

# ROTARIPOST

APRIL 25, 2023



## LATORIA THOMAS

LaToria "Tori" W. Thomas is United Way of Northwest Louisiana's President & CEO. She joined the organization as Vice President of Resource Development in 2018 and now leads United Way NWLA through building relationships, meeting unmet needs, and embodying United Way's mission to build equity and strength within Northwest Louisiana. Tori, a Shreveport native, brings a diverse background in nonprofit leadership, including work in foundations and grant-making organizations, fundraising, program development, and management.

Tori graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Northwestern State University. After graduating, she started her nonprofit career at Shreveport Green as an AmeriCorps Crew Leader. She then relocated to New Orleans to assist with the Greater New Orleans Foundation's rebuilding efforts after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. She later served as the community specialist and program analyst for the AARP Foundation, the charitable affiliate of AARP that serves vulnerable people 50 and older by creating and advancing solutions that help them build economic opportunity and social connectedness. She also served as an Executive Director for Dress for Success New Orleans and as the donor services officer for the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, where she managed 19 national and local scholarships.

Tori is the founder of Emerging Philanthropists in New Orleans, a giving circle for young professionals. She has served on the boards of the Committee for a Better New Orleans/Metropolitan Area Commission, Young Leadership Council, and Forum 35. She was selected as a Connecting Leaders Fellows for the Association of Black Foundation Executives.



### ROTARIANS SERVING OTHERS:

GREETER: [SUSAN BRYANT](#)  
RAFFLE TICKETS: [GREG LOTT](#)  
LUNCH MONEY: [JAMES ADAMS](#)  
INVOCATION: [MARGARET WALLACE](#)  
ZOOM PILOT: [MARY WEBBER](#)  
MUSIC: [ROSS SMITH](#)

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS!

- **Kristen Powers April 29**
- **Kirk Davis April 29**



# ROTARIANS IN THE COMMUNITY! HOLY ANGELS 5K SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023



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1. Laurie Boswell presenting after the race. What a great day, Laurie!
2. Jarrod Horton with Merrill Wautlet and his son M.C. enjoying some hydration!
3. Mark Snow and Leigh Anne Evensky all smiles handing out water to the racers!
4. Robert McGowen running!
5. Katie MacMurray and her friend Kelly Clayton enjoying the race!
6. Dayne Hassell, Mark Snow, Leigh Anne Evensky, Lawrence Calhoun, and Jarrod Horton ready for the runners!

**THANK YOU LAWRENCE FOR SPEARHEADING THIS!**

# LAST WEEK!

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



Deb Poore (pictured left) became a Paul Harris Fellow last week and Joe Littlejohn made Msgr Earl Provenza a Paul Harris Fellow last week (pictured above)!

# Welcome

**NEW MEMBER:  
TOMMY CLARK!**



Thank You!

Thank you Karen Johnson for the informative presentation on Rotary Grants!



**Pictured with his Sponsor Gard Wayt and President Mark Snow**

Upcoming Program: May 2, 2023

# SARA NELMS, SHREVEPORT BOSSIER SPORTS COMMISSION

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES...

### WE DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT YOU!!

#### HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Sarah Collier, **04/01/89**  
Tom Arceneaux, **04/01/94**  
Dianne Clark, **04/02/19**  
George Nelson, **04/04/80**  
Steve Ferris, **04/05/22**  
Jack Sharp, **04/05/22**  
Peyton LaBorde, **04/05/16**  
Justin Lord, **04/06/21**  
Dosha Peek, **04/06/21**  
Meg Goorley, **04/13/21**  
Steen Trawick, **04/13/21**  
Cody Mayo, **04/17/84**  
David Brainis, **04/18/00**  
Rick Bateman, **04/19/16**  
Bill Reyenga, **04/20/82**  
Nita Cook, **04/21/21**  
Russ Mathers, **04/27/21**  
Rashad Bristo, **04/27/21**  
Craig Spohn, **04/29/08**



#### APRIL 11TH RAFFLE WINNERS

#### HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO:

Susan Saylors Bryant **April 1**  
Bobbie Brasher **April 5**  
Dayne Hassell **April 6**  
Cody White **April 8**  
Kylie Vail **April 9**  
Joe Littlejohn **April 15**  
David Brainis **April 15**  
Merrill Wautlet **April 16**  
Denis Poljak **April 16**  
Bill Reyenga **April 18**  
Steve Ferris **April 19**  
Fred Kent **April 19**  
Bob Neff **April 20**  
Megann McDaniel **April 22**  
George Bakowski **April 23**  
John Sharp **April 24**

- TRF Raffle:
  - George Bakowski
- Rose Neath Flowers:
  - Hoyt Bain
- Eggs from Andy Shehee's Hens:
  - Doug Bland
  - Deb Poore
  - Mike Ferrell
- I ♥ Shreveport Mug from Tom Arceneaux:
  - Margaret Wallace



*Leigh Anne Evensky*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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**[CLICK HERE to see photos from the meeting from last week!](#)**