

Guest Speaker - Laci Melancon - Executive Director, The Coastal Center at Nicholls State University



Laci has over 20 years of experience in higher education, nonprofit management and private business industry management. She's served as a academic/career advisor, director of admissions and adjunct instructor for Fletcher **Technical Community** College; executive director for CASA of Terrebonne, Inc.; chief administrative officer of Southco Aviation; director of education at Unitech Training Academy-Houma Campus; and and most recently, the program director for the Coastal Technical Assistance Center. In November 2023, Laci received a National Certification as a Professional Community and Economic Developer. Born and raised on the bayou, Laci has a passion for Louisiana's coast, culture, and communities.

Title and short synopsis of your topic on your program/presentation:

Nicholls has exemplified a longstanding commitment to the coast through education, research, and public initiatives. Beginning in 1948, with the campusâ \in TM conception, Nicholls has always had strong ties to the coast and community that has been expounded upon to this day. In an agreement with the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and Nicholls close proximity to the coast, The Coastal Center (currently under construction) will provide scientific and engineering solutions for Louisianaâ \in TM s coast and the next generation of coastal scientists and stewards.

ROD - Jill Ganier

Rotarian of the Day Name: Jill H. Ganier Year you joined Rotary: 2023 Name of Rotarian who proposed you to join the Rotary Club of Houma: Pete Benoit Employer: Jill is a Partner/Shareholder in the accounting firm Blanchard, Ganier & Associates CPAs APC. After graduating from Nicholls State University in 2003, she began her accounting career at Kelton & Company, PC. She then joined Michael J. Blanchard's firm in 2007 as a senior accountant. She became a partner in 2015, and they reorganized and renamed the firm in 2020 to Blanchard, Ganier & Associates CPAs APC. Hobbies: Jill's hobbies include traveling, gardening, fishing, and she is a season ticket holder of Broadway in New Orleans at the Saenger Theater. Family: Jill has been married to Matthew Ganier for 23 years,



and they have two children, Sadie and Layne Ganier. Sadie is a May 2023 graduate of Nicholls State University. She is now working at Terrebonne General in the Emergency Room while in the process of applying to nursing school at Nicholls State University. Layne is a 9th grader at Vandebilt Catholic High and enjoys being part of the football team. When Layne is not in school, you can catch him hunting, fishing or just being outside.

A brief statement explaining why you accepted the invitation to become a Rotarian: I accepted the invitation to become a Rotarian because I wanted to get more involved in the community and to give back now that I have a little more time with my kids getting older.

Weekly Words of Wisdom - Western Wisdom

Do not go where the path may lead, instead go where there is no path, and leave a trail...

Weekly Luncheon - August 28, 2024

Sliced Roast Beef w gravy and Baked Chicken on the bone Mashed potatoes and broccoli cheese casserole Squash, red pepper & Zucchini and green beans Salad, Dessert, and Coffee

Rotary Club of Houma - InterAct and EarlyAct activities

Hey club members, the 2024/2025 school year is about to get kicked off. That means the start of our activities with HL Bourgeois High School InterAct Club and the EarlyAct Clubs with Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary School, St. Mathews School and Mulberry Elementary School will be kicking off. Please join us this year by engaging in the activities our club gets involved with to assist these young leaders of Terrebonne Parish.

Events

No Events found

Years of Service

Dale Thompson Jr. 24 Years Elmy W Savoie 3 Years

Birthdays

Royal D. Havens 19 Years Shane P Golmon 3 Years Jessica Williams 6 Years Jessica Domangue September 1st Michel H. Claudet September 20th

District Officers



<u>Craig Walling</u> District Governor



Nicol M Montiville September 10th

Jerry P. Ledet

September 21st

<u>Chris Duhon</u> DG-Elect



Darrin Guidry September 14th

<u>Margaretta Mayes</u> DG-Nominee

Club Officers



<u>Craig Hebert</u> President



Club Meeting

Katie L Portier Treasurer

Houma Meets at Plantation Inn - Houma Plantation Inn 1381 W Tunnel Blvd Houma, LA 70360 Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM



Brenda M. Faucheux Club Executive Secretary

John K. Tipton Jr. President-Elect



David M Ohlmeyer Secretary

