

WHEEL TALK

ROTARY CLUB OF ABBEVILLE

May 6, 2009

TODAY'S PROGRAM

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Today by
Dr. Joe Savoie

Last Week's Program:
Beef Cattle Genetics and DNA Advances in the beef industry by
Charles Crochet

Badge Drawing Winner: Dan Dartez

Lotto Winner: None

Club Guests: Chris—Abbeville Meridional

Visiting Rotarians: None

Rotarians with Guest:

Chris Dardeau
Alex Crochet
Lance Savoie

REMINDERS !

- ◆ Po-boy Sale this Friday, May 8, 2009

SPOTLIGHT GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie became the sixth president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on July 1, 2008. He was formerly the Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Louisiana. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education from UL Lafayette and earned a doctor of education in educational leadership and administration from Columbia University's Teachers College in New York. Prior to his appointment in 1996 as the state's Commissioner of Higher Education, Savoie served in many roles on the UL Lafayette campus, including vice president for University Advancement, executive director of the Alumni Association, program director for Union Program Council and student government advisor, as well as an adjunct assistant professor.

Dr. Savoie was involved in several recent major postsecondary education reforms in Louisiana, including:

- the restructuring of higher education governance;
- creation of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System;
- teacher education and school reform initiatives;
- the state's Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education; and
- the promotion of collaboration within the entire education community.

Under his leadership, financial support for public postsecondary education more than doubled and Louisiana's colleges and universities have become more engaged in addressing Louisiana's economic and social challenges. Govs. M. J. "Mike" Foster, Edwin Edwards and Kathleen Blanco all tapped him for higher education committees and commissions in their administrations. Savoie was a cabinet member in three governors' administrations – Foster's, Blanco's and Bobby Jindal's. His regional and national affiliations include the Southern Regional Education Board, the national State Higher Education Executive Officers, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the American Association of School Administrators. His awards and honors include the 2007 CASE District IV Chief Executive Leadership Award, which was renamed the "Dr. E. Joseph Savoie Chief Executive Leadership Award," the 2004 University of Louisiana at Lafayette Outstanding Alumnus Award and the 2000 Henry Mason Award, which is presented by the Louisiana Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Savoie and his wife, Gail, have a daughter, Jennifer Blaire Saulnier, and a son, Adam Savoie.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

None Birthday

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

None Partner's Name Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None Partner's Name Anniversary Date Years

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

None Date of Induction Years In Club

CHILDREN BIRTHDAYS

None Child Name Birthday

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1833 John Deere makes 1st steel plow
1851 Dr John Gorrie patents a "refrigeration machine"
1957 Last broadcast of "I Love Lucy" on CBS-TV
1960 President Eisenhower signs Civil Rights Act of 1960
1990 Tom Cruise is ticketed for careless operation of a vehicle in South Carolina

BULLETIN BUZZ

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Karl Weills		