



The Westbank



Lend a Hand

Rotator

November 4th, 2003

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President's Pen

The Family of Rotary. What is it? A new emphasis by President Majiyagbe encourages club fellowship and outreach among all those engaged in Rotary service. Whenever Rotary clubs make time for families instead of competing for family time, everyone benefits. When family members participate in club activities, they often wind up enlarging the Rotary family.

President Majiyagbe has strong family ties and wanted to apply the benefits of the extended family system in Africa to all Rotary clubs. President Majiyagbe, at Anaheim, used the metaphor of "family of Rotary" saying that such a family "provides a haven where we can gather the strength and encourage to face the challenges of the world. We will 'Lend A Hand' of fellowship to all of the family of Rotary. I will be asking every club to form a Family of Rotary committee to find more ways to create and nurture that atmosphere of warmth and caring. I am asking Rotarians to 'Lend a Hand', not only to increase our membership but also retain members. We need to involve all members of our family in Rotary service."

Who is the Family of Rotary? The FoR is composed of spouses, adult children, spouses of deceased Rotarians, former Rotarians, Ambassadorial scholars,

former GSE team members, Rotaract members and Interact members.

What can be done? We have formed a Family of Rotary committee charged with making the Rotary experience more "family friendly". Family members who become involved in Rotary service and social activities will better understand why the club member makes time for Rotary even when it conflicts with other demands.

The FoR committee will monitor how our club relates to our members and make improvements on those efforts to stay in touch with the sick, to support members experiencing problems with their careers, to respond to the Rotarian or the family in bereavement, to make note of those members who are becoming less involved and find out what can be done to improve the situation, and make new members feel a part of the "family".

We should strive to welcome and include non-Rotarian family members – spouses and adult children -- as active participants in club activities and fellowship. And if a club member dies, do not forget about the spouse and children. Keep in touch so that they remain part of the family of Rotary.

The more hands we have, the more effective the services we render.

Another way for the FoR to act is to help a smaller club with a fundraiser. We did this last year by cosponsoring with the Algiers club the Blue Dog Dinner Dance polio fundraiser.

District Conference provides an opportunity to strengthen our membership by cementing friendships and instilling pride in Rotary. FoodFest is our family reunion. Invite the Family of Rotary to our Installation Banquet, holiday party fundraising events and service projects.

We need to find more ways to foster a family atmosphere in our club. The new Family of Rotary committee co-chaired by Kent Alimia and Judy Marshall will support this effort by helping us find ways to create a more caring atmosphere in our club, one that includes spouses and families and will help us retain our members and grow our club.

The FoR on a club basis, a local basis or global basis is what Rotary is about.

Yours in Rotary,
Bob Watzke

“Admire those who attempt great things, even if they fail.”

-Seneca

Rotary Club of the Westbank

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Tuesday Meetings, 12:15 PM
Gretna United Methodist Church
1309 Whitney Ave., Gretna

PROGRAM CHAIR

November 11, 2003 _____ Bob Weileman
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LUNCH GUEST



Ray Hymel _____ Assistant District Govn.
Jerry Fortino _____ guest from Algiers
Sammy Trupiano _____ guest from Metairie
Vaugh Brennan _____ guest of the club

Program Chair

Henry Sullivan will have our guest speaker for November 4th meeting.

Guest Speaker

For November 4th, Henry Sullivan will introduce **Judge Stephen Grefer**, Judge of Division B, 2nd Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson. Judge Grefer will give us information about the new 2nd Parish Court Building, which is now under construction at the corner of Huey P. Long Avenue and First Street in Gretna. He will also discuss recent changes in the law that may be of interest to our members.

Announcements:

John Centanni, the Director of Club Services, is suggestions for Club Services to please email him at jccjr@bellsouth.net.

Happy Birthday!



Jennifer Stansbury

Recap of Last Week

Spotlight of the Week

Robert Anding

Robert was born in New Orleans on June 24, 1930. He attended public school from 1st class to 8th grade and lived in the Carrolton Area. His father was a pharmacist and his mother was a retail florist.

Robert attended Fortier High School and graduated 1949. In 1948, he scored a 2-point conversion against St. Aloysius in the football state championships. He later attended Louisiana State University.

He married first wife Paty South in 1950 and later they had one son, Robert, who just graduated from Loyola this year Magna Cum Laude.

His first business was as a retail florist. Then he worked in Crowley, Louisiana with Humble Oil before entering the U.S. Army in 1953. He left the Army in 1955 and went to Cook School. 1955 marked the year Robert went to work at Boch Oil in Grand Isle. Later, in 1961, he went into the contracting business as a general contractor. He built and remodeled homes as well as built corner strip shopping centers and commercial warehouses and much more.

Robert married Betty Tucker of Elysian Fields, Texas in 1959. They have two children and 5 grandsons and one great granddaughter.

Robert retired in 1980's and his wife retired TPST in 2000. He joined Rotary as a St. Roslie Sponsor and his hobbies include reading, traveling, and cooking. Robert enjoys the Rotary Club and looks forward to each Tuesday's meeting.

COMING SOON!

Joseph Falcone



GUEST SPEAKER

CONRAD MEYER IV NOKIA SUGAR BOWL

Conrad Meyer IV has been an attorney with the Baldwin & Haspel law firm in downtown New Orleans since 1969. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Tulane University.

Conrad played football for Jesuit High School, and he then played four years of football for Tulane in the 1960's as an offensive lineman. Conrad worked as a line coach for Jim Pittman for one year, and decided that he would rather be an attorney than a football coach. His law practice includes estate planning and administration, wills and estates, trusts, real estate, banking and business law.

Conrad is President of the Nokia Sugar Bowl, which has the National Championship game this year on Sunday night, January 4, 2004.

NOKIA SUGAR BOWL

The Sugar Bowl was formed nearly 70 years ago in New Orleans as a service organization. The Sugar Bowl sponsors not only the annual football game in New Orleans, but a basketball tournament, volleyball match, soccer championships, Louisiana High School Athletic Association football championships, swimming meet, marathon, track and field meet and sailing events.

The University of New Orleans has estimated the financial impact this year of the National Championship game to be approximately \$250 million for the greater New Orleans area.




Lunch Menu

Meat Loaf
Corn
Spinach Casserole
Sliced Tomatoes on Lettuce
Peach Upside Cake

Important Notice:
*Golf Tournament to support the
 Westbank District of the Boy Scouts
 November 11th at Lakewood.
 See Robert Folsie for details on how to participate.*

Absent:

Ard, Autin, Cahill, Campbell, Doubleday, Foley, Folsie, Gattuso, Gegenheimer, Hummel, James, Leaber, D. Marshall, T. Marshall, Melancon, Mire, Moore, Oubre, Parker, Rodriguez-Fierro, Schexnayder, Schieman, Skinner, J. Stephens, Stuntz, Sullivan, Thiels, Wagner, Watske



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Ray Hymel
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