



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting
May 4, 2021

Keynote

From Rice to Spirits

Founder and owner **Mike Frugé** grew up in Branch, LA on his family’s rice farm founded by his great, great uncle. John “JT” Meleck, the family patriarch, started growing “Providence Style” rice in 1896.

Farm life taught Mike to “do it now” as Mother Nature is always changing her mind. Later when Mike was attending college at USL circa 1983 a new farming practice called aquaculture caught the attention of rice farmers. Mike and his brother Mark were one of the first to add live crawfish to flooded rice fields in Acadiana. What started out as a hobby on 20 acres of flooded rice fields is now a thriving rice and crawfish farm that has grown to over 3,000 acres.

The success of the crawfish led Mike to start a self-driven crawfish delivery route in Dallas, Texas. That single route eventually became the Frugé Seafood Company, a distributor of fresh seafood from all over the world that today serves 3 states and over 500 customers.

In 2013 Mike circled back to focus on the family roots. He began looking for a way to add value to his rice crop and build a lasting brand for his family. Taking rice grown on his farm, he distilled a fine Louisiana Spirit, launching J.T. Meleck Distillers in 2017.

Mike is not all business though-his love for his wife and three kids is second to none. He is a true Louisiana outdoorsman. When not hunting or fishing, you can find him acting as the “semi-professional manager” of a 15 year old baseball player!



Mike Frugé



Don’t miss the raffle on Tuesday as you come into the restaurant. Mike Frugé is going to provide bottles as raffle prizes! So....add that to your chances to win a donation to The Rotary Foundation, flowers from Rose-Neath and eggs from Andy Shehee’s Americana hens.

Tuesday,
12:00 Noon

Historical Start
12:13 p.m.
In-Person at
Hilton Hotel
Restaurant &
Zoom On-Line
Option

Rotarians Serving Others

Money Kim
Table Green

Raffle James
Tickets Blewett

Invocation Janet
 Parker

Zoom Mark Snow
Operators And
 Melissa Ricou

Greeter Greg
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Hybrid Meetings

We will continue to offer hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom). Here is the Zoom recurring invite that can be used for meetings. If you are unable to use the link, simply sign into your free Zoom account, click on the option to Join a Meeting and use the Meeting ID and Password. The waiting room will be used to monitor admittance and avoid any “Zoom bombing”.

Topic: Rotary Club of Shreveport Weekly Meeting
Time: May 4, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxUUFFL0ILSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051

Passcode: 870740

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

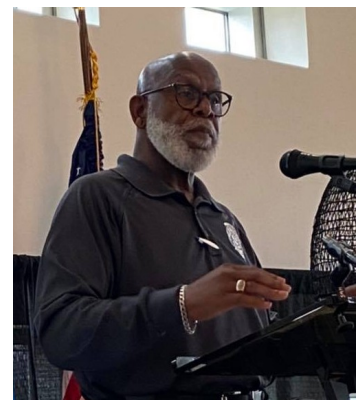
New Member Meeting Next Tuesday, May 4th after Rotary

All red badge new members and prospective members please plan to stay after Rotary next Tuesday to meet regarding our service project with Common Ground.

Last Week's Program

Mortimer Harris, City of Shreveport Property Standards Department, gave us information on the processes of the new Environmental Court in Shreveport. [More information is here.](#)

You can watch our entire meeting video [at this link](#) on our Facebook page.



New Members

RaShad Bristo, a native and current resident of Mansfield, has many accomplishments under his belt. With a dream of becoming a police officer and armed with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Grambling, he is the only person in Louisiana and the first person in the country with one arm to successfully graduate from a police academy and work in law-enforcement.

After his retirement from law enforcement he has been a motivational speaker, written a book "Bitter or Better: Doing More With Less", has a weekly talk show on KHAM Radio in addition to serving as Community Relation Manager with Healthy Blue of Louisiana.

RaShad has served or is presently serving on several Boards: Disability Rights Louisiana, Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, State Independent Living Council, Christian Services and New Horizons Independent Living Center. He received the Ken Vince Memorial Award from Governor John Bel Edwards' Outstanding Leadership on Disabilities for his ongoing contributions to those with disabilities across the State.

RaShad's classification is Insurance, Medical Benefits and his sponsors are Martha Marak and Laurie Boswell.



(From left) Lawrence Calhoun, RaShad Bristo and Martha Marak.



(From left) Lawrence Calhoun, Gard Wayt and Russ Mathers.

Russ Mathers is the STRIKEWERX Innovation Hub Director and Deputy Director of the Collaborative Environment Division. Russ, a native of Midland, MI, received his B.S. in aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan, his MBA from Louisiana Tech University-BAFB, Masters degree from Air Command and Staff College, Joint Forces Staff College and Masters degree at College of Naval Warfare.

A 27-year veteran of active duty with the U.S. Air Force he spent 22 of those years stationed at BAFB. He has experience as a B-52 pilot, B-2 pilot, US Strategic Command nuclear operations planner and Chief of Combat Plans in Eighth Air Force.

Russ received the 1996 General LeMay Award for commanding "Outstanding Bomber Aircrew", 1996 General Ira Eaker Award for "Outstanding Airmanship in Eighth Air Force" and was the 1995 holder of six B-52H speed records over a closed circuit.

His classification is Government Service, Consulting and his sponsors are Gard Wayt and Doug Bland.

Another New Member

Gregory Redmond, a native of Mentor, Ohio, is a passionate physical therapist in practice since 2001. He received his Bachelor's degree in Pre-Medicine from the State University of New York College-Brockport, his Masters degree from University of Miami in Florida and later pursued his Doctor of Clinical Physical Therapy through Marymount University in Arlington, VA.

He began his career at the VA Hospital serving the men and women of the military with whom he shared the honor of serving as a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force during both Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Dr. Redmond currently co-owns and operates Eberhardt Physical Therapy, Nutrition and Wellness with his wife Shelly Redmond, a Registered Dietitian. His classification is Medical, Physical Therapy and his sponsors are Gayle Flowers and Mark Snow.



(From left) Lawrence Calhoun, Gayle Flowers and Greg Redmond.

New Paul Harris Fellow



Lawrence Calhoun with Jim Kowalski.

Rotarian **Jim Kowalski** was recognized for becoming a new Paul Harris Fellow. A native of Cincinnati, Jim retired in 2015 as Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale AFB after more than 35 years of service.

Jim received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, his Master's in management from Central Michigan University and another Master's degree in national security and strategic studies from Naval War College.

As command pilot he has 4,600 flight hours in B-52, B-1 and E-3 aircraft.

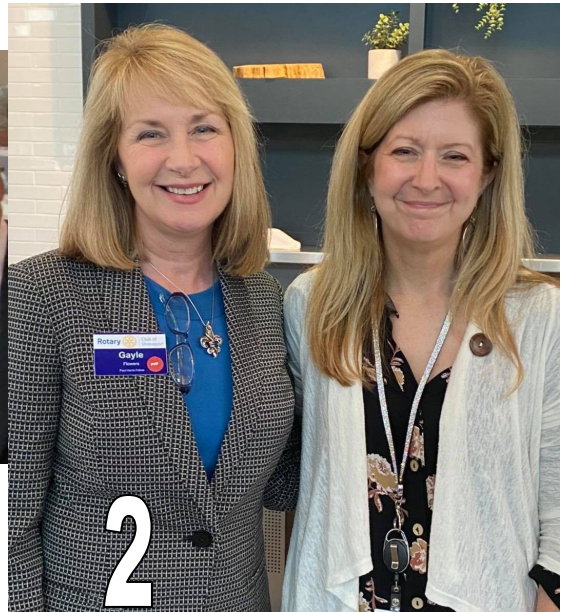
Since retirement, Jim is positioned as the Vice President and Corporate Lead Executive for Government Relations for Northrop Grumman Corporation.

He joined our club in 2018.





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1—(From Left) Jarrod Horton, Greg Juneau and Tim Magner.

2—Gayle Flowers and her guest, Laura Alderman.

3—Doug Bland introduced our program.

4—Deb Poore and Dosha Peek.

5—(From Left) Merrill Wautlet, Tim Quinn and Jesse Gilmore.



Behold He is making Common Ground's Community Center new again!

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL DROP BY ON
TUESDAY, MAY 4TH
FROM 11 AM - 6 P.M.
TO GET A SNEAK PEAK OF OUR NEWLY RENOVATED
SPACE.**

WHILE WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE IN A FEW MONTHS, WE WANTED TO SHOW OFF THE SPACE NOW! WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE PLAQUES REFLECTING THE DONATIONS MADE BY YOU OR IN HONOR/MEMORY OF SOMEONE WILL HAVE BEEN MOUNTED.

COME HELP US DREAM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES!

THERE WILL BE BOX LUNCHES, SNACKS AND DRINKS.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST

JOIN US ON
MAY 13TH, 2021

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SCOTT MUSCUTT

General Manager of the Shreveport Mudbugs & Founder of Learn Lead WIN

**ARE YOU A BUSINESS OR COMMUNITY LEADER WHO WANTS TO HELP
TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST?
JOIN US!!**

FOR MORE DETAILS & TO RSVP CALL OR E-MAIL JULIE SEARING
318-424-3200 EXT. 28 OR JULIE.SEARING@USS.SALVATIONARMY.ORG



Our condolences to Rotarian Scott Hughes and his family for the death of Scott's mother-in-law Ann Powell Rhodes who passed away April 26, 2021 after a short illness.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Unless written objection is received within seven days, there will be added to the membership of

Rotary Club of Shreveport

the following:

Cody White

Senior Partner

Heard McElroy & Vestal CPAs

Classification

Accounting

Proposed by

Laurie Boswell & Martha Marak



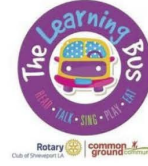
(Left) Johnathon Goff and Mark Snow hosted the Zoom portion of our meeting last Tuesday. Would you like to be on our Zoom committee to be the host for our members attending via Zoom?

It's fun and easy—admit members and guests from the waiting room, relay any questions to the presenter and record the meeting.

Let Mark Snow or Judy Bellew know if you're interested!



\$10,000 Value



**Rotary Club of Shreveport
2021 Raffle for Honda Pioneer 700**

\$20 PER TICKET

Drawing will be held at the **Shreveport Rotary Tuesday Lunch** meeting on **August 3th**, 2021. Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Learning Bus partnership with Common Ground Community. Winner does not need to be present. This is not a charitable contribution. Winner is responsible for all state and federal income tax liabilities.

Thanks to our Gold Sponsors



**Get Your Tickets Now! See Scott Wysong!
Credit Cards Accepted at Tuesday Meetings**

Upcoming Presentations

May 11, 2021—Michelle Reininger, Chimp Haven colony director—Meet the Chimps

May 18, 2021—Civic Grant Awards

May 25, 2021— The Gumbo Band

June 1, 2021—Dr. John George, BRF

June 22, 2021—Scott Isaacs, Drone Technology



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Call Judy Bellew if you have any questions about the club.

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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Joe Littlejohn

*Thank you for your donation to The Rotary Foundation.
 This applies toward your Paul Harris Fellowship*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Chris Stokes

Eggs from Andy Shehee's chickens—

Reggie Abrams, Peyton Cole & David Bellew

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program
 May 11, 2021**

**Michelle Reininger
 Colony Director
 Chimp Haven**

Birthdays

* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

◆ Major Donor

May 2	Jarrold Horton*
May 5	Dianne Clark*, Russ Mathers
May 6	Holly Roca
May 7	Clay Nelson*
May 11	Jesse Gilmore*
May 12	Jack Lamb*
May 13	Greg Redmond
May 15	Libby Murphy*, Mark Hebert*
May 19	Charles Grubb*, Miles Hitchcock*
May 21	Meg Goorley
May 22	Nell Shehee◆
May 27	Kit Gamble, Erika Wysong
May 28	George Nelson, Jr.*+

