ST. MARY PARISH SALES & USE TAX DEP

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Dear Fellow LATA Members & Guests:

Bienvenue! <u>St. Mary Parish Sales & Use Tax Department</u> is hosting the <u>1st Quarterly LATA</u> <u>Conference</u>, scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, through Friday, March 15, 2024. We are hosting at the Clarion Inn located at 520 Roderick Street, Morgan City, LA. Hotel rates are \$96 per night, breakfast included 5 a.m. – 9 a.m. Make reservations by March 1, 2024 to assure rates at <a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/FQ25R0">https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/FQ25R0</a> or Quality Inn <a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/AR822R5">www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/AR822R5</a>.

The Conference begins with Wednesday afternoon committee meetings after which the Hospitality Suite will be open for fantastic local fare, cocktails, and networking. The evening social at Legend's Bar features Hors d'oeuvres, Cocktails and Entertainment. Try our Signature Drink tailored just for LATA, "*Penalty and Interest*"!

On Thursday, your day will begin with an informative field trip to the <u>Historic Mr. Charlie</u> <u>Drilling Rig</u>. "The only place in the world where the general public can walk aboard an authentic offshore drilling rig." <u>www.rigmuseum.com</u>. No open toed/heeled shoes. Ability to climb stairs. General sessions for the afternoon include presentations from DNR Sonris, Ethics Training and more.

A hard day's work deserves a little fun. Dinner, laughs and music with Comedian, <u>DJ Rhett</u> LeCompte. <u>"Ya'll Catchin'?"</u>

After Friday morning breakfast, the general sessions continue with an exercise on Professionalism by Mary Chauvin followed by the "The News Lady" Danika Foley Long who will teach us how to "Beat Burn Out Before Burn Out Beats You." Check her out at <a href="mailto:@ibedamned\_blog">@ibedamned\_blog</a>. The conference will conclude with lunch and door prizes.

<u>NEW</u> Feature - I invite you to bring an item that you may have received for Christmas or a birthday or have just lying around the house that you will not use. We will have a <u>silent auction</u> on those items. Proceeds go towards the **Roy Austin Scholarship Fund**. High bidders announced at Thursday's social.

Registration forms and updated information will be available on <u>Wild Apricot and Lataonline</u>. Goody Bag Items and Sponsorship Donations are welcome and encouraged.

Sincerely,

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