



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting
April 13,
2021

Keynote

Heading To The Tokyo Paralympic Games!

Jillian Elwart is a certified prosthetist at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Shreveport and an internationally competitive para athlete. The North Little Rock native was born with proximal femoral focal deficiency, a congenital condition characterized primarily by a missing/malformed femur (thigh bone).



Jillian Elwart

As a toddler, she underwent multiple surgeries at the Shreveport Shriners Hospital to help prepare her leg for use of a prosthetic device. She continued to receive prosthetic legs and related care at Shriners until aging out of the system at age 18.

After high school, Jillian earned a degree in anthropology from the University of Arkansas, followed by studies in prosthetics at California State University. She completed her prosthetics residency through Certified Limb and Brace in Shreveport. In 2016 she returned to the Shreveport Shriners Hospital as a full-time certified prosthetist. As a former patient, she is thrilled to bring her personal experiences and encouragement to the care she provides in support of patients and families.

In 2016, Jillian was introduced to kayaking by former Olympic canoeist Benjamin Kvanli. Captivated by the speed and freedom of the sport, Jillian quickly found herself competing in kayak sprint competitions. By 2018 she was competing with the U.S. National Team at the Paracanoe World Championships and had earned distinction as the fastest para canoeist in the country. Through her successes as a canoeist, Jillian was invited to train with the U.S. national para bobsled team. Following training at Lake Placid, New York, she found herself traveling to Germany to compete in a second para athletic sport. She most recently qualified for para canoe triathlon events related to the Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Tuesday,
12:00 Noon

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

Rotarians Serving Others

Money James
Table Adams

Raffle Robert
Tickets McGowen

Invocation Laurie
 Boswell

Zoom Mark Snow
Operators

Greeter Mark Crews

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: April 13, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxbUFL0ILSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051
Passcode: 870740

Dial by your location
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

New Member Introduced last Tuesday

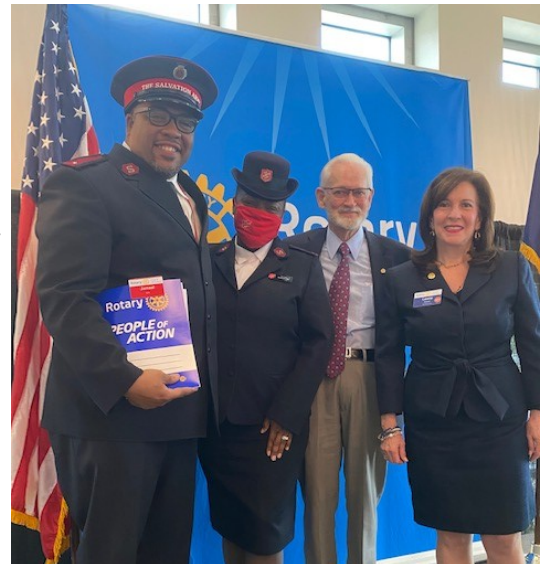
Jamaal Ellis was born and raised in Atlanta, GA. Coming from a low-income household, he learned the value of hard work from his mother who installed in him the values of loyalty and commitment.

As an adult, Jamaal worked his way to middle management in the hospitality industry and worked for Hilton for seven years. He met his wife Tami while working for Hilton and she later introduced Jamaal to The Salvation Army where he served as a youth pastor.

Today, Jamaal and Tami are serving in their second appointment leading the work of The Salvation Army in Northwest Louisiana. They have two sons, Jamaal (age 7) and Daniel (age 5).

Jamaal shared that he stands amazed at how God can turn a life around and if He was able to do that for Jamaal, then He can do it for anyone.

Jamaal’s classification is Associations, Charitable & Service and his sponsor is Gard Wayt.



(Above, from left) Jamaal Ellis, Tami Ellis, Gard Wayt and President Laurie.

But Wait....There's More



(Above, from left) Justin Lord, Jeff Brasher and President Laurie.

Justin Lord is an Assistant Professor at LSU Shreveport in the James K. Elrod Health Administration Department. He holds a Ph.D. in Administration-Health Services from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a B.S. and MBA from Jacksonville State University. He is also a Certified Managerial Accountant (CMA) and a Fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association (FHFMA).

Prior to pursuing a doctorate, he worked for several years as the Finance Director for a multi-state healthcare not-for-profit and also at Honda Manufacturing as a Financial Analyst. His research focuses primarily on the financial management of long-term care organizations. He has been published in multiple peer-reviewed journals and presented at international/national conferences.

Justin is a member of YPI and is participating in the Greater Shreveport Leadership Program. He and his husband have been happily married since 2016 and they are the proud parents of an 11-month-old daughter, Emily.

Justin's classification is Education, University and his sponsor is Jeff Brasher.

A native of Plain Dealing, **Mar'Dosha Peek** is the owner of three small businesses: Street Outreach Solutions, LLC (a Mental Health Resource), Success Adult Day Health Care Center LLC and her own wine company called Peek of Taste. She has worked in the mental health field for eight years helping others to improve their mental health.

Dosha received her Associates Degree in human services from Southern University and is now enrolled at Louisiana Tech pursuing her bachelor's degree in psychology.

She has served as president of a non-profit young girls' empowerment group named "Triple S" whose mission is to motivate young girls to embrace themselves in a positive manner.

Dosha and her husband Paul Peek, Jr. have two children and attend Fellowship Baptist Church where Dosha works in the Youth Department.

Dosha's classification is Business Services & Supplies, Winery and her sponsor is Dianne Clark.



Above from left) Dosha Peek and Dianne Clark



Seen Tuesday

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1—(From left) Kim Green, Mark Medicus, Vance Bailes, Mary Webber, Elton Richey and Deb Poore.

2—(From left) Jamaal Ellis, Tami Ellis and John Tuggle.

3—Kelly Wells from Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission.

4—Sylvester Marshall talked about Bayou Classic events.

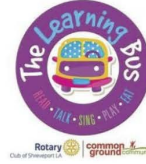
5—(From left) Reggie Abrams, Bruce Willson, Debra Williams, Nancy Alexander, Melissa Ricou.





\$10,000 Value

Rotary
Club of Shreveport



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.

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Upcoming Presentations

April 20, 2021—Shreveport Opera SOX

April 27, 2021—Mortimer Harris, City of Shreveport—Property Standards

May 4, 2021—Mike Fruge, J.T. Meleck Distillers

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

May 18, 2021—Civic Grant Awards

May 25, 2021— The Gumbo Band

Plan ahead to bring a guest!



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Lawrence Calhoun

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

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Mark Snow

Eggs from Andy Shehee’s chickens—

Robert McGowen & David Bellew

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program
April 20, 2021**

Shreveport Opera’s SOX



JOIN US

ANNUAL SHRED EVENT

Bring all of your Personal Information/Documents that you need shredded **ONSITE**

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This annual event provides funds for The East Shreveport Rotary Club to fund Community Projects

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Donations Greatly Appreciated

Join the East Shreveport Rotary Club for our ANNUAL Shred Event

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Saturday, April 17th
8am-12Noon
Porter's Cleaners
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Last Week’s Program Bayou Classic

Last week we enjoyed hearing from Kelly Wells from the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission and from Sylvester Marshall who is coordinating events for the Bayou Classic weekend.

Get your tickets for the Grambling-Southern game on Saturday, April 17th.

This was a very interesting program and if you missed it, or want to hear it again, you can view it on our Facebook page [at this link](#).

KUDOS

Congratulations to Denis Poljak and Davor Poljak of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management for being named to Forbes Magazine’s List of Best-in-State Wealth Advisors.