



Rotary
Club of Baton Rouge
Chartered 1918



The RedStick

VOLUME 20, ISSUE 6
DECEMBER 1, 2024

The Four-Way Test

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Office

9625 Fenway Avenue
Suite A
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Contact Info

Telephone (225) 922-9940

www.rotarybr.org

Website Member Login

ID: rotarybr
PW: harris



Calendar

December 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Upcoming Speakers</u>
December 4th @ 12:15 PM	Speaker: DA Hillar Moore Topic: Crime 2024
December 9th @ 8:00 AM	Rotary Club of Baton Rouge 2025-2026 Annual Election E-Voting Opens
December 11th @ 12:15 PM Annual Meeting	Speaker: Superintendent Lamont Cole Topic: First 100 Days as Superintendent Birthday Recognition
December 11th @ 1:00 PM	Rotary Club of Baton Rouge 2025-2026 Annual Election E-Voting Closes
December 18th @ 12:00 PM	Holiday Party Live Music Provided by Kids' Orchestra Rotarians & Guests <i>Register your guests by 1 PM Monday, December 16</i>
December 25th & January 1st No Noon Meeting	 <i>Happy Holidays</i>

Rotary



Club of Baton Rouge



Rotary



Club of Baton Rouge

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greg Wood, Jr.

"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something"
– Max Lucado

Fellow Rotarians,

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving! With the holiday season in full swing, the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge will continue to give back to our community and help those in need, while fostering a sense of community and fellowship.

Our club recently announced **(2) International Service Projects: 1) Northeast Brazil Mission: Medical and Mental Health Screenings of School Age Children** and **2) Computers for Ghana**. Thanks to Marcio Araujo and Haggai Davis for taking the lead on these projects. Read more about these amazing projects in this newsletter and how you can get involved!

The annual **Rotary Holiday Party** will be held on December 18th at Drusilla. Please consider bringing guests as we will have live music provided by members of the Kids Orchestra! Let's take this opportunity to reflect on the values of kindness, gratitude, and giving, which are the core to the spirit of the holiday season.

Come To Rotary!

Gregory A. Wood, Jr.

President, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge 2024-2025

BOARD NOTES

Resignations

Kimberly Lewis
LaDonna Williams



2025-2026 ANNUAL ELECTION



E-Voting

An Email will be sent out Monday, December 9 at 8:00 AM with the voting link. You may e-vote at any time.



Email:
Sherry@rotarybr.org

Subject:
Rotary Club of Baton Rouge E-Voting: Board of Directors for 2025-2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

E-VOTE ▶

OPENS ▶

8:00 AM Monday, December 9, 2024

CLOSES ▶

1:00 PM Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Rotary
Club of Baton Rouge





2025-2026 NOMINEES



ROBERT "ROB" DAIGREPONT, JR.

Club Member Since: 2018



ROBERT E. DOUGLAS

Club Member Since: 2022



NANCY BOMBET ELLIS

Club Member Since: 2022



WILLIAM "SCOTT" GAUDIN

Club Member Since: 2019



NICOLAS "NICK" PENTAS

Club Member Since: 2017



CARRIE STEAKLEY

Club Member Since: 2021

DECEMBER 11, 2024
E-VOTING

Rotary

Club of Baton Rouge



2025-2026

ANNUAL ELECTION

THE NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



December Birthdays

Wishing You All The Best



- | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| I Regina Davis | II Matt Jones | 16 Doc Zwez |
| I Dan Dupree | 12 Ritchie Goebel | 18 Kelly Hurtado |
| I Anne Hebert | 13 David Wascom | 19 Kathy Baker |
| I Carter Stone | 14 Lee Kantrow | 20 Vernadine Mabry |
| 2 Barbara Auten | 14 Stephen Loy | 21 Oliver Garden |
| 2 Liz Hampton | 15 Margina Borne | 21 Vanessa Graham |
| 3 Thomas Brown | 15 Natasha James | 21 Jay Noel |
| 4 Cindy Moss | 15 Jim Kidd | 22 Noah Boudreaux |
| 4 Steven Winkler | 15 Thom Melancon | 23 Dale Bankston |
| 5 Edie Bender | 15 Hillar Moore | 23 Steve Taylor |
| 6 Terry Leblanc | 15 John Reeder | 24 Jareth Rosman |
| 8 David Ziober | 15 Ann Trappey | 27 Marie Powell |
| 9 Chard Richard | 15 Lynn Weill | 28 Buck Moyse |
| 9 Pt Tuck | 16 Jim Carver | 29 Christel Slaughter |
| 10 Robert Douglas | 16 Chris Ciesielski | 30 Ralph Ney |
| 10 Barbee Pipes | 16 Jim Ellis | 31 Nancy Stich |
| 10 Bobbi Zaunbrecher | 16 Darylene Pugh | |
| II Gerri Hobdy | 16 Mike Zobrist | |



Rotary
Club of Baton Rouge



Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 11, 2024

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

AT THE NOON ROTARY MEETING

Please sit at the Reserved Birthday Table

Rotary 
Club of Baton Rouge

ROTARIANS & GUESTS

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 18 @ NOON
FOR OUR

Holiday
PARTY
DRUSILLA PLACE

LIVE MUSIC PROVIDED BY


kids'
ORCHESTRA

Register your guests by
1 PM Monday, December 16



ROTARY CLUB OF BATON ROUGE INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Rotary Mission Trip 2025

What: Travel to Northeast Brazil & provide medical screenings

Why: Northeast Brazil Students live in poverty and lack access to resources

When: May 31, - June 7, 2025

Who: Marcio Arajuo,
Marcio.arajuo@mcaengrbr.com



Rotary International Project 2025

What: Donate used laptops to be used in Ghana & location to store them

Why: Students in Ghana learn how to access the internet etc, by using a chalkboard

When: 2025

Who: Haggai Davis, Haggai@hagdav.com
Sherry McBeath, sherry@rotarybr.org





Rotary

Club of Baton Rouge



COME TO ROTARY!



MEMBER *Spotlight*

Paul is the Medical Imaging Account Executive at Majestic Medical Solutions

Why did you join Rotary? In 2003, after starting my first company, I looked for an organization where I could connect with like-minded business people dedicated to supporting the community. I reached out to my cousin, Ian Melancon, and my uncle, Johnny Melancon, who both recommended The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge. It turned out to be an excellent suggestion!

Fun or Interesting Fact: I earned a BS in Nutrition/Dietetics and an MS in Exercise Physiology, both from LSU. During graduate school, I interned at Pennington Biomedical Research Center and later accepted a position there as a research associate. My role involved conducting some intense human performance tests on study participants. To this day, I still encounter people who jokingly remind me of the "torture" I put them through in the name of science!

Favorite Book: Tough to choose an absolute favorite. As a youngster, I mainly read fiction and my favorite book was *The Stand* by Stephen King. Now, I'm primarily reading non-fiction. Erik Larson's *The Splendid and the Vile* and *The Devil in the White City* were fantastic. Michael Pollan is my favorite food science author, and I've read all his books. My most recent read was *The Body* by Bill Bryson—a fascinating head-to-toe tour of the marvels of the human body.

Favorite Rotary moment: Coach Les Miles and Snoop Dogg!!!! If you were there, you know!

What are you excited about: My wife kicking cancer's butt and overcoming breast cancer.

Favorite place to meet a Rotarian for coffee or a meal or a drink: Istrouma Brewery after a bike ride around Bayou Paul

Family: My wife, Amber, and our four children: Sierra, Kade, Schaeffer and Riley.



PAUL J. MORAN



The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge is proud to announce its recent donation of a new refrigerator to Thrive Academy, a unique learning community in Baton Rouge. This contribution aims to support the students at Thrive, who not only study hard but also live on campus during the week. The refrigerator will serve the needs of the students, providing them with more options to store and access healthy food and snacks while they focus on their studies and personal development.

Thrive Academy is redefining what a school can be. Students are not only engaged in rigorous academics, but they also reside in modern dormitories during the school week, fostering a sense of independence and community. This living-learning environment teaches students valuable life skills such as personal responsibility and mutual respect, preparing them for future success.

This donation aligns with the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge's commitment to education and youth development. With nearly 500 members dedicated to service, the club has a long history of supporting educational projects throughout the community. The new refrigerator at Thrive Academy is just one example of how Rotary is making a tangible difference in the lives of Baton Rouge's young people, ensuring that students have the resources they need to thrive both academically and personally.

Rotary



Multiple Paul Harris

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge recognized the following Rotarians on November 20, 2024



Mary Erlingson

PHF+1 (One Sapphire)

Pictured with Rotarian Michael Tipton

Paul Harris Fellow

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge recognized the following Rotarians on November 20, 2024



Chris Harrell

PHF

Congratulations



Emily Stich

PHF

Pictured with Rotarian Michael Tipton

SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS





MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS INFO

If you would like to honor someone or make a donation in memory of someone, a donation to the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Foundation, Inc. is a great option.

You can simply send a check to the Rotary office and we will notify the Rotarian of your thoughtful gift.

Make check out to: Rotary Club of Baton Rouge
Memo Line: Include your badge #, Memorial (person's name)
Mail to: Rotary Club of Baton Rouge
9625 Fenway Ave, Suite A
Baton Rouge, LA 70809



BABY BARREL INFO

Did you have a baby or grandbaby born and would like to celebrate their birth with the club?

Email the following information and a photo to Christy@rotarybr.org:

- Baby's Name
- Baby's Birth weight
- Date of Birth
- Parent's Names
- Family's Residence (City, State)
- Baby's photo



We will bill you \$1 for every pound of the baby's birth weight, rounding up. We will provide the silver dollar coins for you to throw into the baby barrel at a Rotary meeting. All money raised goes to the Club's Foundation.

Rotary Noon News

Business & Industry
related or other good
things happening in the
community



**Do you have Rotary
Noon News to share
with the club?**

Don't forget, we want your news! If you've got something going on at work, or know a club member who does, we encourage user submitted news and we have set up an email address to collect it.
news@rotarybr.org

HAPPY *Holidays*

One of the real joys of the
Holiday Season
is the opportunity to say
Thank You
and to wish you the
very best for the
New Year.

*- The Rotary Staff -
Sherry, Christy & Solitaire*

Rotary
Club of Baton Rouge

