. Mr. Patin presented an overview and highlights of Ochsner's current state (patients served, number of hospitals, locations of facilities, etc.) Since its merger with Lafayette General Medical Center, the OLGMC facility has added more resources and technology and has been recognized by US News and World Report as a Best Regional Hospital in 2023-24. As a major teaching hospital, the facility provides a Graduate Medical Education residency program and an accelerated option for nursing students.





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Birthdays

Mitzi Benoit
April 7th
Jacob M. OQuin
April 12th
Deborah C. Candella
April 14th

Club Member Anniversaries

James E. Slatten
04-01-1985
39 Years
Fabian A. Patin
04-01-1987
37 Years
Thomas E. Poche
04-22-2004
20 Years
J. Brandon Moore
04-13-2006
18 Years
Heidi Jacobs McDonald
04-17-2008
16 Years
Wesley E. McDonald
04-11-2013
11 Years
Kohlar T. Frantzen
04-10-2014
10 Years
John W. Lewis III
04-18-2019
5 Years
James M. Rees
04-21-2022
2 Years

SOCIAL NIGHT -- SHRIMP BOIL APRIL 11

Our Spring Social Night will be a Shrimp Boil at Acadian Village on April 11. Kraig Strenge is in charge, and we have Mike Hefner lined up to do the boiling and Terry Huval and his band will be playing music. There will be door prizes given every 15 minutes. 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Invitations have been mailed, so please RSVP to Loretta soon. REMEMBER NO NOON MEETING ON APRIL 11.



APRIL 12 -- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EVENT

The Club will be a sponsor for the 2nd Annual International Student Eids Celebration to be held at H.L. Griffith Hall on Friday April 12, 2024. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. and is in furtherance of the Club's International avenue of service. We are looking for 5-8 Club members to attend and represent the Club. Please contact Kay Gautreaux, 1 (337) 298 8363 or kaygautreaux@cox.net for more details.

APRIL 13 -- REBUILD TOGETHER PROJECT

The Rebuild Together project---a fan favorite of the Club-- is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, and we need VOLUNTEERS!! We're also looking for someone (or a group) to sponsor lunch for our workers. There will be sign-up sheets at the back table or contact Paula Mendoza for details: 337 501 0808.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- UPCOMING EVENTS

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APRIL 19-21 DISTRICT CONFERENCE, GONZALES, LA
MAY 9 THROWBACK LUNCH
JUNE 27 INSTALLATION BANQUET
IN THE WORKS/DATES TBD:

-March/April, more Rotary Point work days
-March/April, Girl Scout Pollinator Wildflower Project at Rotary Point
-March/April, Rebuild Together Project
-April/May, International Student Event

-MORE POP-UP SOCIALS: WINE TASTING, VISIT TO ROTARY ARCHIVES AT UL LIBRARY AND THEN COCKTAILS, TAP ROOM WHEN SEAN TRCALEK PLAYS, BRUNCH
-DINNER WITH FAMILY PROMISE
-BELLE'S TOWER HANDICAP RAMP/NEW MEMBER GRANT PROJECT
-POP-UP COFFEE AT HUB CITY DINNER RE ROTARY MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
STAY TUNED!..



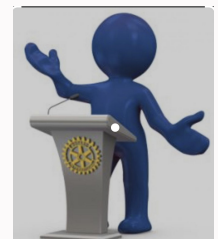
UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

April 11, 2024-Annual Crawfish/Shrimp Boil

April 18, 2024- Mayor President-Monique Blanco-Boulet

April 25, 2024-Maine Lobster-John McMillian

May 2, 2024-Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency-Suzanna Morton



THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do.

Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to all Concerned?

Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

HYBRID MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

This week's meeting will be a hybrid meeting with in-person lunch at the Petroleum Club at noon, and the meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom.

Log-in information for attending via Zoom is listed below:

Using a computer/laptop you can simply click the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74976622814?pwd=WGc1dnFmZlRCVjVUNzFlU0hGdS9zdz09>

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 749 7662 2814

Passcode: 044754