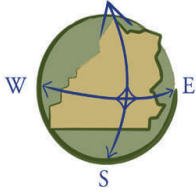


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Upcoming Events

Meeting Schedule 2009

July 15

7:30 a.m.

Acadian Hills Country Club

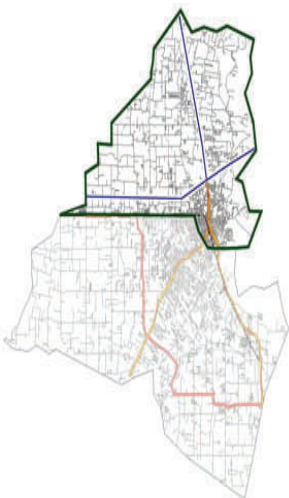
Speakers: Pete Yuan &  
Terry Huval

September 16

November 12—Special Guest  
Chief Justice Kitty Kimball

Locations to be announced.

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ACADIAN AMBULANCE HOSTS LUNCHEON TO HONOR PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR

Acadian Ambulance Service honored Chuck Benedict as their "Paramedic of the Year" at the company's annual Paramedic Luncheon held May 20, 2009. Benedict is a paramedic stationed in LaPlace who has been with Acadian for eight years.

Indianapolis Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning was the featured speaker at the event packed with over 1400 in attendance. The NFL star shared humorous anecdotes and leadership principles of success. He encouraged the audience to make a difference in their life by looking for ways to assist others.

Acadian's executive vice president and chief medical director (and ULEDF board member) Ross Judice, MD, introduced Benedict as the company's Medic of the Year. "This week is National EMS Week," said Judice, "and a perfect time for us to honor our elite EMS group, the Acadian Ambulance medical team, and our partners in the EMS field--the first responders, fire fighters, law enforcement and ER team. Judice proudly spoke of the paramedics' role in our communities, who take care of each of us in our hour of need. Indeed, we are fortunate to have such dedicated professionals protecting our lives while they put their own lives on the line day after day For pictures and more details, please visit Acadian's website at [www.acadian.com](http://www.acadian.com)



Photo by Brad Kemp

FLO MEADOWS CHAIRS ANNUAL HEART ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Over 375 women outfitted in red flocked to attend the annual Go Red for Women's luncheon at the Lafayette Hilton on May 7, 2009. Chaired by Flo Meadows, ULEDF charter member and realtor with Coldwell Banker/Pelican Real Estate, and hosted by Lafayette General Medical Center, the event is an annual fundraiser held for the American Heart Association. The Go Red for Women initiative was begun five years ago as a vehicle to educate women on the dangers of heart disease. The Lafayette chapter launched the Go Red luncheon three years ago. Although final numbers are not in yet, Meadows estimates that approximately \$80,000 was raised at the May 7 event.

This year the Lafayette group launched the Go Red For Women Personally Fit Challenge and ten brave women, including Flo, met the challenge. The participants lost 121.5 pounds and 163 inches and significantly lowered their cholesterol numbers. One participant is having life saving surgery due to detection of a heart issue while participating in the 12 week fitness challenge.

Meadows has been involved in this event for a number of years and chose to lead the event when she learned that heart disease is the # 1 killer of women and 80% of the risk factors are largely preventable with lifestyle factors. Although final numbers are not in yet, Meadows estimates that approximately \$80,000 was raised at the May 7 event. Go Flo!

The American Heart Association is committed to fighting heart disease and stroke and raising awareness of these diseases. As part of their mission, the Association focuses on specific causes designed to help people achieve a heart-healthy lifestyle.



Flo Meadows

For more information about Go Red for Women and AHA's national awareness campaign, call 888.MY.HEART or visit [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

# UPPER LAFAYETTE ON THE MOVE...

## CARENCRO ENACTS TIF TO PAY FOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Carencro will begin collecting an extra penny sales tax on October 1, 2009, pursuant to the new I-49 Economic Development District/Tax-Increment Financing District ("TIF") approved by the Carencro City Council. Carencro Mayor Glenn Brasseaux estimates that the extra one-cent tax will generate between \$700,000.00 and \$800,000.00 annually. Monies collected will be held in trust for road, sewer and other infrastructure projects within the taxing district, which extends along a two mile area of the I-49 corridor in Carencro, and sections of Gloria Switch Road and Veteran's Drive. By adopting this TIF, Carencro will be able to upgrade the services it offers to residents and visitors alike, and utilize existing funds for other much-needed improvements throughout its jurisdiction.



**Mayor Glenn Brasseaux**

ULEDF's May membership meeting provided an opportunity to an overflow crowd of 70 people to hear from Joey Durel, Lafayette Consolidated Government's Planning Department, and Attorney/TIF expert Ray Cornelius about proposed TIF's for other portions of Upper Lafayette. Given the state's fiscal situation, many jurisdictions nationwide have realized that the only way to bring about needed infrastructure improvements is to turn to TIF's and other methods of innovative financing at the local level. Several other local success stories of TIF District improvements may be found at the service roads along I-10/Scott, the Stirling Shopping Center at I-10/Louisiana Ave., and the City of Broussard along Albertson Parkway. Congratulations to Carencro's elected leaders for its pro-active approach to bringing about progress.

Upper Lafayette Economic Development Foundation is an association of proactive individuals and business leaders, joined together to be a catalyst for change. The Foundation's mission is to enhance and direct the positive, planned growth of Upper Lafayette, focusing on quality of life, while participating in the overall development of the Greater Lafayette Metropolitan Area.



Anyone desiring more information about our foundation is encouraged to call Jan Swift at (337)572-9877 Ext. 108 or email [jan@upperlafayette.com](mailto:jan@upperlafayette.com). Also, please visit [www.upperlafayette.com](http://www.upperlafayette.com) for a membership application and brochure.

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