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The Rotary Club of Lake Charles

Club
2620
District
6200

August 30, 2005

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Eric Taylor, of the SWLA Center for Health Services is today's speaker.

CLUB CALENDAR

AUGUST

30th Eric Taylor, SWLA Center for Health Services

SEPTEMBER

6th Kay C. Barnett, Christus St. Patrick Foundation

7th* BOARD MEETING

13th George Swift, Partnership for Economic Development

LITERACY RECEPTION
Sensational Creation
More details to come

20th Jim Brandt

27th TBA

OCTOBER

7th MSU International Students Picnic

August Chair: Eligha Guillory
September Chair: Ann Knapp

*Denotes date other than a Tuesday

Bridges loves living his boyhood dream

Among John Bridges favorite memories as a boy growing up were the Saturday shopping trips his family made from Sulphur to Lake Charles. Often those trips included, much to his delight, a visit to Muller's department store. It gave the admitted broadcast junkie the opportunity to dash across the street and gaze with the wondrous eyes of an 8-year-old through the picture window to watch Gary Tyler, Ben Garafalo and other radio personalities of the time plying their trade in the studios of KPLC Radio. Young John Bridges decided that his life work was going to be that of a broadcaster.

Today, Bridges is realizing that ambition as the host of the KPLC-TV Sunrise show and the Louisiana Traveler series. He started in radio at 15 and worked at several stations in Sulphur and Lake Charles before joining the KPLC-TV staff 13 years ago. And here he intends to stay.

JOHN TOLD US last week that he has had opportunities to move on to stations in larger markets, but this is home. He likes the people and the culture of Southwest Louisiana and does not want to try the waters anywhere else.

John's day gets off to an early start. "I get up at 3:30 a.m." quips the bald broadcaster, "do my hair and I'm out the door three minutes later." He arrives at the studio at 4 and is on the air with Sunrise from 5-7 a.m. The broadcast covers news of the day, including frequent weather updates, and guest interviews.

The Louisiana Traveler allows him to indulge in his favorite coverage of "good-news stories and human-interest features." He said he realizes that controversial matters must be covered, but he prefers the lighter side that permits him to highlight good things about Southwest Louisiana.

BRIDGES ALSO provided some insights into the broadcasting industry and how it is changing. He noted evolving changes in viewing habits. While at one time everybody was glued to TV for the evening news, today's viewers prefer to get their daily information from morning shows rather than evening broadcasts.

He concluded his presentation by showing several amusing VCR clips from the Louisiana Traveler series.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO VISIT

Mandi Mitchell, chairman of the High School Visitation Committee, says that Andy Betz has volunteered to bring two St. Louis High School students to each club meeting in October. She is looking for volunteers to arrange similar visits from other local schools.

\$10,000 DRAWING SCHEDULED NOV. 17

Chris Craven has announced that the club's fund-raiser drawing will be held on Nov. 17 at Treasures of Marilyn's. The goal is to sell 300 tickets at \$100 per. The grand prize is \$10,000 and 100 consolation prizes of \$100 will also be awarded. Profits will fund club programs and projects.

It's Good To Know

Club Membership Report

Newest Member: Steve Lang, Assistant Vice President, ICT Insurance

Membership: Club Total-70, Actives-51, Exempt-19

Leave of Absence: Marianne Leigh, Greta Willis

Recent Make-ups Reported: Sheila Champagne at Westlake; Bob Boling and James Jones at E-Club online

August Birthdays: Ted Meinscher on the 5th, Erbon Wise on the 14th, Edley Hixson on the 18th, Greta Willis on the 25th

Last Week's Drawing Winner: Bob Pumpelly

Members' Outstanding Balance: \$2,790 in unpaid dues

Financial News: Recently paid: \$2,189.95 in semiannual dues to Rotary International (\$33 per member); \$952 in semiannual dues to District 6200 (\$14 per member). Each member pays \$140 per year, leaving only \$46 of quarterly fees to remain in club accounts to pay club expenses.

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Club Number 2620 ? District 6200
Meetings: Tuesdays, Noon, Pioneer Club,
Lake Charles, LA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

President	Thad Mayo
President Elect	Beth Dawdy
Secretary	Eligha Guillory
Treasurer	George Cestia
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Board Members:	Pam Courtney
	Bob Dewey
	Richard Louviere
	Ann Knapp
	Tom Morris
	Chris Craven
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Our Members

Brian Abshire, Private Banking, Bank One 3
Donna Addkison, CEO, Chamber of Commerce, 2
Andy Betz, Jackpot Response Representative 1('93-'94), 2
Bob Boling, Owner, R.T Boling & Assc. 1('77-'78), 2
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Beth Dawdy, Manager, Marilyn's Catering 3
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Mary Frohn, Exec. Director, Literacy Council
Ed Godwin, *AE, Retired, Personnel Services 1('76-'77), 2
Eligha Guillory, Executive Director, Cal. Community Clinic 3
Jim Hackett, Senior Research Manager, SASOL
Paul Hannen, *AE, Retired, Personal Services 1('92-'93), 2
George Heard, Director, Chennault Industrial Airport
Bob Hebert, President, McNeese State University 1('86-'87), 2
Joe D. Hill, Past District Governor *AE, Navy Officer 1('96-'97), 2, 3
Edley Hixson, Director, Hixson Funeral Home 2
Beth Hollins, Asst. Attorney General, LA Dept. of Justice 1('98-'99), 2, 3
James Jones, VP, Whitney National Bank
Michelle Jordan, Worship Director, First United Methodist 3
Angela Jouette, Program Director, Americorps
Ernest Kennedy, *AE, Pres., Safety Brake Sales 1('97-'98), 2
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Richard Louviere, P. Asst. D.G., Owner, T-Shirt Warehouse 1('00-'01), 2, 3
Thad Mayo, VP, Mayo Land Title 2, 3
Michael McCall, *AE, Retired, Graybar Electric Inc. 1('85-'86), 2
E.E. McCanness, Physician, Children's Clinic 2, 3

Andy McGlathery, Attorney, Stockwell & Sievert 3
Harvey McMillin, *AE, Owner, McMillin Hearing Aid Service 2
Ted Meinscher, *AE, Retired, Gulf States 1('91-'92), 2
George Middleton, *AE, Retired, Clinical Psychology 2
Joe Miller Jr., Agent, New York Life 1('99-'00), 2, 3
Joe Miller Sr., President, F. Miller & Sons 2
Mandi Mitchell, Regional Mgr, BellSouth
Tom Morris, President, United Way of SWLA 1('94-'95), 2
Jerry Najman, Shift Manager, L' Auberge du Lac
David Painter, *AE, Judge 1('72-'73), 2
Shady Patton, Customer Service Mgr., Entergy 2
Joe Peshoff, II, Director, McElroy, Quirk, & Birch
J. Planchard Retired, District Court Judge
Frank Pruitt, PWK Timberland Corp. 1('65-'66), 2
Bob Pumpelly, *AE, Chairman, Pumpelly Oil 2
Reva Rand, Retired, Travel Agent 2
Freddie Ann Regan, Partners in Physical Therapy, LLC
Jeffrey Rippel, Director, Calcasieu Parish Libraries
Terry Robideaux, Owner, Profile2 Advertising 1('89-'90)
Jim Robinson, Dir. Of Navigation, Port of LC 3
Lester Sadler, Food & Beverages 2
Bernadette Seaberry, Owner, Sensational Creations 3
David L. Sigler, Attorney, David L. Sigler & Associates, 2, 3
Terry Stansell, General Mgr., Foley's
Gray Stream, VP, Gray Estate / Stream Companies
John Stubblefield, Dermatologist, 2
Eric Taylor, CEO, SWLA Center For Health Services 3
Jennifer Viccellio, General Manager, Sleep Inn & Comfort Suites
Louis Villaume, Agent, New York Life 2, 3
Bill Willis, CEO, Women & Children's 2
Erbon W. Wise, *AE, Retired, Publishing 3
Otray Woods, *AE, CPA, McElroy, Quirk & Birch
Jim Wynn, *AE, Retired, Public School Administrator 1('90-'91), 2

*AE—Active Exempt members are exempt from attendance requirements

- 1-Past President
- 2-Paul Harris Fellow
- 3-Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow