Past President – Wally Ballou

Map of the United States highlighting Kansas.
Area 2 Director – Rande Robinson

Map of the United States with North Carolina highlighted.
President – Mark Suarez
Bismarck ND to New Orleans LA
1299 Miles or 2090 Kilometers
Who founded New Orleans and how old is it?

Hint: It might be a trick question

400 A.D. - Archaeological evidence dates Native American settlements at present day New Orleans to at least 400 A.D. - 1613 years old

1718 - Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville founded La Nouvelle Orleans, 66 squares of a walled village are laid out, the French Quarter - 295 years old
What is the other name for the French Quarter?

But locals call it “The Quarter”
Why is New Orleans so different from the rest of the Country?

Hint: Who founded New Orleans

New Orleans was founded by French Catholics while the rest of the country was founded by people with much more conservative religious backgrounds.

French, French Creoles, Creoles of Color & gens de couleur libres (free people of color)

Aspects of African culture persisted in New Orleans and eventually were absorbed in the overall culture.
“Unique is a word that cannot be qualified. It does not mean rare or uncommon; it means alone in the universe. By the standards of grammar and by God, New Orleans is the unique American Place.”

Charles Kuralt, Peabody Award Winning Journalist, legendary host of “On The Road”
St Louis Cathedral is the oldest continually operating cathedral in the US.

In 1727 the Ursuline Sisters were the 1st Catholic nuns to land in the new world.

Ursuline tradition holds many 1st in United States history in its dedication to the growth of individuals.

- Oldest continually operating Catholic School
- Oldest All-Girls school in the country
- 1st Female Pharmacist
- 1st Woman to contribute a book of literary merit
- 1st Classes for Female Slaves (continued until abolition)
- 1st Classes for Free Women of Color
- 1st Classes for Native Americans
New Orleans’ City Park is the largest municipal park in the Country.

The game of Craps derives from “Crapaud” the French word for Frog, because American’s thought the French to be Frog Eaters.

In 1872 Mardi Gras official colors were chosen based on a honored visitor, Russian Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff. Purple – Justice, Green – Faith, Gold – Power.

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During Spanish rule (1763–1800), fire destroyed 1788 (856 buildings) and 1794 (212 buildings). With French & French Creole.
Did You Know?

Tabasco – 2\textsuperscript{nd} oldest food trademark US Patent Office

The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway is the world’s longest continuous bridge
What art form is New Orleans the birthplace of?

Hint: Utah has a professional basketball team that seems out of place

New Orleans is the birthplace of JAZZ

Jazz is considered the only true American Art form, giving birth later to Blues and Rock & Roll
Who is the New Orleans airport named after?

Louis Armstrong - American Jazz Great; Alias Satchmo or Pops, a native New Orleanian

In 1964, Armstrong knocked The Beatles off the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart with "Hello, Dolly!"

The song gave the 63-year-old the U.S. record as the oldest artist to have a number one song
Kelly Ripa, Actress and co-host of Live! With Regis & Kelly

LOVISA HILDREN'S MUSEUM
On the wharfs of New Orleans, before Louisiana was a US territory, when goods arrived that were labeled U.S., dock workers called them “Uncle Sam”.

The 1st Opera in the US was performed in New Orleans in 1796.
Who’s death mask resides in the Cabildo Museum in Jackson Square?

Hint: It was the Spanish Seat of Government

French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte’s

Sorry, I Get Have A Little Fun Too!
Did You Know?

Voodoo was 1st introduced in the US in New Orleans.
In the 1800s Voodoo Queens became central figures in the Culture.

The tomb of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau has more visitors than Elvis Presley’s in Memphis.
Why does New Orleans have “neutral grounds” instead of “medians” on their roadways?

Hint: The Louisiana Purchase of 1803

Europeans & French Creoles were not about to let the American Interlopers live in the Quarter

The American Quarter was founded just upriver across the area where a large canal was planned

The median of Canal Street became the “Neutral Ground” in the clash between the groups
“New Orleans has a real spirit. It is the most Authentic of all American Cities.”

Brad Pitt,
Actor and
New Orleans Resident
Did You Know?

Picketers in the 1929 Streetcar Union strike were fed sandwiches made of French Bread, free of charge, by Martin's Bros. Restaurant. They would say, "Here comes another 'poor boy' man."

So it's called a Po' boy, not a Sub, in New Orleans.

Louisiana buries more people per square foot than any other state using tightly grouped above ground tombs, often for multiple burials.
Who is on the statue of a horse in Jackson Square?

Hint: The Battle of New Orleans 1815

British – 2,042 casualties: 291 Killed, 1,267 wounded, 484 captured/missing

Americans – 71 casualties: 13 Killed, 39 wounded, 19 missing

Andrew Jackson – 17th President of the United States

Beginning of the Current Democratic Party
What does horse statue w/ 2 feet off the ground signify?

Hint: You’ll Be Surprised
The riders fate is supposed to be identified, so he died in Battle? NOT!

Myth: It Means Absolutely Nothing
Sculptor Clark Mills never got the message, 1st with 2 hooves off ground

Most closely followed at Gettysburg, but 1 of the 7 Statues there also violates the mythical rule
Why is Jackson Tipping His Hat?

Hint: You Can Bet A Woman is Involved

Baroness Pontalba supervised the construction of two apartments on either side of Jackson Square

Jackson refused to tip his hat to her saying she was no lady

She spearheaded the statue & got her revenge

Rumor has it they had a torrid affair while he was President in Washington
Don’t Forget, We Have Beautiful Plantations
The Atchafalaya Basin is the nation's largest swamp, spanning 20 miles x 150 miles, covering 595,000 acres. Forested swamps are generally flooded throughout the growing season, with trees such as tupelo and bald cypress. Shrub swamps are typically found next to forested swamps, generally flooded, with species like button bush, dogwood, swamp rose, and willow. Marshes, on the other hand, have lots of grass and few trees or shrubs.
The Official State Bird Is the Brown Pelican
The Un-Official State Bird Is?
Oh Yeah, We Also Have Swamp People & Duck People
We Just Don’t Have Rabbit People
But We Might Soon!
Come A Week Early & Stay A Week After

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