

## Crowley Rice Festival, 1959

In October 1959, aspiring presidential candidate Senator John F. Kennedy and his wife Jackie were guests at the International Rice Festival in Crowley, Louisiana. They were hosted by Judge and Mrs Edmund M. Reggie. Other notable political figures of the day in attendance were Edwin Edwards and Camille Gravel. On Saturday, May 31, 2008, a marker was placed in Crowley Louisiana on the spot where Kennedy addressed a crowd of 135,000.

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