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Lake Martin offers  
easy access to nature's  
spectacle. PAGE 4



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SLEMCO's 80th Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3, at Lafayette's Cajundome.

Attendees have a chance to win great prizes. Drawings will also determine who will receive \$40,000 in college scholarships.

Our day begins early. Doors open at 6 a.m., with plenty of hot Community coffee as you visit with your friends and neighbors. Coffee is free and the Cajundome will have other refreshments available for purchase (Lucky Account Number 1010325006).

Music by Roddie Romero & the Hub City Allstars will start at 6:30 a.m., so wear your dancing shoes. United Blood Services will hold its 15th annual blood drive at our meeting. Your continued generosity in this

annual drive is always appreciated because of the continuing demand for blood in our communities.

Prize drawings begin at 8 a.m., and winning names will be drawn until our business meeting begins at 10 a.m. Brief reports from the company's officers and legal counsel will bring members up to date on SLEMCO operations.

When the business portion concludes, our scholarship drawing will award college funds of \$2,000 each to 20 lucky students. Then, to end our meeting on a really high note, we'll draw for our grand prizes.



## COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS CAN ENTER PRIZE AND SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS

SLEMCO commercial customers wishing to participate in the prize drawings should drop off a letter naming their company's authorized representative to SLEMCO's main office by June 2.

After presenting ID on the day of the meeting, that representative will receive a card for the prize drawing.

Owners of commercial establishments

who are SLEMCO customers may also sponsor their children, themselves or a spouse for the scholarship drawing, but only if they own more than 50 percent of the company, corporation or partnership.

Proof of ownership is required whenever a commercial business sponsors a scholarship applicant (Lucky Account Number 3420380006).

# APPLY NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SCHOLARSHIP

A total of \$40,000 in college scholarships will be given away at our 80th annual meeting on Saturday, June 3. Twenty students will each win \$2,000 to help pay for college. The process is easy, but you must apply before the meeting.

Members connected to SLEMCO for one contiguous year prior to the May 4 entry deadline can sponsor themselves, a spouse, dependent children or legal wards. Grandchildren are eligible only if they are the legal dependents or wards of members.

Applications for the 2017 SLEMCO scholarship program were included with all February SLEMCO bills.

You can also download the application from our website, [www.slemco.com](http://www.slemco.com). This electronic version of the application is in PDF format. After filling it out, follow the directions on our website to e-mail it to SLEMCO or print a copy and submit it by mail.

Read the application carefully and follow all instructions.

Applications for the scholarships will be accepted until Thursday, May 4. Delivered entries and electronically submitted entries must be received by 4:30 p.m., May 4, and mailed entries must be postmarked by that day. Entries can be mailed to the SLEMCO Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 90866, Lafayette, LA 70509.

These funds can be used to attend any Louisiana public university—or community college that feeds into the Louisiana public university system—to pursue an undergraduate degree beginning this fall. South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette and LSUE in Eunice are two examples that are accepted. Winners must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and plan to attend on a full-time basis (at least 12 hours) this fall. Technical colleges or private universities do not qualify and students must be at least high school seniors to enter.

IRS guidelines allow a parent to claim their college student child until the year



Illustration by Anne Darrach

he or she turns 24. We follow the same guidelines for awarding these scholarships. In order to sponsor a child, parents must still claim the applicant on their income tax return and the applicant must be under 24 years of age. Proof will be required.

Only one family member can win per year, but any eligible family member can enter each year (Lucky Account Number 2215354001). Winners aren't eligible to receive the scholarship again.

We've already received several hundred entries. Even though the entry deadline is not until May, get your application in early so you don't forget. If you have any questions, call SLEMCO at 896-5384.

## ENERGIZING OUR NEW ST. MARTIN SUBSTATION

SLEMCO's brand-new "Atchafalaya" substation, which will serve the Section 28 area of St. Martin Parish, has been energized. The new substation replaces a smaller substation just across the street: it will offer improved service reliability and room for growth and expansion (Lucky Account Number 1037851201).

SLEMCO board members, management, engineers, substation and field personnel were on hand to energize the Atchafalaya station and transfer the load from the old station to the new.



Photos by Mary Laurent







# ABUNDANT BIRDLIFE HAS VISITORS FLOCKING TO LAKE MARTIN

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**B**irds of a feather flock together. At Lake Martin, thousands and thousands of birds flock together. Thousands and thousands.

“There is no question that the spring is the busiest time of year for visitors, when so many birds are in the rookery,” says Katherine King, preserve manager at The Nature Conservancy’s Cypress Island Preserve, whose Visitor Center anchors the western side of the lake. “It’s a paradise for serious birders, for photographers, and for anyone who enjoys nature.”

Each spring, pairs of water birds in the thousands travel to Lake Martin to raise their young. Various egrets and herons, roseate spoonbills, cormorants and anhingas take up residence, build their nests, and provide fabulous viewing opportunities and photo ops for visitors to the lake. The road, levee trail and boardwalk offer spectacular vantage points for observing, or photographing, the magnificent birds and their new young (Lucky Account Number 2103658004).

“This is like being in some remote jungle,” Carol Light, a visitor from Bath in the United Kingdom marveled recently as she peered through scattered brush at a great egret feeding in the shallow waters along the walking trail. “And

to think that in 20 minutes I can be ordering a bowl of gumbo in some comfortable Cajun restaurant!”

Lake Martin is indeed only a few minutes away from Breaux Bridge to its east, Lafayette to its west, St. Martinville to its south, and I-10 to its north. “It’s not often that you can get this intense a wilderness experience with such easy access from nearby urban areas,” says Will deGravelles, land steward for The Nature Conservancy. “This is a classic Louisiana bottomland hardwood forest, and it is much easier to get deep into and explore than the Atchafalaya Basin.”

In many ways, the area around Lake Martin and the Cypress Island Preserve echoes its giant cousin to the east, the Atchafalaya Basin. There are about 20,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forest that linger from an ancient drainage path of the Mississippi River.

“In the 1950s, local government and the owners of the land came to an agreement, and a five-mile levee was built that created the St. Martin-Lafayette Fish and Game Preserve and defined Lake Martin,” King explains. While



Ringed Kingfisher

Photo © Gary Meyers



Roseate Spoonbills

Photo © Gary Meyers



the open water of the lake, like all such water bodies in Louisiana, is now state owned, the surrounding land and the forested lake areas are still under private ownership. The Nature Conservancy currently owns some 9,500 acres to the west and south of the lake, has its year-round Visitor Center and boardwalk, and maintains a walking trail around half of the lake. Local government maintains the levee road that connects the east and west entrances, and there is a public boat landing for boaters, hunters and swap tour operators.

All of that would be fantastic enough, but in the 1980s, birds by the thousands began utilizing this natural wild area as a rookery. The Nature Conservancy created its Visitors Center about 15 years ago, cementing Lake Martin as a destination, as boaters, photographers and nature lovers made year-round pilgrimages to the lake. One need only search the Internet or social media to find countless stunning photos taken of the lake and its denizens (Lucky Account Number 3037086000).

“You will see photographers with big lenses, birders with their binoculars, and others who have just stopped their cars along the road, amazed at what they can see just by driving along the levee,” says King. “It’s a spectacular display of nature.”



Snowy Egret

Photo © Gary Meyers

**VISITING LAKE MARTIN:** Access to Lake Martin is from LA 31 a few miles south of Breaux Bridge, and from LA 353 to the east of Lafayette. A public boat landing is found on the east side; a levee road connects to the Cypress Island Preserve area and its Visitor Center at the west. Although there is year-round access during daylight hours, some areas are restricted at times either for avian breeding or alligator nesting, so it is advisable to call ahead to the Visitor Center at 337-342-2475. The most useful strategy for reaching helpful web pages is to use the search term, “Cypress Island Preserve” or “Lake Martin Louisiana.”



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Brown Pelican

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Little Blue Heron

Photo © Kerry Grieschen



Great Egrets

Photo © Gary Meyers





# 1

**TURQUOISE BEAUTY**

Soaring windows facing an infinity edge pool offer the feel of a Mediterranean resort. During the day the water appears deep and cool thanks to the pool's midnight blue plaster; at night it glows with color-changing LED lighting.

# 2

**MEDITERRANEAN MAGIC**

The Italianate stucco exterior is warm and welcoming, with an asymmetrical design featuring a turret—the homeowner's must-have—housing an elegant curving staircase. Arched, wrought iron entry doors and metal-clad windows add to the elegance.

# 3

**SLEEK INDUSTRIAL**

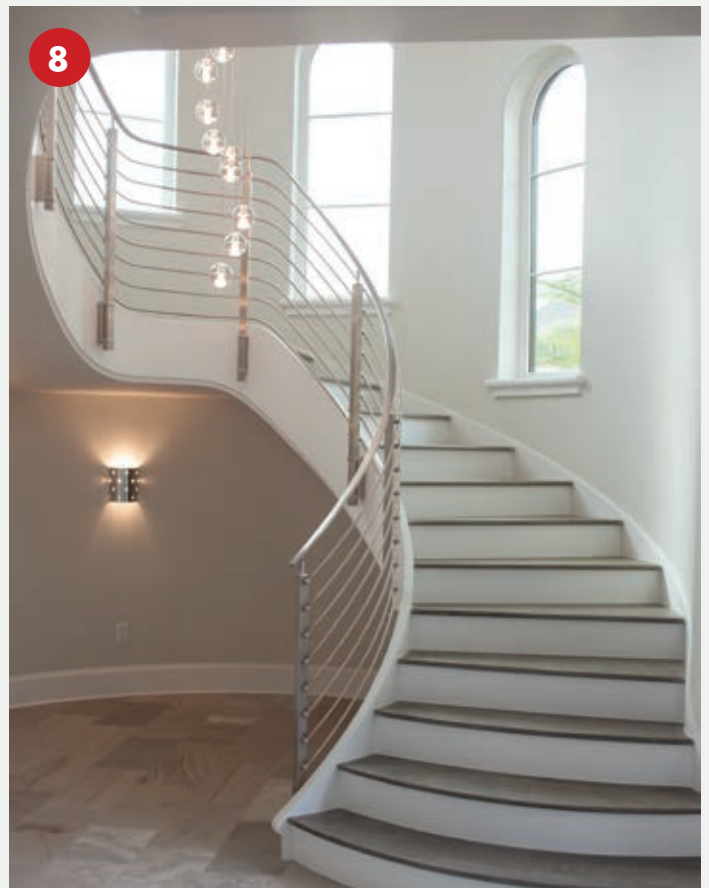
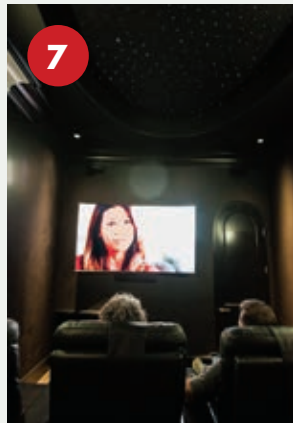
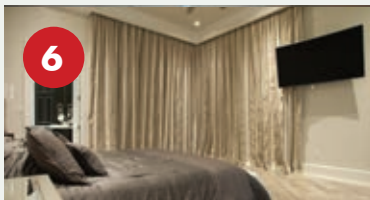
Red leather bar stools add a splash of color to a spacious black and white kitchen. The island features built-in booth seating facing the pool. A constellation of solid glass balls with LED cylinder lights cast soft illumination, while underlit quartzite counters add to the nighttime ambiance.

# 4

**SOPHISTICATED LIVING**

The soaring living room is graced by a Juliette balcony and arched doorways. Modern white sectionals surround a bold impact rug facing a 70-inch direct vent fireplace bordered by black granite. A dramatic sculpture of aluminum mountain climbers draws your eye upward to the 25-foot ceiling.

# CREAMY WHITE, ULTRAMODERN INTERIOR REDEFINES BOLD



**5**  
**LEISURELY LUXURIOUS**  
The kitchen boasts a leisure room, where family members spend most of their time. A grouping of inviting chairs face a large screen TV. Sculptural pendant lights add visual interest.

**6**  
**PUSH BUTTON VIEW**  
Beautiful floor-to-ceiling silk drapes and sheers cover the corner window. The drapes glide open to a pool view with the push of a button (Lucky Account Number 4502423202).

**7**  
**MAGNIFICENT MEDIA**  
Desire the ultimate media room? Start with an 88-inch curved-screen TV. Then add rows of theater-style seats, fiber optic "stars" on a black ceiling and foam sound insulation.

**8**  
**UPWARD MOBILITY**  
An elegant curved staircase with custom-made tubular stainless steel banister adds grace to the home's entrance, featuring arched windows rising with the stairs up and around the home's turret.



# PARTICIPATING IN SLEMCO'S

The 80th annual meeting of the SLEMCO membership will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Lafayette Cajundome. The following, taken from the co-op's By-Laws, details the reason for annual meetings and shows how board members are selected for the organization.

## ARTICLE III

### Meeting of Members

#### Section 1. Annual and Special Meetings.

- (a) The Annual Meetings of the members shall be held on the first Saturday of June of each year for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. If such Annual Meeting is omitted on the date herein provided for, a Special Meeting may be held in place thereof, and any business transacted or elections held at such Special Meeting shall have the same effect as if transacted or held at the Annual Meeting. Failure to hold the Annual Meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Corporation.
- (b) Special Meetings of the members may be called by the President, by Resolution of the Board of Directors, upon written request signed by any three Directors, or by a Petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members of the Corporation acquired within thirty (30) days of the first signature on the Petition. It shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause a notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided.

#### Section 2. Place and Purposes of Member's Meetings.

- (a) Meetings of the members shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation in the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, or at such other place in the State of Louisiana as may be designated in the call of the meeting.
- (b) The purposes for which meetings of the members are to be held, in addition to those purposes prescribed by law, include Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, or By-Laws, and in the case of a Special Meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be specified in writing. Special Meetings shall be called by the President, Board of Directors, a written request signed by any three (3) Directors, or by a Petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Corporation acquired within thirty (30) days of the first signature on the Petition.

#### Section 3. Notice of Meetings.

- (a) Written or printed notice of the time and place and purposes as set out in Section 2 of all meetings shall be either mailed or delivered personally to each member not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty-five (25) days before the date for such meeting, directed to his address as it appears on the Corporation's books, postage prepaid. If mailed, with postage thereon prepaid, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation. The failure of any member to receive notice of an Annual or Special Meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members of any such meeting.

**Section 4. Quorum.** Three percent (3%) of all members present in person, shall constitute a quorum. At any meeting of members at which a quorum is determined not to be present, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

#### Section 5. Voting.

- (a) At every meeting of the members, each member present shall be entitled to only one vote. Where the membership stands in

the name of the husband, the vote may be cast by the wife in the event the husband is not in attendance, and where the membership stands in the name of the wife, the vote may be cast by the husband if the wife is not in attendance. A duly authorized officer of any firm, corporation, partnership, association, business trust, federal agency, state or political subdivision or agency thereof, or any body politic, may, upon proper proof of his authority, cast the vote of such organization. Except as otherwise provided herein, at all such meetings of the members at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by vote of a majority of the members voting on the particular question.

- (b) There shall be no voting by proxy.

**Section 6. Order of Business.** The Order of Business at the Annual Meetings of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members shall be as follows:

1. Report as to which members are present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
2. Reading of the Notice of the Meeting together with proof of the due mailing thereof or of the waiver or waivers of notice of such meeting.
3. Presentation and reading of unapproved Minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, Report of Officers, Directors, and Committees.
5. Election of Directors.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE IV

### Board of Directors

**Section 1. General Powers.** The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Corporation except such as are by law or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these By-Laws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

#### Section 2. Number and Qualifications and Election.

- (a) The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be ten (10). Each Director must be a natural person who is a member of the Corporation and shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting of members or at the Special Meeting held in lieu thereof, for the term and as provided by these By-Laws. There shall be two (2) Directors from each of the following Parishes: Acadia, St. Landry, Lafayette, St. Martin, and Vermilion. Each Director shall have resided in one of the aforesaid parishes for the preceding two (2) years, and shall have been actively domiciled for the preceding year in the parish he represents.
- (b-1) No person may hold the office of Director who is in any way employed by the corporation.
- (b-2) No person may hold the office of a Director if he and/or an immediate family member is financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Corporation, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures, or supplies to the members of the Corporation. An immediate family member, for the purpose of this sub-section, (b-2) is defined as the Director's spouse, parent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, and/or spouses thereof, including any inlaws of the aforesaid persons. A financial interest for the purpose of this sub-section (b-2) is defined as an ownership interest in excess of 10% in an enterprise or business above referenced, and which ownership



# ANNUAL MEETING IS EASY

interest produces an income in excess of \$500 per annum.

- (c) No person may be eligible to serve as a Director who is the incumbent of or a candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary in excess of \$500.00 per annum is paid.
- (c-1) No person shall be allowed to hold the office of a Director of the Corporation who is physically and/or mentally incapable of performing all of the duties required of a Director. Such a determination, pursuant to a charge of incapacity, shall first be made by a physician selected by a majority of the Board of Directors and who after performing his evaluation, renders a report certifying the incapacity, either physically or mentally, of the Director. Upon such certification, a majority of the Board of Directors shall be allowed to declare said party mentally and/or physically incapable of performing all of his duties as a Board Member. A refusal to submit to the examination subjects the Director charged to immediate removal by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- (c-2) No person may hold the office of a Director of the Corporation who has been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
- (c-3) No person may be eligible to serve as a Director who has an immediate family member (immediate means within the third degree) serving on the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- (c-4) No person holding the position of a Director of this Corporation shall be allowed to solicit or otherwise request that the Corporation and/or its employees conduct business with said Director.
- (c-5) No person shall be eligible to serve as a Director until two (2) years has elapsed since he was an employee of the Corporation.
- (d) When a Director reaches the age of eighty (80), said Director shall no longer be eligible to continue to serve as a Director of the Corporation. If a Director of this Corporation is 80 years of age or older on June 4, 2011, he shall only be eligible to continue to serve as a Director of the Corporation for an additional six (6) month period of time.

Any person and/or Director who violates any of the requirements of Article IV, Section 2, Paragraphs a, b, c, c subparts, and/or d, after due notice at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which the charges are to be considered, shall have the right to be heard in person or by counsel and to present evidence in respect to the charges and the Board of Directors shall have the same opportunity.

At the next regularly or specifically scheduled meeting, the Board of Directors, of the Corporation, by a majority vote of said Board, may remove and the same are hereby authorized to remove the Director who has violated and/or who is found not to have fulfilled the qualifications of serving on the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Said vacancy shall be filled as provided for in Article IV, Section 4, of these By-Laws.

- (e) Nomination. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than one hundred (100) days before the date of the meeting of members at which Directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members, who shall be selected from different sections of the project area so as to ensure equitable representations. No member of the Board of Directors may serve on such committee. The date, time, and place of the meeting of the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors shall be published in the bi-monthly issue of the membership publication in the month immediately preceding that meeting, but at least ten (10) days before said meeting. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of this Corporation, at least forty-five (45) days before the

membership meeting, a list of nominations of Directors, selecting the same number of persons as nominees as the number whose terms expire at the next Annual Meeting; selecting at least one (1) nominee from each Parish which is the address and domicile of the member whose term will expire at the Annual Meeting, so as to ensure two (2) Board Members at all times from each of the five (5) Parishes named in Section 2(a), Article IV, of the By-Laws.

- (e-1) Any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make other nominations by Petition and file the Petition with the Secretary at the headquarters office of the Corporation, not less than twenty-five (25) days prior to the meeting of the members. The Secretary shall thereupon immediately post such nominations at the headquarters office of the Corporation, at which place the list of nominations made by the Nominating Committee has been posted. When nominations are made by Petition in addition to those made by the Nominating Committee as aforesaid, the Secretary shall immediately mail with the Notice of the Meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting of members, to each member a statement of the number of Directors to be elected and the names and addresses of all of the candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by the Committee of Nominations and also the nominations made by Petition. All nominations of members as candidate for the Board of Directors shall specify the Parish which the said candidate is to represent. All members present at the Annual Meeting at which Directors are to be elected, shall be entitled to vote on the Directors to be elected, regardless of the Parish which such Directors are to represent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Section shall not in any manner whatsoever affect the validity of any election for Directors.

**Section 3. Tenure.** Tenure. The Board of Directors shall be divided into three (3) classes at the Annual Meeting of members to be held on June 2, 1979, the first class to be composed of four (4) members with the term of office to expire at the next succeeding Annual Meeting in 1980; the second class to be composed of three (3) members with the term of the Directors of the second class to expire at the second succeeding Annual Meeting in 1981, and the third class to be composed of three (3) members, and the term of office to expire of the third succeeding Annual Meeting in 1982. As nearly as possible, no two members shall be elected from the same parish in the same year. The implementation of this provision of the By-Laws shall not be such as to reduce the term of office of any Director serving at the time of its implementation. At each Annual Meeting following the classification herein provided, a number of Directors equal to the number of the class whose term expired at the time for such meeting shall be elected to hold office for a term of three (3) years, or until the third succeeding Annual Meeting after such election.

**Section 4. Vacancies.** Vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. Directors thus elected by the Board of Directors to fill vacancies shall serve until the expiration of the term of the Director whose office the said member has been elected to fill or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, provided, however, that any member elected by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy on the said Board must be a resident of the same Parish as the Director causing the said vacancy.

**Section 5. Compensation.** Directors shall not receive any salary for their services, but by Resolution of the Board of Directors, a fixed fee and expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at each meeting of the Board and other meetings where Director's attendance is expected.

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These holiday recipes are from **The Essential Louisiana Seafood Cookbook**, by nationally acclaimed food writer Stanley Dry with photo-

graphs by Eugenia Uhl. Top-notch ingredients are paired with fresh seafood to create 50 traditional and contemporary dishes. The hardcover book is available for \$17.95 at local bookstores or online at louisianaseafoodcookbook.com.

## 30-Minute Crawfish Etouffée

This doesn't take much longer to prepare than the rice you serve it with, and it's just about as easy.

- 2 cups chicken stock or broth
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups frozen seasoning vegetables
- 1 lb. crawfish tails
- Coarse salt & cayenne

In a heavy pot, combine chicken stock or broth and flour; whisk until smooth. Add butter, vegetables and crawfish and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, season to taste with salt and cayenne, and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve over rice. Yield: 4 servings



30-Minute Crawfish Etouffée



Gulf Fish with Crabmeat

## Gulf Fish with Crabmeat

There's not much that can top this preparation. Jumbo lump crabmeat is preferred, but price may dictate white crabmeat.

- 3 tbsp. butter
- 4 Gulf fish fillets, such as redfish or black drum
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- Cajun/Creole seasoning
- 1 lb. lump or white crabmeat
- 2 tsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. chopped parsley
- Lemon wedges

Preheat broiler. Grease a rimmed, heavy-duty baking sheet with some of the butter. Place fillets on baking sheet and pour over white wine. Season fillets to taste with Cajun/Creole seasoning and divide butter among them. Broil until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Carefully tip baking sheet into a large, nonreactive skillet to drain liquid. Place skillet over high heat, and keep fish warm while preparing crabmeat and sauce. Boil liquid in skillet until it

becomes syrupy. Add crabmeat and lemon juice and cook only until crabmeat is heated through. Divide fish fillets among warm serving plates; spoon over crabmeat and sauce. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with lemon wedges. Yield: 4 servings

## Crawfish with White Wine, Lemon & Capers

This tasty dish can be prepared before you've had time to finish your first glass of wine, which can be poured from the same bottle you're using in the recipe.

- 8 tbsp. butter
- 1 lb. cooked crawfish tails
- 1 cup dry, white wine
- 1 tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tsp. capers, drained & rinsed
- Coarse salt & freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. chopped parsley
- 4 slices toasted bread

Melt butter in a large skillet on medium-high heat; when foaming subsides, add crawfish tails and cook, while stirring, for 2 minutes. Add wine, lemon juice and capers and cook, stirring occasionally, until sauce begins to thicken, about 4 to 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add parsley. Serve over toasted bread. Yield: 4 servings

## Shrimp Cakes

Panko, the Japanese-style breadcrumbs, create a light and crispy texture in these shrimp cakes.

- 1 lb. boiled shrimp, peeled & deveined
- 6 tbsp. Panko breadcrumbs
- 6 tbsp. mayonnaise
- Coarse salt & freshly ground black pepper
- Hot sauce
- 1 tbsp. chopped parsley





## Crawfish with White Wine, Lemon & Capers

1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
Olive or vegetable oil for frying  
Lemon wedges

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade, pulse shrimp a few times until they are coarsely ground. Add Panko and mayonnaise and pulse to combine. Transfer mixture to a mixing bowl, season to taste with salt, pepper and hot sauce; add parsley. Form mixture into



Shrimp Cakes

4 cakes, dredge in flour and fry in about 1/4-inch of hot oil until browned on one side, then turn and brown on the other. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve with lemon wedges. Yield: 4 servings

## Shrimp & Egg Stew

*If you have heads-on shrimp, you can replace the chicken stock or broth in this recipe with shrimp stock made by simmering the heads and shells in water. Seasoning preferences vary greatly here. Some like the stew spicy, others prefer mild seasonings to accentuate the sweetness of the shrimp. I am in the latter camp.*

2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 bell pepper, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 cups chicken stock or broth  
2 tbsp. dry roux  
2 lbs. shrimp, peeled & deveined



Shrimp & Egg Stew

4 eggs  
Coarse salt & freshly ground black pepper  
Cayenne  
1/4 cup chopped parsley  
1/4 cup chopped green onion tops

In a large, heavy pot over medium heat, cook onions, bell pepper and garlic in oil, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes. Combine roux and stock in a mixing bowl and whisk to dissolve roux. Add contents to pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add shrimp and simmer, covered, for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in another pot, cover eggs with water, bring to a boil, cover, turn off heat and let sit for 10 minutes. Drain and place under running cold water to cool. Peel eggs and chop finely.

Add eggs to shrimp mixture, season to taste with salt, black pepper and cayenne; simmer for 5 minutes. Add parsley and green onion tops and serve with steamed rice. Yield: 4 servings

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Without approval of the members, except in an emergency situation, Directors and Officers shall not be employed by the Corporation in any capacity.

**Section 6. Rules and Regulations.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to make and adopt such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Corporation or the laws of the State of Louisiana as it may deem advisable for the management, administration, and regulation of the business and affairs of the Corporation.

**Section 7. Accounting System and Reports.** The Board of Directors shall cause to be established and maintained a complete accounting system, which shall conform to such system of accounts as may from time to time be designated by the Rural Utilities Service of the United States of America. The Board of Directors may also, after the close of each fiscal year cause to be made a full and complete audit of the accounts, books, and financial condition of the Corporation as of the end of such fiscal year. Such audit reports shall be available to the members at the following Annual Meeting, upon request by each member.

**Section 8. Removal of Directors by Members.** Charges against a Director requesting his removal may be brought by filing such charges in writing with the Secretary in a Petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the Corporation who request the removal of such Director by reason thereof. The Director, against whom such charges

have been brought, shall be informed, in writing, of the charges at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting at which the charges are to be considered and said Director shall have an opportunity at the meeting to be heard in person or by counsel and shall be allowed to present evidence in respect to the charges and the person or persons bringing the charges against him shall have the same opportunity. The question of the removal of such Director shall be considered and voted upon at the next regular or Special Meeting of the members, as provided for in Louisiana R.S. 12:417, and any vacancy created by such removal shall be filled by vote of the members in accordance with the general nomination and election procedure provided for herein. ●

#### **SLEMCO 2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Acadia Parish**—Donald Higginbotham, P.O. Box 643, Church Point, LA 70525

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**St. Martin Parish**—James Theriot, 1052 Mimosa Lane, St. Martinville, LA 70582

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**Vermilion Parish**—Chad Bertrand, 11038 LA Highway 91 South, Gueydan, LA 70542

The committee will meet April 4, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the SLEMCO office, 3420 NE Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA.

(s) Bryan G. Leonards, Sr., *Board Secretary*

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Ten members missed out on a \$25 credit to their account. They were **Karen Gatenby** of Duson, **Kevin Porter** of Erath, **David M. Juneau** of Arnaudville, **Dianne S. Mandeville** of Lafayette, **Daniel C. Higgins** of Sunset, **Kenneth D. Letchworth** of Youngsville,

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