



# Rotaripost

**NOON — 12:00  
Meeting  
April 6,  
2021**

## Keynote

### The Bayou Classic Is Coming To Town!

**Kelly Wells** has been with the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission since its creation in 2012 by the cities of Shreveport and Bossier City, Caddo and Bossier Parishes as a division of the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Before that, Kelly was in hotel sales management for the previous six years in Louisiana, Texas and Tennessee. A native of Tyler, Texas, he graduated from East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX and has two graduate degrees: Master of industrial and organizational psychology from Louisiana Tech and his MBA from Centenary College.



*Kelly Wells*

Kelly was instrumental in having the Bayou Classic move their event to our area. The Bayou Classic is the annual college football game between the Grambling State University Tigers and the Southern University Jaguars. The game was first held under that name in 1974 at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans although the series itself actually began in 1932.



This annual event is so much more than a football game. It commemorates historically black colleges and universities, academic achievement, tradition, sportsmanship, marching bands, and friendly competition. The "Classic" is an exhibition of the high standards of academic achievement deeply embedded in the traditions of the two institutions.

**Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Independence Stadium with the kick-off time of 1:30 p.m.**

**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*                        *Scott*  
*Tickets*                       *Hughes*

*Invocation*                *John Tuggle*

*Zoom*                         *Mark Snow*  
*Operators*                   *And*  
                                     *Kristen Pow-*  
                                     *ers*

*Greeter*                      *John Tuggle*

## 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 6, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxbUFFL0lLSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

**Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051**

# Passcode: 870740

## Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

# East Shreveport Rotary Club's Annual Shredding Event

Saturday, April 17th—8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Porter's Fine Dry Cleaners, corner of Youree Dr. & Bert Kouns

## Donations Accepted—Watch your documents being shredded!

## Last Week's Program

### Local COVID Recovery

Last week we enjoyed hearing from Grant Nuckolls and Andrew Crawford about how some of our local restaurants and retail businesses are recovering from COVID restrictions.

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](#).



## Rotary International Convention



The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

The decision, made by the Rotary Board of Directors, is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved. We will share more details about the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention soon. Here's what you need to know now:

### Virtual Convention Registration

The Virtual Convention will be open to all Rotary members and participants. Event registration will open in mid-April and will include a promotional fee of \$49 for 21 days, with an increase afterward to \$65. The Rotaract, Youth Exchange Officer and Inter-Country Committee preconventions will be held 10-11 June 2021. The cost of each preconvention event is \$20. Both the convention and preconvention events include access to the House of Friendship. Please continue to check back for more details and updates.

## Upcoming Presentations

April 13, 2021—Jillian Elwart, Shriners Hospital—Paracanoe & Kayak Racing with TEAM USA

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—TBA

May 25, 2021— The Gumbo Band

**Plan ahead to bring a guest!**

## New Paul Harris Fellowship and a PHF Level-Up

President Laurie presented **Kristen Powers** with her new Paul Harris Fellowship on Tuesday. Kristen, a Shreveport native, received her B.A. in mass communications from LSU Baton Rouge and her MBA in Healthcare Management from UNO.

She is the Executive Director of The ARC of Caddo-Bossier. In 2009 Kristen was an Athena Award Nominee and was in that year's class of "40 Under 40".



She is no stranger to Rotary as she was a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange team member to Thailand in 2007. As such, she will always be a Rotary Foundation Alumna. Kristen rejoined our club in 2020 after five years membership in our club and the RiverBend Rotary Club.



**Richard Brontoli**, born in New York City, received his B.S. in civil engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and his Master's degree from the University of Florida. He served in the U.S. Army for 20 years as Engineer Officer while stationed at Ft. Carson, Germany, Ft. Knox and El Salvador. He retired as Deputy Commander at St. Louis Corps of Engineer District.

When Rich retired in 1993 he and wife Sil moved to Shreveport where he assumed his current job as Executive Director of the Red River Valley Association. He joined our club in 1994, served as a club director in the 2011-2012 and as club president in the Rotary year 2019-2020. He received our club's Service Above Self award in 2014-2015.

President Laurie presented his PHF+7 pin on Tuesday. Rich received his first Paul Harris Fellowship in 2006. He is a staunch supporter of The Rotary Foundation and now serves as chair of Rotary District 6190's Paul Harris Society. Ask him what that is!



*Beginning with the PHF+6 level, the stones become rubies instead of sapphires.*





1—John Parsons and Jennifer Elliott.



2—Johnathon Goff (on left) and his guest Robert Lewis.

3—Scott Wysong received the ATV raffle tickets hot off the press from Cory Boyett. More information to follow.



4—(From left) Debra Williams, Jon Keith, Kirk Davis, Jim Graves and Justin Lord.





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questions about the club.

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### Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Mark Snow

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

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Robert Smith & Holly Roca

Eggs from Andy Shehee's chickens—

Robert McGowen & Robert Smith

Holy Angels Rhino Coffee —Lawrence Calhoun

Holy Angels Lasagna—Robert McGowen

Wishy Nolan's print—Charlie Henington

### Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program April 13, 2021

Jillian Elwart  
Shriners Hospital  
TEAM USA

### Birthdays

\* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

♦ Major Donor

April 5	Bobbie Brasher*
April 6	Dayne Hassell*
April 14	Lawrence Brandon*
April 15	Joe Littlejohn*+, David Brainis*
April 16	Merrill Wautlet*, Denis Poljak*
April 18	Bill Reyenga*+
April 19	Fred Kent*
April 20	Bob Neff*
April 23	George Bakowski*
April 29	Kirk Davis, Kristen Powers*



Beonica Frazier (guest) with Di-anne Clark. Their spring colors blended with the flowers from Rose-Neath Florist.

