GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION BULLETIN August 20, 2019

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 27, 2019 Hank Tatje, Argote, Derbes, graham, Shuffield & Tatje

September 3, 2019 No Breakfast Meeting – Labor Day

September 10, 2019 Scot Craig, Katie's Restaurant & Bar

September 17, 2019 No Breakfast Meeting (See Sept 19 – Loft 18)

September 19, 2019 Loft 18 – Nighttime Social 3128 Metairie Road, Metairie 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm

September 24, 2019 Round Table Discussion – Messina's Lakefront GNOEA Board of Director's Meeting

October 1, 2019 Jim Perrier, Universal Data - Cybersecurity

October 8, 2019 GNOEA – No Breakfast Meetina

OPEN CLASSIFICATIONS

Here are just some of our open classifications:

Appliance Sales and Service Alarms – Burglar & Fire Auto Collision Repair Bakery **Cellular Phones** Chiropractor Electrical Engineer Florists Framing and Art Glass – Automobile *Graphic Designer* Hardware – Retail Health Club Hotel Internet Service Provider Limousine Service Locksmith

<u>PROGRAM AUGUST 20, 2019</u> <u>KEVIN PEDEAUX</u> <u>COAST ROAST COFFEE COMPANY</u>

At only 35 years old, Kevin Pedeaux is a national entrepreneur in the coffee business. Kevin attended Archbishop Hannan High School in Meraux and studied four years abroad before attained an English degree from the University of Holy Cross in Algiers.

He and his wife, Ashley, live in New Orleans with their three-year-old son, Owen and newborn baby Philip.

Kevin's love for coffee started when he entered a roasting shop in Mississippi, which roast coffee in its original form using a roaster from New Orleans created in 1910. In 2009 Kevin opened Coast Roast Coffee shop in Ponchatoula in partnership with Nonna Randazzo's Bakery. He also sold coffee at Covington Farmer's Market for eight years, then expanded into St. Roch Market in New Orleans. Smartly, he continued growing the Coast Roast Coffee brand in a wholesale environment by providing businesses with the best cup of coffee.

Kevin targets the needs of businesses and creates specialty blended coffee developed specifically for the smallest coffee shops, as well as some of the biggest brands of coffee in Louisiana. Coast Roast Coffee is sold in over 100 shops across the United States. Kevin's business expanded again when Coast Roast Coffee opened in March of 2018 at The Auction House Market in New Orleans.

Kevin also manages to host a neighborhood talk show that he posts on You Tube and Facebook called Coffee with Kevin. His show features interesting Louisiana natives and visitors, who are frequent customers of Coast Roast Coffee. While being entertained, viewers of the show get to know regulars at Coast Roast Coffee. This encourages growth in the coffee shop and is a great community builder.

TARDINESS

It has been noticed that certain members are constantly tardy or leave early at our meetings. The board would like all members to know this behavior is disruptive to the meeting, so please in the future try to make the necessary allotment of time.