



August
2022



AAUW
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President's Message

Welcome back to everyone after a few months of summer hiatus.

The planning meeting for the Baton Rouge branch will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at the Bluebonnet Library from 3-5 p.m. The branch will supply refreshments for what will be our first branch in-person meeting in a couple of years. I hope many of you will join and provide your ideas and priorities for what the branch should focus on in the coming year. As it was last year, a key focus this year will be on growing our membership so we can continue to be a thriving organization for years to come. Please attend the planning meeting to share your thoughts about the direction of branch activities. Participation helps to ensure success. (Note: This is a live event, so plan to join in person.)

As we emerge from summer the interest groups will be meeting regularly once again. While there is a social aspect to our interest groups, most focus on issues of relevance to women and other underserved groups. Book group reviews works of fiction and non-fiction that help us better understand the challenges faced by women both in the past and the present. Great decisions makes us better informed citizens on political issues of importance to the U.S. and the world. Insights allows members to hear about and from local organizations and people in our community. And let's just have fun sharing meals together with Gourmet. I hope our Public Policy committee will become more active in the coming year as shaping policy especially with respect to women is a core mission of AAUW. Details of interest group activities are within the newsletter.

We face many challenges in the years ahead and I encourage you to join forces with AAUW Baton Rouge to help define how we will work together to ensure a better future for all women and girls.

Until next month,
June



Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 17
6:30 p.m. by Zoom
All members are invited.

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Reminder:

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The message above appears on **page one of the newsletter, lower left corner.** Some time ago, AAUW Louisiana and AAUW Baton Rouge boards decided that we would no longer post email addresses or telephone numbers of members in lists or stories because anyone can view our newsletter online and obtain private contact information.

If you want to RSVP to an interest group, the newsletter will include the name only. If you need to get in touch with a member for whom you do not have email or telephone number information, first check to see if you saved the member roster that was provided to each of us when this change went into effect. If you do not have access to that list in .pdf format, write to the address above and **Pam Baldwin** will provide you with what you need.

**Whisper:
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Planning Meeting
Sunday, August 7
Bluebonnet Library
3:00-5:00 P.M.

AAUW Baton Rouge Planning Meeting Agenda

Sunday, August 7, 2022 – EBR Bluebonnet Library 3:00-5:00 pm

Welcome and brief remarks

Review of agenda

Board meetings – 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, currently meet by Zoom. Do we continue by Zoom or move to in-person?

Calendars – Branch and State

Coalitions – Women’s Council, Inter-Civic Council, League of Women Voters, LIFT, others?

Goals for AAUW year from July, 2022 through June, 2023

Members and membership

Set a goal to add 6 new members this year – How?

Ensure branch activities are consistent with AAUW’s mission

Identify 1-2 advocacy goals for the branch for coming year

Roe v Wade

Title IX

Equal pay/min. wage – Mayor’s Commission on equal pay

All member meetings –

Planning meeting – In person on August 7, 2022

Welcome Back Supper or Luncheon in August or September, 2022 – will Gourmet help plan this event? This would be in-person either at restaurant or member home

Holiday Happening – January, 2023. In person at a member’s home (or meal together at a restaurant)

Annual meeting – April, 2023

Future of Baton Rouge branch

Other Business

Newsletter – Everything due to Melanie by 20th of the month.

All interest groups send Melanie schedules for the new year. Please take pictures at events when possible for newsletter.

Other agenda items and adjourn

More good news...Hip Hip Hooray!

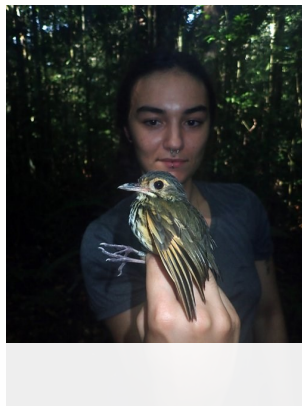


AAUW Baton Rouge branch's officers/board determined earlier this year that there were sufficient funds held for the **Eleanor Earle Scholarship** to double the stipend from \$500 to \$1,000 and to grant an additional scholarship— three instead of two per year if well-qualified women Ph.D. candidates studying in the Greater Baton Rouge area who are at least halfway to receiving their degrees apply. And apply they did! There were 38 applications. How is that for good news that makes us proud ? Scholarship selection committee members Pam Baldwin and Rebecca Triche commented as follows:

We are pleased to announce this year's three recipients, all of whom are graduate students at Louisiana State University.



Elaine Nkwocha



Patty Rodrigues



Vanessa Van Heerden

Read about these womens' studies/work on the following pages.

Meet AAUW Baton Rouge's scholarship recipient **Elaine Nkwocha**

My research with Dr. Anne Grove as the principal investigator is focused on determining the mechanisms by which a biofilm regulator (BifR) impacts bacterial fitness and physiology.

Biofilm formation plays a key role in the pathogenesis of chronic infections. In the pathogenic *Burkholderia* species, biofilm formation is a severe complication, and it makes bacteria resistant to host defenses and antibiotics. BifR (Biofilm regulator) is a recently described redox-sensitive member of the multiple antibiotic resistance regulator (MarR) protein family that has been found to repress biofilm formation in *Burkholderia thailandensis*. BifR appears to regulate the expression of other proteins critical to biofilm formation, but its overall functions are poorly understood. BifR is encoded in the same operon with an efflux pump (*emrB*) and divergently oriented to a gene (*ecsC*) that codes for a protease (*LasA*) that is implicated in virulence by its contribution to elastin degradation in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. This locus is conserved among pathogenic *Burkholderia* species. In a biofilm community, the access to oxygen becomes limiting and an alternative electron acceptor phenazine may be produced. The Phenazine is likely distributed among members of some bacterial genera such as *Pseudomonas* and *Burkholderia*.

Previously, BifR was shown to repress the operon encoding the enzymes needed for the synthesis of the phenazine antibiotics and decrease biofilm formation. BifR has also been shown to repress the expression of *emrB-bifR* and *ecsC* and repress these genes further under oxidizing conditions. However, the substrate of the efflux pump (*EmrB*) is unknown. To determine the substrate of *EmrB*, antibiotic sensitivity tests were carried out using the wild type (WT) and strains in which either the entire *emrB-bifR* operon or just *bifR* is disrupted. Following a 24-hour incubation at 37 °C, my results showed that the *bifR* mutant was resistant to novobiocin at concentrations of 50 ug/ml, 75 ug/ml, and slightly resistant at 100 ug/ml and to coumermycin at a concentration of 0.5 ug/ml. The *bifR* strain was also more resistant to ampicillin at concentrations of 50 ug/ml, 75 ug/ml, and 100 ug/ml. Similar results were obtained for the related β -lactam antibiotic, penicillin G. This indicates that *EmrB* is a multi-drug efflux pump with specificity for some antibiotics belonging to the aminocoumarins (novobiocin and coumermycin) and the β -lactam antibiotics (ampicillin and penicillin G). This is important considering all the efforts geared towards the need for novel, reformulated, and/or even repurposed existing antibiotics as resources to help the challenging time of the development of drugs and antimicrobial resistance.

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Meet AAUW Baton Rouge's scholarship recipient **Elaine Nkwocha** - **continued**

My second question was what the role of BifR in virulence is. Virulence assays were conducted using two hosts (onions and worms (*Caenorhabditis elegans*)). With onion tissue maceration and testing for the survival of *C. elegans* after infection with the three strains. My results showed that after 72 hours of incubation of the onions at 30 oC, the *bifR* mutant strain was more virulent compared to the *WT*. Meanwhile, with a 70 % survival of the *C. elegans* after 12 hours of incubation at room temperature, the *emrB-bifR* mutant strain was more virulent. Furthermore, at least 91 % of the infected *C. elegans* with either of the strains were rescued by treatment with coumermycin at 0.5 ug/ml. This study reveals that BifR plays a role in virulence and that the role may be host specific. This indicates the important role of BifR in controlling bacterial fitness and virulence. Interestingly, coumermycin has been reported to be effective in the treatment of acute respiratory melioidosis caused by *Burkholderia pseudomallei* in a mice model. Coumermycin may be of clinical importance as a candidate for the treatment of *Burkholderia* species.

From the several antibiotic sensitivity tests conducted, resistance to several other antibiotics in both mutant strains suggests that BifR may be controlling a different efflux system. Strange colony morphology was also observed with one of the antibiotics, triclosan, which may also be due to BifR. With increased virulence on onion and *C. elegans*, the overexpression of *emrB* in the *bifR* disrupted strain is required for increased virulence on onion, whereas the absence of BifR leads to virulence in *C. elegans*. Subsequent experiments will include verifying the above results with the mutant strains complemented with the genes that were disrupted. This will help to confirm that the phenotypes observed are a result of the regulatory effects of BifR. Furthermore, RNA sequencing will be carried out to identify differentially expressed genes in the *bifR* mutant strain compared to the *WT* strain with and without exposure to the identified substrates above. Alternatively, mass spectrometry/proteomics can be used to identify differentially accumulating proteins in the *bifR* mutant strain compared to the *WT* strain with and without exposure to the identified substrates. The *phenazine (phz)* promoter is predicted to have one BifR binding site while the *emrB* promoter has two BifR binding sites and gets bound even under reducing conditions. DNase I footprinting will be conducted under oxidizing and reducing conditions to see how BifR binds both the *emrB* and *phz* promoters.

(From Pam and Rebecca: It was the scope of her research and the potential to reduce severity of infections as well as the personal recommendation by Aileen Hendricks that helped us select her as a recipient.)

Meet AAUW Baton Rouge's scholarship recipient .Patty Rodrigues

Like most first generation American children of immigrants, my parents dreamed of me becoming a doctor. They came to the United States 30 years ago in search of the American dream, and I'm very proud to say they succeeded. But when I was born, I somehow represented everything they had worked so hard to achieve and it became my responsibility to carry on that dream—no pressure. Because of that, pursuing my passion for the natural world always felt like a betrayal. Neither of my parents had gone to college, so they couldn't comprehend my wanting to study something as silly as birds. How could I possibly become successful doing that? Now as I sit in my office writing this, 3 years into a Ph.D. program at Louisiana State University, I can finally say I've made my parents proud. I even inspired my mother to go to college and get a B.S. in nursing (she now works as a nurse and continues to work towards a Master's degree). I hope to inspire more women and minorities to work towards what fulfills them, regardless of what that may be.

Studying birds is particularly important to me, because I believe they are a gateway to something much more meaningful—science education. Increasing access to education inherently leads to social and economic changes as well as gender equality. I believe education is the single most important tool for positive global change. It may seem like a leap to equate an interest in birds to changing the world, but I've witnessed how impactful they can be. Birds are ubiquitous and charismatic and accessible to everyone regardless of race, gender, or economic status. Birds can inspire people to love learning and help instill in them a responsibility for protecting the environment. I've been fortunate enough to share my love of birds with young people. Every time I hand someone a pair of binoculars or let them hold a wild bird for the first time, it reinforces my belief that birds are powerful ambassadors for educating people about environmental conservation.

Aside from the ecological aspect of my dissertation, I am also involved with capacity building efforts with locals in Equatorial Guinea. In collaboration with NGO Biodiversity Initiative, I helped train two local students from the National University of Equatorial Guinea (UNGE). During my 2019 and 2020 field seasons, I helped train student interns on how to identify birds as well as more practical skills like bird banding and data collection. We also hired local community members, who often struggle to find income alternatives to bushmeat hunting, to work as trail maintenance, drivers, and field assistants. On future trips to Equatorial Guinea, I plan to continue hiring locals and hope to help the Biodiversity Initiative to develop training programs and offer research opportunities for students of the recently inaugurated African American University of Central Africa (AAUCA).

I have participated in LSU's Women in Science Club — a campus-wide organization bringing together women in different scientific disciplines—and served as a board member of my department's Graduate Student Association, where I helped organize social events, welcome new students, and facilitate a supportive community among our graduate students.

Most recently, I helped establish a bi-annual bird banding workshop, which serves as a resume builder for undergraduate students at LSU. Students get to participate in a weekend long course where we teach them bird banding basics like capture, banding, ageing and sexing techniques. In the long term, my goal is to develop a career where I can conduct meaningful, applied science while simultaneously educating young people, especially women and minorities, to help diversify the field of ornithology and conservation in general. After graduating, I plan on continuing my research in Equatorial Guinea with Biodiversity Initiative as a post-doctoral researcher to further aid in capacity-building and outreach with local students.

(From Pam and Rebecca: It was her success as a child of immigrants with little formal education and her great passion for bringing along younger students with her to learn scientific principles and hopefully build a career for themselves that helped us choose her.)

Meet AAUW Baton Rouge's scholarship recipient **Vanessa Van Heerden**.

I have always been intrigued by the ways that humans and other species interact across the coastal environmental space. I grew up in southern Louisiana and spent many days sailing and enjoying the barrier islands and wetlands. In addition to being outside throughout all my childhood, I was raised by an oceanographer, my mother. She showed me what I could become – strong and powerful woman, knowing my worth, striving for greatness, and being open to the possibilities of life. I have been an environmental advocate since my pre-teens, writing letters, running social media campaigns, and speaking to politicians about environmental issues in my parish long before I could drive.

My passion for educating and advocating for the environment led me to a B.S. degree in Environmental Science and Resource Management, and another in Biology, both from California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI). Within this program, I received mentorship from two female professors that are still my mentors. They helped me build the foundation to teach and expand my science communication resume. The positive role that women scientists have had on me throughout my career has shown me that my voice matters, my thoughts are important, and I serve a unique purpose in my field.

My passion for advocating and educating stemmed from before I went to college, but with the female mentorship that I have had, I know how to be a powerful and strong female multi-dimensional scientist.

My research experience is in coral reef ecology and management, sandy beach ecology, microplastic identification in beach invertebrates and sand samples, pollution management, restoration ecology, African savannah ecology and wildlife management, wetland restoration, and marine mammal conservation.

My dissertation is entitled, "Does Money Talk?: An Analysis of Ecosystem Services as a Communication Tool for Stakeholders in Coastal Louisiana." The ecosystem services (ES) concept – a tool used to value natural environments by estimating a monetary value for the benefits that they provide for human well-being, such as storm water mitigation, nutrient cycling, and soil binding – is the theoretical basis of my work. The overarching goal of my dissertation research is to understand the processes and motivation behind residents' place attachment, valuation rationale, and communication needs during statewide coastal restoration efforts. **(continued on next page)**

Meet AAUW Baton Rouge's scholarship recipient **Vanessa Van Heerden**—CONTINUED.

My goal is to be a University Professor, where I can mentor students who are trying to decide on their path, to show them the possibilities in their future, and create an open space for them to work towards their educational and professional goals. As a female scientist, I know the struggles that women go through in this field, and I want to be a role model for young girls (like I needed) to show them the power of their voices and their brains. I hope to show other women the vital role that they play in society, how to be strong and passionate in their work, and to guide them towards taking their first steps in their professional careers. I want to use my research as an opportunity to teach others about the importance of our relationship to the environment. I want to help students find their own niches within their college or graduate school careers so that they can realize their full potential as future leaders, teachers, and professionals. The experiences that they gain during their years at university will shape them as informed stakeholders and citizens. If Education is their boat, I strive to be their sails.

(From Pam and Rebecca: It is her strong focus on mentorship that help us make our decision to award her the scholarship.)

AAUW Statement about Roe v. Wade

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) strongly condemns the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The decision overturns the landmark *Roe v. Wade* ruling that established abortion as a constitutionally protected right nearly 50 years ago and ignores the will of the American people, 80% of whom support legal abortion.

AAUW believes everyone has the right to make decisions about their own reproductive lives without government interference. Abortion access is vital to women's ability to control their lives, bodies and futures. Without reproductive freedom, there can be no equity.

Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women's well-being and fosters economic security—a crucial component of AAUW's mission. This is particularly important in a country that lacks accessible maternal health care, paid caregiving leave and workplace protections for pregnant workers.

The Court's decision hurts all of us, but it will do the most harm to low-income people, women of color, immigrants, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ people, because these groups already face substantial barriers to accessing reproductive services and health care.

While the Court's decision is a major setback for all Americans, AAUW remains steadfast in our commitment to protecting reproductive rights, a vital component of gender equity.

Book Club

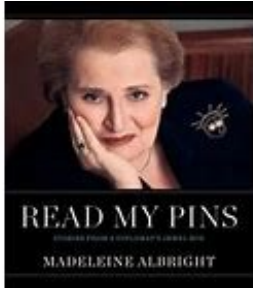
Wednesday, August 10

6:30 p.m.

by Zoom

Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box

by Madeleine Albright



Reviewer: Anne Campbell

RSVP Melanie Hanley

Gourmet

Gourmet Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 4

2:00 p.m.

at the home of

JiJi and Larry Jonas

Anyone interested in joining AAUW Gourmet Group, please bring:

- (1) a treat to share with the group
- (2) ideas for gourmet dinners and
- (3) a date for month you could host or co- host a dinner.

Great Decisions

No meeting in August

Coming in September

Biden's Foreign Policy

How will the Biden administration treat foreign policy, among other policies, differently from the last?

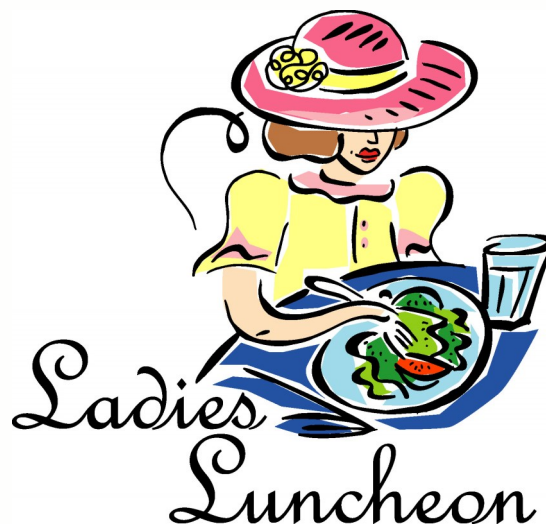
Tuesday, September 20

6:30 p.m. by Zoom

Discussion Leader:

Anne Campbell

RSVP Melanie Hanley



There will be no meeting in August. Insights will resume meeting in September when Advocate columnist **Danny Heitman** will speak. Watch this space for details next month.

Mary Francis and **Pam Baldwin** will advise us whether we will resume in-person meetings at a restaurant with a guest speaker by then or continue to meet by Zoom.

Member Delores Dyer in the Community



PROVIDED PHOTO

OLLI at LSU

OLLI at LSU member Denise Summerell, left, is the Livingston Parish Library South Branch Featured Artist for the month of May. Standing with Summerell are Kris Baker, Jeanette Marino and Delores Dyer.

Member Eileen Kennedy in the Community



May 16th- Members of **AARP** Mid-Town LA Chapter #5433 delivered "thinking of you" cards and filled goody bags to the staff at Heritage Manor Nursing Home to distribute to the residents. Pictured left to right are: Heritage Manor Staff Member Megan Tinker; Chapter #5433 Chair of Heritage Manor activities Lois Holloway; Heritage Manor Staff Member Caroline Ourso; Chapter #5433 President **Eileen Kennedy**; Chapter #5433 Treasurer Rita Johnson; and Chapter #5433 Publicity Chair Albert Johnson. For more information on the chapter and its community activities, visit AARP Mid-Town LA Chapter #5433 on Facebook



Member **Eileen Kennedy** has shared with our members the release of four commemorative stamps celebrating Title IX. Thank you, Eileen.

According to the Postal Service, the law's "most visible impact has been on **school athletics**."

The four stamp designs
show dark blue silhouettes
of a female runner,
swimmer,
gymnast,
and soccer player.

Yellow laurel branches symbolizing victory are seen on the athletes' hair and the swimmer's cap.

Title IX and LSU

BATON ROUGE – LSU has named Todd Manuel, who currently serves as director of Organizational Health & Diversity for Entergy, as the university's Vice President of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX, effective Sept. 1. Since January 2021, Manuel has also served as Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Transformation for the Edison Electric Institute, the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies and more than 65 international electric companies as members.

"We are pleased to welcome Todd Manuel to the LSU leadership team," said William F. Tate IV, LSU president. "He has a strong background in diversity, equity and inclusion, along with a legal knowledge to understand and interpret Title IX laws and policies to better help our students, faculty and staff. Todd brings the leadership and experience needed to build a true national model for an integrated approach for inclusion, civil rights and Title IX. Moreover, his approach aligns with supporting a healthy community."

The inaugural Vice President for Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX is in a position to build a true national model for an integrated approach to serving protected classes and improving institutional climate on a large college campus.

"When I think about the great work that is happening here at LSU and the desire to be a global force for change, I couldn't think of a better place to be to deliver the type of work that I have been engaged in for much of my career," Manuel said.

During his public forum on campus, Manuel noted that bringing together the three components of inclusion, civil rights and Title IX makes sense for LSU since the common thread in each is equity.

"When you bring these offices together and you have that common thread of equity being woven throughout these three components, what you actually end up with is the possibility of creating a highly integrated approach to how LSU addresses diversity, equity and inclusion," Manuel said. "The synergies that exist between all three of these groups will position LSU in a way that it is best able to handle some of the challenges we've faced, as well as help the organization continue its mission of research, teaching and service."

Manuel feels that the LSU Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX has the opportunity to be a collaborative partner in four distinct ways with the rest of the university:

- Drive engagement throughout the entire LSU community;
- Increase operational effectiveness and innovation;
- Enhance LSU's brand recognition and reputation;
- Sustain LSU's values in the cultural DNA of the university.

"Essentially what the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX is able to help LSU do is to harness the collective genius that exists within the university," Manuel said.

Manuel sees the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX as an essential partner in driving LSU's academic mission to help achieve goals such as advancing arts and culture; bridging the gap in energy, coast and the environment; fostering research and catalyzing economic development; improving health outcomes; transforming educational opportunities; and developing leaders.

historically underrepresented populations matter and belong in the LSU community.

Manuel is a seasoned executive and diversity thought leader with expertise in leveraging Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as business enabler at both an enterprise and industry-wide level. He received a Bachelor of Science in accounting from LSU in 1995, a Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center in 1998 and an Executive Certificate in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion from Georgetown University in 2020.

Currently an executive with the Edison Electric Institute, or EEI, Manuel leads strategic efforts to advance racial and social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion for the electric power industry. As director of Organizational Health & Diversity with Entergy Corporation, an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations, Manuel had broad responsibility for developing and leading the company's strategy for improving organizational health, diversity, and inclusion. His leadership efforts also included partnering with the workforce development team and the Southern University School of Engineering on delivery of a multi-year initiative designed to create a pathway for black engineers to enter Entergy's workforce.

A leader who believes in the power of community engagement, Manuel currently serves as a member of the board of directors for the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and Helix Community Schools.

For more information on the LSU Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX, visit <https://www.lsu.edu/civil-rights/>.

Golden Deeds Award Nominations Requested

Eileen Kennedy is our representative on the Inter-Civic Council of Greater Baton Rouge and wants us to know about this opportunity. Please see the information on this and the next page.

One of our lifetime members (now deceased) won this award in the 1980's—Mildred Feldman.



GOLDEN DEEDS
Honoring Philanthropy Since 1942

The Golden Deeds award is the most prestigious award in the Greater Baton Rouge area. Since its inception in 1942, it has been awarded to only one outstanding recipient each year for philanthropic service to the community. The actions and service of the recipients have made the community a better place to live and work.

In recent years, the Golden Deeds Award has been expanded to include the nine-parish Baton Rouge Metropolitan Statistical Area which covers East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, Livingston, St. Helena, East Feliciana, West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee.

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR OUR 2022 GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD RECIPIENT

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Explain why your nominee should receive the Golden Deeds Award. Tell us in your own words about the most memorable things they've done in service to the community. Tell us how their actions touched your heart; how they made a difference. Give specific examples of what they've done.
Maximum of 750 words.

Nominations must meet specific requirements to be considered.

**SAVE THE DATE:
GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 • BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT
Tickets \$50 each • Group tables available
To purchase tickets, contact
Richard Flicker at flicker@premier.net or 225-931-1626

RECIPIENTS OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS

2007 Z.C. "Zeke" Dunaway	2012 G. Lee Griffin	2017 Cordell Haymon
2008 Frances Bennett	2013 Vera H. Martin	2018 Donna Britt
2009 Sue Turner	2014 Whitney Vann	2019 Gerard Ruth
2010 Gary Mockler	2015 Donna Sauvage	2020 Rosario Martina
2011 Richard Lipsey	2016 Marvin Borgmeyer	2021 Mike Rolfson, M.D.

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Inter-Civic Council of Greater Baton Rouge

For more information
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Golden Deeds Award Nominations Requested



June 20, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are proud to announce the 81st Annual Golden Deeds Award Banquet to be held by The Advocate and the Inter-Civic Council of Greater Baton Rouge on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the Baton Rouge Marriott. Last year, this prominent event drew over four hundred citizens and dignitaries to honor the 80th annual recipient of this prestigious award.

For over eighty years, the Inter-Civic Council has been comprised of representatives of civic, patriotic, charitable and other non-profit organizations committed to improving the lives of all citizens in our communities within the nine-parish Baton Rouge Metropolitan area. Our commitment to community service has not only remained strong, but strengthened since the Council's inception in 1941.

Through wars, natural disasters, economic hard times and most recently the pandemic, the Golden Deeds Award has been given every year without fail to honor recipients for their caring, good deeds and generosity in serving their fellow citizens. Nominations are open to the public and publicized through a series of articles and announcements in The Advocate. The recipient each year is chosen by a vote of the representatives of more than thirty member organizations of the Inter-Civic Council. The banquet itself is a recognition and not fundraising event. In order to keep ticket prices affordable to everyone including those in the non-profit sector, as costs to host this event have steadily risen, we are requesting your consideration of a sponsorship for this nearly century-old tradition. Please see the accompanying information for sponsorship levels and details. Last year's sponsors included Gerry Lane Enterprises, Manda Fine Meats, Lipsey's, the Baton Rouge Clinic and Our Lady of The Lake Regional Medical Center. We look forward to your generous support and answering any questions.

Sincerely,

Vivian Frey, President
Inter-Civic Council of Greater Baton Rouge

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June Birthdays	July Birthdays	TH, Aug. 4 Gourmet Planning Meeting
2 Vivian Guillory	8 Pam Baldwin	SUN., Aug. 7 AAUW BR Planning Meeting
22 Marjorie Green	25 Rebecca Triche	W, Aug. 10 Book Club
22 June Klimash	Happy Birthday to those whose	W, Aug. 17 Board Meeting
24 Nancy Hubiak	birthdays were in June/July when the newsletter was not published.	



August 2022

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