



The Touchdown Club of New Orleans, Inc. Newsletter

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From The President

Dear Members!

Yes, it has been incredibly hot, and summer is only half over, but football is here. It seems like this has been one of the longest off-seasons ever.

The entire "Who Dat Nation" is primed about the upcoming season, as I am sure you all are. Although we have a tough schedule, we are excited about our new players and encouraged by the play of last year's rookies. Let's hope it is "Our" year, last year notwithstanding.

I wanted to share some news. We have a new Chaplain for The Club, Fr. Sidney O. Speaks, a warm, gentle, and intelligent man, who also has a lot of soul (no pun intended), as witnessed by many of you who attended the annual Crawfish Boil. He second lined with the members. Importantly, he is enthusiastic and excited about being our Chaplain, while acknowledging that he has big shoes to fill. We hope you all appreciate him.

We also have many new, interesting members, and they are willing to work hard for The Club.

Our next big event is the "The Meet the Saints Luncheon." Please rally behind Roslyn and Paula and make this the best Luncheon ever. There are flyers that you can print and distribute in doctor's offices, restaurants, and anywhere you spend money. Let's sell the event out, please.

We have a scholarship recipient whom Jo Senko will tell you about. We are proud of our ability to continue to do this.

If you have never been to the "Annual Awards Banquet" at the Windsor Court Hotel, Loyd Bagot will tell you what you have missed. Each year we think it can't get any better but, fortunately, it does.

Mike Detillier has joined The Club, and will continue to work behind the scenes for us.

Lynn Lewis has lined up some good and different restaurants for our dinners. They will be printed in this newsletter.

Finally, if you missed the Crawfish Boil with the rookies, you missed a good time. Mary Ann Caruso and her team worked extremely hard to put this event together. We even made a little money.

We have a great group of officers and board members looking out for you. They work very hard and it is paying off.

We hope that more of you can participate in our various functions. I hope to see you all soon.

With kindest personal regards,

Terry A Lowe
President, Touchdown Club of New Orleans





48th Annual Meet the Saints Luncheon

by Roslyn Duplessie

This year's "Meet the Saints" Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel at 500 Canal Street. Doors will open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch will be served at 1pm.. Jim Henderson will be the emcee and the National Anthem will be performed by Amanda Shaw.

We are adding a room for early arrivers to relax, watch Saints football highlights and London attractions in preparation for the matchup between the New Orleans and the Miami Dolphins.

Optimal Fundraising Group will supply the event with signed sports memorabilia at the silent auction, and NFL officially licensed NEW ORLEANS SAINTS gear for purchase. The ticket price is \$75 each or \$750 for a table of 10. The event is open to all Saints fans 14 years old and older. **ABSOLUTELY NO Jeans, T-Shirts, Jerseys or Shorts.** The deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, August 24, 2016. Payment must be received IN FULL before tickets are issued. You may order your tickets online at www.tdcno.com.

The 2017 "Meet the Saints" Luncheon Committee has once again come up with a great prize to raffle at this year's luncheon. The package is as follows:

- *2 tickets to the New Orleans Saints vs. New England Patriots game Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome*
- *1-night stay at Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, Canal Street*

Please mark your calendars. Let's aim for a record attendance at this always enjoyable event.

Membership

by Ray Williams, Jr.

Have a friend that you think would be a great addition to the club? Membership applications are located on the Welcome page (top left) of your login on the club site. If you are sponsoring the member, you are responsible for making sure that they are familiar with the club's rules and procedures. Email completed applications to the membership chair, Ray Williams at rewcle@aol.com. The completed application will then be presented at the next board meeting for approval. If approved, the new member must log on to the site and pay their \$75 initial fee within 30 days or they must recomplete the application process.

I strongly suggest bringing any potential prospects to an open club function before presenting for membership. (The October 10th dinner meeting is a prospect meeting, which is new this year!)

UNO Scholarship Recipient

by Jo Ann Senko

The Touchdown Club's new UNO scholarship recipient is Erik Gavin from Prairieville, LA, who is pursuing a BS in accounting. He is on the Dean's List, the President's List and was accepted into Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society. Erik received the scholarship March 17, 2017 at the UNO Scholarship & Awards Ceremony at Chateau Golf & Country Club.

Touchdown Club board members Bill Meariman and Jo Ann Senko attended the UNO Scholarship & Awards Ceremony to present the Club's scholarship to Erik Gavin.





2017 Super Boil

by Mary Ann Caruso

We had another great Super Boil this year with delicious crawfish provided by Bobby's Seafood and music by Rockin' Ron. The Saints rookies entered in a Second Line led by the Club's new chaplain, Fr. Sidney O. Speaks from St. Matthew the Apostle Church in River Ridge. Fans helped the players learn how to eat crawfish and enjoyed taking photos and getting autographs. The players enjoyed getting a taste of New Orleans to welcome them to town.



Annual Awards Banquet

by Loyd Bagot

It's with a great deal of excitement and anticipation that we have begun preparations for the annual Awards Banquet to be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Windsor Court Hotel in New Orleans. The selection committee will be meeting in the very near future to begin nominations for this years recipients, of course culminating with the prestigious *Pete Rozelle Award*. This event provides a great venue to continue our philanthropic efforts with the Ray Hester Leukemia Research Fund through Ochsner Clinic Foundation, and ALS Team Gleason. We encourage our members and guests to please consider attending and listen to the inspirational stories shared by our honorees. Our city may have some "very familiar" faces on the podium this year!

For more information on these events, please go to the Club's web site, www.tdcno.com.



Dinner Meeting Schedule

by Lynn Lewis

The 2017 NFL season will begin soon and we have a great lineup for our dinner meetings. We have chosen new venues for our 2017 meetings and hope you will attend. Mark your calendar and save the date for this season's dinners. Our dinner meetings are for members only and are held Tuesdays prior to a "Home Game". Social/Cocktails are usually held at 6:00pm with dinner starting promptly at 7:00pm. Business attire is required for these meetings. Gentlemen should wear a coat. No jeans.

The cost for these meetings is currently \$40.00/person excluding alcoholic beverages with the exception of the dinner at Ralph's on the Park on October 24th. The price of this dinner will be \$50/person excluding alcoholic beverages. Payment may be made at the door by check (made payable to The Touchdown Club of New Orleans) or exact cash. You may also pay online with a credit card (www.tdcno.com).

Reservations may be made online at TDCNO.com or by calling the Club's phone line at 504-242-4545. If you are making reservations by phone, please speak slowly and clearly with member(s) name and entrée selection and a phone number.

Please note the dates below for the start and end dates of each reservation period. **If you make a reservation, you must cancel by the "Reservations End Date/Time" listed. If you do not cancel by this date/time, you will be responsible for payment of your dinner (\$40).**

Our October 10th meeting at Ye Olde College Inn will be open to guests and those interested in possibly joining our Club. (See "Membership" article.) All other meetings are "members only" and if meetings are opened to guests, that will be communicated by email and a telephone message on the Club's phone line a few days before the Wednesday closed reservation date.

Reservations Start Date/Noon	Reservations End Date/Noon	Dinner Date (Tuesdays)	Restaurant
Wed., August 30	Wed., September 6	September 12	Neyow's 3317 Bienville Street New Orleans, LA 70119
Wed., September 27	Wed., October 4	October 10	Ye Olde College Inn Grand Hall 3000 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118
Wed., October 11	Wed., October 18	October 24	* Ralph's on the Park 900 City Park Ave. New Orleans, LA 70119
		October 31	NO MEETING - HALLOWEEN
Wed., November 1	Wed., November 8	November 14	Venezia's 134 N. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA 70119
Wed., November 15	Wed., November 22	November 28	Impastato's 3400 16 th Street Metairie, LA 70002
Wed., November 29	Wed., December 6	December 12	Timberlane Country Club 1 Timberlane Drive Gretna, LA 70056
Wed., December 6	Wed., December 13	December 19	Manning's 519 Fulton Street New Orleans, LA 70130

* NOTE: The price of this dinner meeting will be \$50 per person