



**Rotary**  
Club of Baton Rouge  
Chartered 1918



# The RedStick

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## 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?

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# Calendar November 2024

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Date

Upcoming Speakers

**November 6th**  
**@ 12:15 PM**

**Speaker:** Kathy Kliebert  
**Topic:** Shades of Gray: Aging in Louisiana  
**Quarterly Blood Drive**

**November 13th**  
**@ 12:15 PM**

**Speaker:** Jim Engster  
**Topic:** Insights on the recent Presidential,  
Congressional and local elections  
**Birthday Recognition**  
**On-Site Vaccination Day -**  
**COVID-19 Booster Shots & Flu Shots**

**November 20th**  
**@ 12:15 PM**

**Speaker:** Jennifer Herricks  
**Topic:** Can Polio Come Back? The Risks of  
Vaccine Misinformation

**November 27th**  
**No Noon Meeting**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Happy  
Thanksgiving





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### A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Greg Wood, Jr.*

*"We make a living by what we get, but  
we make a life by what we give"  
– Winston Churchill*

Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge was recently recognized with the Rotary Citation Award, which is an award for achieving or exceeding the club goals set forth for the year. It's no surprise to me that Past President Carol Patin kept that streak going as we have received this honor 18 years in a row! Our list of goals are extensive, but just to name a few: Rotary International Foundation Contributions, Polio Plus Contributions, Service Project Participation, Membership Growth, Interact Clubs Sponsored and many more. We will keep this standard going!

One of the most colorful traditions in Rotary is the exchanging of banners with other clubs. Banners (also known as flags) usually include symbols or images of a club's town, region or country. This exchange is a great way to express goodwill and better friendships! If you get the opportunity while travelling, please consider visiting another Rotary club and exchange with our club banner. You may contact our office for more details on club locations and pickup of banner.

**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!!** We are getting ever so close to being a 500-member club. Our strength in numbers represents a powerful force that lies within collective effort, collaboration, and community amongst our members. With that in mind, please invite a prospective member to an upcoming meeting and enjoy one of our great programs.

Come To Rotary!

Gregory A. Wood, Jr.

President, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge 2024-2025





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# COME TO ROTARY!



# BOARD NOTES

## Resignations

Laurie Adams  
William "Dore" Binder  
Jamie Burgess  
Christian Engle  
John "Martin" Walke



# 2025-2026 ANNUAL ELECTION

The nominees  
for the  
2024-2025  
Board of  
Directors



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

E-VOTE ►

DECEMBER 11, 2024

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## 2025-2026 NOMINEES



**ROBERT "ROB" DAIGREPNT, 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**

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2025-2026

# ANNUAL ELECTION

THE NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

# SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS








# November Birthdays

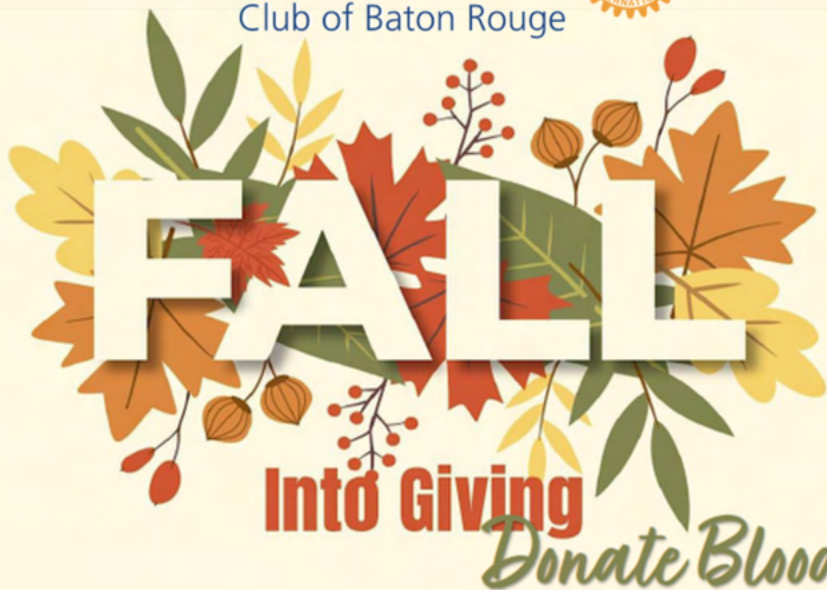
Wishing You All The Best



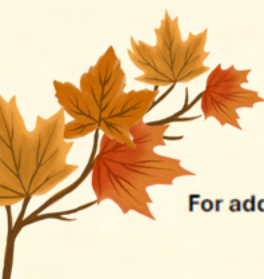
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| 3  | Christina Melton    | 20 | Stephen Wagley    |
| 3  | Skipper Post        | 21 | John Grubb        |
| 4  | Matt Spradley       | 21 | Felix Weill       |
| 5  | Jill Garner         | 22 | Ed Silvey         |
| 7  | Jonny Dunnam        | 23 | Paul Moran        |
| 9  | Brian Haldane       | 24 | Kimberly Lewis    |
| 9  | Cynthia Peterson    | 24 | Kenneth Champagne |
| 11 | Todd Sterling       | 24 | Judith Roberson   |
| 11 | Carrie Steakley     | 24 | Scott Johnson     |
| 12 | Laurie Chapple      | 25 | Craig Broome      |
| 14 | Ryan Gisclair       | 25 | Amey Crousillac   |
| 14 | Bobbie Carey        | 25 | Paula Davis       |
| 15 | Ken Best            | 27 | Libbie Sonnier    |
| 17 | Sherry Guarisco     | 28 | Will Swillie      |
| 17 | Bill Peters         | 28 | Henry Grace       |
| 18 | Barbara Freiberg    | 29 | Brent Boe'        |
| 18 | Charlotte Claiborne | 29 | Cliff Ivey        |
| 19 | Wes Ulrich          | 30 | Trippe Hawthorne  |
| 19 | Ben Taylor          | 30 | Cindy Munn        |
| 20 | Bob Bowsher         |    |                   |
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**Drusilla Place**  
**November 6, 2024**  
**10:00am to 2:00pm**



Our Lady  
of the Lake  
Health

Eat before donating. Bring Picture ID

For additional information about donating please call 225-765-8843  
OR TEXT OLOL BLOOD DONOR CENTER AT 999-777

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*Happy Birthday*

**NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

# **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION**

**AT THE NOON ROTARY MEETING**

Please sit at the Reserved Birthday Table



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# ON-SITE VACCINATION DAY

COVID-19 Booster Shots & Flu Shots

**NOVEMBER 13, 2024**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**LOCATION: DRUSILLA PLACE**  
*(IN THE BLOOD DRIVE ROOM)*

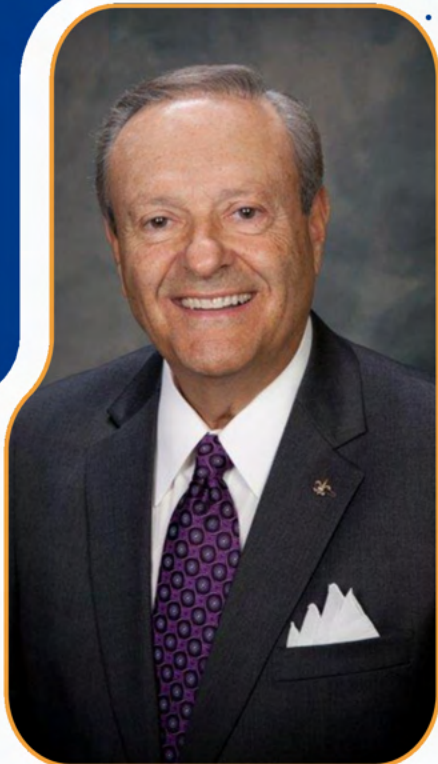
*Congratulations*

# RICHARD A. LIPSEY



YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
ROTARY CLUB OF BATON ROUGE

- Joined October 28, 1964
- Club President 1974-1975



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# MEMBER *Spotlight*

**Bobbi is the External Relations Director at the LSU Law Center.**

**Why did you join Rotary?** My father was very proud to be a Rotarian and of Rotary's contributions to our small town. When I had an opportunity to join a civic organization, there was no question that it would be Rotary!

**Favorite Book/Podcast:** James Lee Burke's Dave Robicheaux series

**Favorite Rotary moment:** My father took me to my first Rotary meeting in 1968. I was an unusual guest – a 16 year old girl. Women were not Rotarians in those days and though his club members were polite and welcoming, I could tell they were not completely comfortable with me being there. My father was very conventional, but he was determined that I should learn that nobody can tell me I don't belong here.

**Favorite place to meet a Rotarian for coffee or a meal or a drink:** City Café

**Family:** Robert Cheramie, spouse; Emily Zaunbrecher, daughter; Zack Zaunbrecher, son; Olivia Hutchinson, granddaughter.



**BOBBI ZAUNBRECHER**



Mark your calendars!

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# Upcoming **SERVICE PROJECTS**

Signup links will be emailed out with more info to sign up for each service project.

**November 9**

**St. Vincent de Paul Baton Rouge**

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

St. Vincent de Paul Shelter -  
Bags of Hope

Help bag snack packs for the Bags of Hope program.

**November**

**United Cajun Navy**

Operating 7 days a week from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
for the next 30 days

Assisting United Cajun Navy at the Warehouse -

Volunteers are needed to assist with separating disaster aid supplies to ship to the survivors of Hurricane Francine, Helene and Milton. This does not require heavy lifting.

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge is tracking the clubs' service hours, please send the staff an email with the day, time and number of hours volunteered.

**First Thursday  
of every month**

**Westminster Elementary School**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Partnering with Volunteers In Public Schools (V.I.P.S) -  
Read-a-Loud program with students

Volunteers will read to students and assist with activities to fit the program.

# SERVICE PROJECT

**Rotary**   
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Partnering with KTTB



3 RCBR volunteers worked Friday, October 18, 2024 with cleaning up the shoulder of the interstate from Sherwood to N Airline Highway and at Airline Highway and Old Hammond Highway. A total of 13 contractor bags of garbage, 2 tires, car parts and a dumpster top were picked up.



*Thank you!*





# ROTARY REMEMBERS



Alzheimer's®

SERVICES

of the Capital Area

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13 RCBR members and guests showed up at team Rotary ReMembers on Saturday, October 19, 2024 to the Alzheimer's Services - Walk to Remember.

## ABOUT THE WALK TO REMEMBER

The Walk to Remember is the largest event in the Greater Baton Rouge area to raise awareness regarding Alzheimer's disease and funds to support the programs and services Alzheimer's Services provides to local families affected by Alzheimer's or other memory-related impairments.





OCTOBER 25, 2024

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# SERVICE PROJECT

## ASSISTING THE UNITED CAJUN NAVY

**Friday, October 25, 2024**

10 volunteers sorted disaster aid supplies to ship to the survivors of Hurricane Francine, Helene and Milton.



### **On Going Service Project**

Most of the United Cajun Navy volunteers are in the disaster field, so they are operating on a skeleton crew in Baton Rouge. Volunteers are needed to assist with separating disaster aid supplies at the warehouse. This is an ongoing project for at least the next 30 days.

*This does not require heavy lifting, but any skilled volunteers who can operate a forklift would be a great asset.*

**Address:** 9318 Jimmy Wedell Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70807

# 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](mailto:news@rotarybr.org)

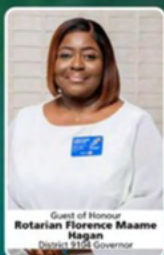


Rotary Club of Baton Rouge makes national news; project started in May 2024 by our club is ongoing!

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Clubs of Accra-Teshie Nungua  
& Baton Rouge



# OKAMAFOO DONOR COMMUNITY FORUM



Guest of Honour  
**Rotarian Florence Maame Nagan**  
District 9130 Governor



Guest of Honour  
**Dr Bernard Okoe Boye**  
Minister of Health

Christ the King Hall, Accra

10th Oct. 2024

5:00pm



Special Guest  
**Dr DuCesta Aboagye**  
CEO, National Health Insurance  
Authority



Special Guest  
**Dr Leveana Gyimah**  
Technical Officer for Mental Health,  
WHO Country Office, Ghana

**Participating Clubs:**

Rotary Clubs of Accra-East, Accra-Labone,  
Accra-Morning Tide, Accra-North Kaneshie,  
Bogoso, Accra-West, Accra-La East, Dunkwa,  
Akosombo Dam-City, Accra-Achimota, Tema Meridian,  
Kumasi, Winneba, Rotaract Club of Accra-Teshie Nungua

SUPPORTING PARTNERS:



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## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS INFO

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*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

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## BABY BARREL INFO

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*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](mailto: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.*




# Memorial Contributions

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The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge  
Foundation gratefully acknowledges  
contributions made in memory of:

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**William "Bill" Slaughter, Rotarian and  
spouse of Rotarian Christel Slaughter,  
made by Steven & Monica Winkler**

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**Janet "Jan" Daly, Rotarian, made by  
The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge**

**Janet "Jan" Daly, Rotarian, made by  
Sherry McBeath**

**Janet "Jan" Daly, Rotarian, made by  
Greg & Mindy Wood**

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**JANET "JAN" DALY**

April 26, 1939 - October 27, 2024

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**ROTARY MEMBER:  
1998-2024**

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