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# Rotary Club of Lafayette



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## Rotary Club of Lafayette Meeting

Petroleum Club Lafayette  
Thursdays at NOON

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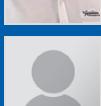
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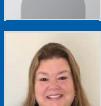
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**May 5, 2022 Speaker - Dean Melinda Granger Oberleitner,  
Dean of Nursing, University of Louisiana Lafayette**

Melinda Granger Oberleitner, D.N.S., R.N., F.A.A.N.  
Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
LHC Group Endowed Dean  
Professor of Nursing  
SLEMCO/BORSF Endowed Professor in Nursing  
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University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Dr. Melinda Oberleitner is Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a Professor in the LHC Group ? Myers School of Nursing. She is the holder of the SLEMCO/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Nursing. An alumna of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing/Wharton Executive Nurse Fellows Program and a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, Dr. Oberleitner has extensive leadership experience in academic nursing education. Under her leadership, departments in the college have experienced significant growth and expansion to become one of the largest colleges at the university with a current enrollment of almost 2,000 nursing and health sciences students in programs ranging from bachelor's to doctoral degree levels. In addition, online Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs in the School of Nursing have been recognized among nationally highly ranked programs in U.S. News and World Reports rankings. In 2021, Dr. Oberleitner and the college's Development Officer cultivated and secured a \$20 million gift to the College from LHC Group and the Myers Family which is the largest gift to an academic unit in the 125-year history of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. In 2020, the School of Nursing was designated as a national Nursing Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing.



A pioneer and award-winning oncology nurse, Dr. Oberleitner is the first nursing faculty member in the 72-year history of the College of Nursing at UL Lafayette to be invited for fellowship in the prestigious American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Oberleitner is a long-standing member of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). She was named the recipient of the national Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year Award by ONS and the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation. She



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## Birthdays

Jeffrey B. Benton  
May 3rd

Joseph D. Lavergne  
May 5th

Andre Hebert  
May 7th

Todd G Citron  
May 15th

Victor L. Raxsdale  
May 15th

Nanette Soileau Heggie  
May 15th

Kam K. Movassaghi  
May 20th

Susan M. Sewall  
May 26th

Robert Wheeler  
May 29th

Mary B. Neiheisel  
May 30th

W. Donner Mizelle  
June 1st

Michael J. Breaux  
June 2nd

also received the American Cancer Society, Louisiana Division, Public Education Lifesaver Award. Dr. Oberleitner was recruited by ONS to co-lead several national task forces and project teams crucial to the mission of the organization. Several of ONS's recent major organizational initiatives have been pursued and funded as a result of several national research studies conducted by Dr. Oberleitner and a co-investigator. The results of Dr. Oberleitner and colleagues' research initiatives have informed and shaped the current mission and strategic plan of ONS and has resulted in the creation of oncology nursing specific end program competencies expected of all graduates of U.S. based pre-licensure nursing programs. Also, on behalf of ONS, she has been a long-time member of the Review Board and an Associate Editor of the Oncology Nursing Forum, a high impact journal, and the research journal for the Society.

## Recap of April 28, 2022 Meeting - Mr. Conrad Comeaux, Lafayette Parish Tax Assessor



Mr. Conrad Comeaux, Lafayette Parish Tax Assessor, addressed the club on city/parish consolidation and its effect on Lafayette. Some of the information he provided included the impact of annexation after 1995 (over \$400,000 lost in parish tax revenues); the 2022 municipal boundaries (impact of annexation and population numbers); the model used for consolidation (East Baton Rouge and the current and similar issues that parish is facing); and allocation tables that have been utilized for tax assessments. A question and answer period followed Mr. Comeaux's presentation.

## Recap of April 30, 2022 Sporting Clay Shoot

This past Saturday 50 participants took aim at 17 stations at the Wilderness Gun Club in Lafayette.

The weather was perfect, everyone had a great time, and the event's success is due to its generous sponsors:

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## Club Member Anniversaries

Gerald Breaux  
05-01-1981  
41 Years  
James R. Faulk  
05-01-1989  
33 Years  
Ed Abell  
05-01-1994  
28 Years  
Carroll J. LeBlanc  
05-08-1997  
25 Years

Jeffrey B. Benton  
05-14-1998  
24 Years

Stella C. Theriot  
05-23-2002  
20 Years

Gabriel Delhomme  
05-22-2003  
19 Years

Eddie J. Lewis  
05-25-2006  
16 Years

Joel A. Fruge  
05-26-2011  
11 Years

Timothy A. Prevost  
05-31-2012  
10 Years

Michael P. Zaunbrecher  
05-28-2015  
7 Years

William R. Davie  
05-11-2017  
5 Years

Lanoux Learning Coaching & Consulting (Jeannine Lanoux)  
Scout Real Estate Co. Commercial Sales & Leasing (Tim Skinner)  
Roy & Cheryl LeMelle  
Heggie Investment Partners (Nanette Heggie)  
Ragin' Cajun Rotaract Club (Bill Davie)  
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## Food Sponsor: Old Tyme Grocery

(Left) Left to right: Russell Caffery,  
Andrew Caffrey, Dr. Mickey Finely, Vic  
Raxdale



(Right) Left to right: James Blakeney, Don Mizelle, Mark Lokey



(Left)  
Left  
to right: Kyle Domingue, Cade Candella,  
Debbie Candella, Kyle Candella, Scott  
Candella, Logan Bex.



(Left) Left to right: Paul Guidry, Scott  
Lavergne, Johnny Barron



(Right) Left to right: John LeMelle, Reving  
Broussard, Tommy Hayes, Mike Mayer



(Left) Photo of the Trophy Ceremony with Dan Lavergne (left) announcing the day's winner, Mike Latalais (right), and Kevin Caswell presenting Mike a.k.a. "Fred Flintstone" his trophy.

Thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who made it happen!

### 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:

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