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Rotary of New Orleans



Rotarians spent many long hours scraping and painting in preparation of the 2007 school session.

Rotarians across the nation heeded a call for help from the New Orleans Rotarians, led by Henry Lowentritt, Chairperson of the New Orleans Rotary's Warren Easton Renovation Project, to aid the school with renovations, just as they have done for the last 20 years.

This call for help was needed to clean, scrape, and paint the 2nd and 3rd floors of the school to ready it for students. Rotary clubs from California, New York, Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, the state of Washington and Canada worked long hours in unbearable heat during the summers of 2006 and 2007 to prepare our classrooms. The club was also instrumental in providing funds for a science lab renovation and purchase of new band uniforms.

We Believe in Success

Believing in your ability to succeed is paramount to success. But in post-Katrina New Orleans, without the generosity and kindness of caring and thoughtful "friends" from around the country and the world, Warren Easton would not have been able to re-open or provide a quality education for the children of New Orleans.

Warren Easton has always been a landmark in the Mid-City area of New Orleans. Now, she has become the Beacon of Hope for returning students and their families, for area residents and for every citizen of New Orleans. The faculty and staff provide the skills and knowledge students need in a safe, caring environment.

For the 2006-2007 school year, students returned from the metropolitan area,

forty different states and eight foreign countries.

Because of the school's positive reputation, philosophy, and commitment to the children of the area, many generous donations have made the school's opening a reality. Gulf Coast Bank, Brown Foundation and Pan American Life Insurance offered funding and services to help open the school for the 2006-2007 season.

We thank our faculty, staff and community leaders for their vision. We thank our "Easton Angels" who have helped us in our quest to reclaim our success. We applaud our students who have made the commitment to become the future leaders of New Orleans.

★ Rave Reviews

Warren Easton received an incredible amount of national publicity. The school was also the subject of stories on CNN and the NBC Nightly News. Thanks to Sandra Bullock, the school was featured in People and Glamour magazines, on the E Network and on the Ellen Show. Warren Easton was also featured in a video tribute to Ms Bullock shown at Carnegie Hall when she received her Woman of the Year award from Glamour.



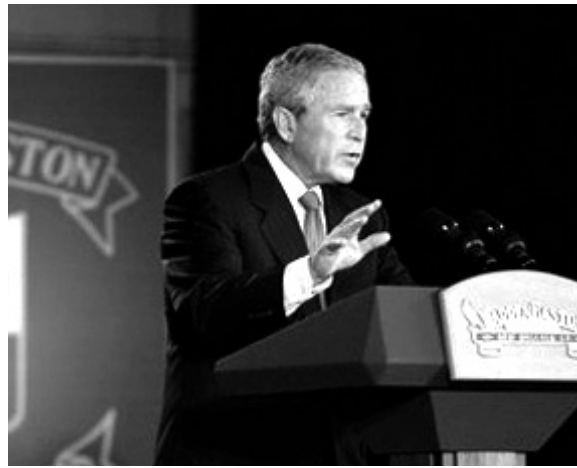
Through the efforts of Warren Easton librarian Nancy Hernandez, the Laura Bush Foundation awarded the school a grant to purchase new books. On August 29, 2006, the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Mrs. Bush and President George W. Bush visited Warren Easton, made a monetary presentation, held a roundtable conference in the school's library and spoke to an auditorium of invited guests.

Sandra Bullock and Jessie James

Ms Bullock and her husband Jesse James donated substantially to the renovation of the auditorium. They were surprise guests at the 2007 graduation ceremonies where General Russel Honore presented the keynote address. Noting that 97% of the seniors graduated, Ms Bullock told the class of 2007, "You are the miracle that came out of this. No one could have done it but you guys."



Ms Bullock and Mr. James helped fund the purchase of 125 new band uniforms and supplied matching funds for 26 Hall of Fame scholarships.



President Bush Speaks from Easton Stage

President George W. Bush made his only New Orleans speech from the Warren Easton stage, in the presence of invited dignitaries, Easton faculty, staff and students.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

PricewaterhouseCoopers, in conjunction with Hands on New Orleans, spent a hot summer day planting flowers and shrubs along the Canal Street side of the building. Eighty-five university students, joined 40 PWC executives and employees to plant, and paint a mural along an entrance to the gym. They were joined by volunteers from Hands on New Orleans which organized groups to complete the painting of some offices and restroom areas. In addition, Ms. Kathy Neiland was instrumental in securing a donation from PWC which matched Ms. Bullock's donation toward the completion of the auditorium renovation. EPCO Construction, LLC, donated \$50,000 in order to allow the Warren Easton Charter Foundation to complete the renovations to the auditorium.

The Warren Easton Charter Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

Warren Easton Angels Earn Their Wings

LAURA ALLEN of Pennsylvania celebrated her Sweet Sixteen birthday by requesting, in lieu of gifts, that donations be made to Warren Easton. A check to the Athletic Department was brought personally to Warren Easton by Laura and her mother Liz. SKYLINE GRIDIRON CLUB of Sammamish, Washington, gave a monetary donation to the Fighting Eagles football team. LUANA MARLER and J.W. PEPPER AND SON, INC. donated nine boxes of sheet music and folders to the Warren Easton Singing Eagles. KELLEY HAMILTON, performing arts teacher of Rochester New York donated time, sweat equity and the proceeds of her students' final theatre performance to the rebuilding Warren Easton. TERRY GERRISH, Assistant Principal of John Glenn Middle School in Bedford, MA. coordinated a painting party, the collection of novels, math books and monetary donations with THE GULF TEAM OF FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST and WOOD HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL. REV. NANCY SHANTIA WRIGHT-GRAY, United Church of Christ, Auburn, MA provided monetary donation to the library and the athletic department. SHEILA ALLRED of Good Shepard UCC Project coordinated monetary donations for the Athletic Department from REV. PATTY KOGUT, pastor of

North Congregational Church UCC in Middleboro, MA. SILVER-BROWN DANCE COMPANY of Brooklyn New York spent two weeks in April providing free master classes in dance and expression to interested students. The dance troupe, led by Eva Silverstein, guided the girls from shy and tentative to experienced, confident young women. Silver-Brown plans a return engagement for October of this year. DICK FLESHER of Chicago sent an 18-wheeler with supplies, furniture, books, musical instruments, a piano and other equipment and furnishings. STEVE REHAGE coordinated a visit from rock icons Duran Duran who held a press conference in the school library and donated substantial funds toward the auditorium refurbishment. In addition, SONY PLAYSTATION debuted their newest game in the Easton cafeteria, and also donated toward the auditorium fund. 8th DISTRICT COAST GUARD donated 3 new computers to the newspaper staff. H.R.H. Henri, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, and the President of the American Luxembourg Society, Lord Patrick Birden, donated generously to renovate a science lab at the school. JIM PHILLIPS and THE COEUR d'ALENE HIGH SCHOOL BAND of Idaho performed a Katrina

Benefit concert and sent the entire proceeds from the event to Warren Easton. DREW BREES and BARNES and NOBLE donated 9 boxes of Shakespearean plays; JESSICA GLIWA and THE LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL donated teacher and student supplies and a check from the student who donated their lunch money change; SARAH USDIN of New Schools for New Orleans coordinated the donation of a weight-training machine from INTERNATIONAL HOUSE HOTEL DAVID RHODE of Pitch in for Baseball, who sent equipment and practice gear; and JAMES DEAN donated a saxophone. The TIPITINA FOUNDATION donated instruments to the Golden Eagle Band. A high school in Connecticut shipped 100 prom dresses to our senior girls. A lady in Kansas City donated 100 bow ties to our choir and band. An elementary school in Japan sent \$300. A teacher in Rochester, NY was so pleased with the results of his chemo treatment that he wanted to give something back in thanksgiving, so he sent Easton his extracurricular stipend.