

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 MAYOR-PRESIDENT MONIQUE BLANCO-BOULET

Monique Blanco Boulet is a proven leader and a business candidate known for her integrity and effectiveness in delivering a return on investment to taxpayers. She has brought federal, state, and local resources together to transform community-focused initiatives from concept to reality. From regional flood control strategies and projects to expanding LUSFiber across Acadiana, Monique is considered a leader working across political lines to bring our tax dollars home for infrastructure and revitalization. She delivered drainage and road projects by taking the politics out of our decision-making. Monique believes in honest and transparent government that welcomes questions, feedback, and collaborations. Simply put, Monique will bring honesty, integrity, and true leadership back to Lafayette Parish.

Monique served as the CEO of the Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) and led the Acadiana Rural Fiber-to-the-home Initiative, the Acadiana Watershed Initiative, regional transportation planning, and regional economic development. In this capacity, Monique was responsible for coordinating major projects that improved life for every family in Acadiana. Before entering public service, Monique specialized in strategic business planning for a private-sector start-up oil field company.

Monique and her husband David are celebrating 30 years of marriage this year. Her daughter works for Schlumberger, her middle children are studying for careers in the energy sector, and her youngest son is a cadet at West Point. She earned her Executive MBA from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is the daughter of Louisiana's only woman governor, the late Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, and the late Raymond "Coach" Blanco. Monique was born and raised in Acadiana. She is proud and passionate about Lafayette!



ROTARY DISTRICT 6200 CONFERENCE

The District 6200 Annual Conference will be held April 18-20, 2024 at the Price LeBlanc Pace Center in Gonzales. This is a great way to get involved in Rotary activities at a district level and to observe firsthand the good works that our District does. For those who may not know, District 6200 spans much of south and central Louisiana, with Clubs from DeRidder to Golden Meadow and in between. The speakers and programs are interesting and informative and the evening social events, particularly the Food Fest are fantastic.

Any Club member--new or old--whether you're on the Board or not, is invited and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to take a deeper dive into what Rotary is about. For more details, see <https://rotary6200.org/2024-district-conference/>

Rotary CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

**2024
DISTRICT
CONFERENCE**

PRICE LEBLANC
PACE CENTER
GONZALES, LA

18-20
APRIL

**STIRRING UP SERVICE IN
LOUISIANA'S SWEET SPOT**

Join us in Sugarcane country where
something SWEET is always stirring!

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Please direct questions to Traci Adams at
district6200conference2024@gmail.com

2024 SHRIMP BOIL SOCIAL PICS



Robert Sean Trcalek
Vocational Service Director



Thomas L. Hays
iPast President
Past President

District

Ken Firmin
District Governor
Craig Walling
DG-Elect
Chris Duhan
DG-Nominee

Birthdays

Marshall Guidry
April 23rd
Toby J. Aguillard
April 24th
Heidi Jacobs McDonald
May 1st
Scottie David Simon
May 2nd
Jeffrey B. Benton
May 3rd
Joseph D. Lavergne
May 5th
Andre Hebert
May 7th

Club Member Anniversaries

James R. Faulk
05-01-1989
35 Years
Ed Abell
05-01-1994
30 Years
Thomas E. Podre
04-22-2004
20 Years
Heidi Jacobs McDonald
04-17-2008
16 Years
John W. Lewis III
04-18-2019
5 Years
James M. Rees
04-21-2022
2 Years





INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EVENT

On April 12, 2024, the Rotary Club of Lafayette sponsored an International Student Dinner on the UL Lafayette campus. It was a great turnout and there was plenty of socializing and friendship between several students and Rotarians. Thanks to all who participated!



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!..

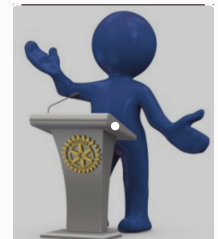
UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

April 25, 2024-Maine Lobster-John McMillian

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

May 9, 2024-Throw Back Lunch

May 16, 2024-Mental Health-Ruby Noble Evans



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=WGc1dnFmZIRCvjlUNzFlU0hGdS9zdz09>

Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 749 7662 2814
Passcode: 044754

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?