



# Rotaripost

12:00 NOON  
Meeting  
August 4,  
2020  
Zoom

**Keynote**

## Miss Louisiana 2020 Courtney Hammons

The Miss Louisiana Organization crowned **Courtney Hammons** as Miss Louisiana 2020 on June 16, 2020. Miss Hammons was first runner-up Miss Louisiana 2019. In the 2019 event, she won the talent and instrumentalist award and was a STEM scholarship finalist.

Courtney was Miss Louisiana Tech in 2019 and was in the Top 5 and double preliminary winner in Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen when she was younger.

Currently Courtney is a student recruiter for Louisiana Tech, an indoor cycling instructor at Ride or Die Ruston and a personal trainer for a Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen contestant. She received her B.S. and M.S. in nutrition and dietetics at LA Tech.

Courtney's platform is Feed the Food Bank. She is a volunteer/advocate for food banks and food pantries across Louisiana.



Miss Courtney Hammons



The shoeless Mystery Rotarian last week was immediate Past President Rich Brontoli. Several of you guessed him right away and some have asked where and when the picture was taken.

Rich reported that he was about 10 years old in this picture which was taken in Mogadishu, Somalia when his father was working for oil companies overseas.

Find an "oldie but goodie" of your younger self if you'd like to participate in this fun guessing game.

Tuesday,  
Noon

12:13 p.m.  
Historical Start

Zoom On-Line  
Meetings

### Rotarians Serving Others

Club *Laurie Boswell*  
President

Club *Lawrence*  
President- *Calhoun*  
Elect

Club Vice- *David*  
President *Cromwell*

Club *Mark Snow*  
Secretary- *Treasurer*

Immediate *Rich Brontoli*  
Past Club *President*

## Letter from Club President Laurie Boswell

Dear Rotarians,

During this turbulent time, the Rotary Club of Shreveport Board of Directors continues to seek your input through emails, surveys, telephone calls, and direct communication. After intensely listening to your concerns, the Board voted to proceed with meeting options that address all preferences and concerns - Zoom and in person meeting options.

Following is a summary of the input received and considerations taken.

### Priority #1

- Remain committed to COVID -19 mitigation protocols for membership safety.
- Identify a large venue that accommodates social distancing of 50 individuals.
- Follow recommendations that all participants don masks during meetings except while eating or presenting.
- Provide multiple areas for hand sanitizing and hand washing.
- Utilize venue that offers appropriate IT equipment that supports our speakers.
- Secure video capabilities so that the Zoom meeting remains an option.

### Priority #2

- Secure Cost Effective, yet attractive downtown location that provides:
  - Quality lunch meal served with safety precautions.
  - Adequate and affordable parking.

In consideration of these priorities, the club has secured the Hilton Hotel's restaurant in downtown Shreveport as our temporary meeting venue. We will utilize the same free garage parking that we had when meeting at the Convention Center. Simply park, use the skywalk, use the elevator to the Hilton which is in the nook to the right side prior to entering the double door into the Convention Center. The restaurant is on the first floor of the Hilton.

As announced at the July 14th Rotary meeting, the Rotary Club of Shreveport Board of Directors met on July 13, 2020 and voted to secure the Hilton Hotel as an in person meeting option. This meeting option will begin on **Tuesday, August 11**. The Zoom meeting option will also continue for those who prefer Zoom.

Those choosing to participate in person must RSVP prior to the meeting date and agree to follow the Hilton's requirement of wearing a mask at all times except when eating or presenting and agree to social distance while present. In accordance with additional State mandates, the meeting capacity is capped at 50 total, and RSVP's will be accepted on a **first come first serve basis**. A registration link will be distributed following our meeting on August 4th so that there will be no confusion about which meeting we will begin the in-person option. Once you receive the registration link, please register prior to attending. **If you forget to register, you may face the risk of being turned away at the door.**

For a comparison on meeting attendance numbers, prior to COVID-19 our average attendance at a meeting was 90-115. At our one in-person meeting held on June 30 at East Ridge our attendance was 58.

Rotarians, great leadership during a crisis requires patience, flexibility, and a commitment to serve others. Thank you all for your support and for your commitment to what is ***beneficial to all concerned***— the safety of our fellow members.

I welcome all input.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Laurie Boswell, Club President

## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Laurel Brightwell

Rotarian since 2012

**Profession:** Commercial property broker with U.L. Coleman Companies.

**Background/Education:** Shreveport native with bachelor's degree from LSU and a master's degree from SMU in Dallas.

**Family:** Three children (ages 12, 10 and 8) - my oldest daughter calls me a "Single Pringle"; love soaking up every ounce of my children's growth—they are open and fearless with me.

**Hobbies:** Until I settled down in my mid-30's, I jumped out of perfectly good airplanes for fun, jogged my neighborhood at night, drank a cocktail or two with strangers so I could listen to their life stories, traveled the country to hang out with Hollywood and local celebs alike.

**Things You May Not Know:** Leonardo DiCaprio asked me to play pool with him at a small house party (I agreed...is that considered a date?); I saw my first original Joan Miro painting in someone's Beverly Hills bathroom (Louvre quality in a john? I learned what "excess" meant); I once threw clothes in my purse and drove 22 hours one-way just to have dinner in Key Largo, see Key West and swim for an hour in Bahia Honda only to drive straight back that day. Oh, and I started turning grey in high school.

**COVID Activities:** Working, homeschooling and remodeling the house.



(Above) Laurel as a toddler

(Right top) Laurel with one of daughters

(Right) "Laurel in Laurel" with kiddoes

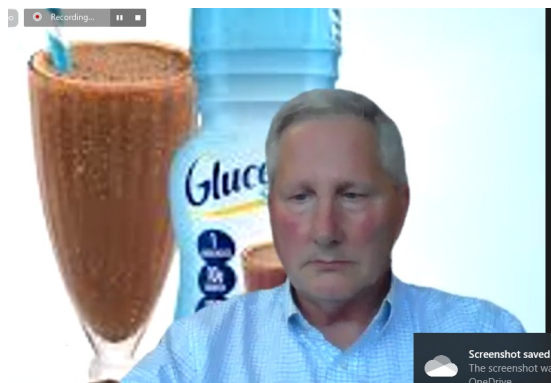


### Zoom Scenes



Last Tuesday was National Milk Chocolate Day and once again David Brainis (on left) and Robert McGowen (below) celebrated with their virtual backgrounds.

**UPDATE FOR AUGUST 4—YOU HAVE CHOICES:  
NATIONAL COAST GUARD DAY, NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT DAY OR NATIONAL CHOCOLATE  
CHIP DAY!**



(Below) Akmal Mikhail joined us in his surgical scrubs at the V.A. Hospital



(Above) Nancy Alexander with her Vienna Canals in the background.

(Below) Tommy Williams in his nice corner office!





64 members on Zoom!

### Birthdays

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

◆ Major Donor

August 3	Jennifer Elliott
August 4	Zelda Tucker*
August 5	Allen Organick*
August 8	Peyton Cole*
August 10	Jon Keith*
August 11	Scott Wysong*
August 16	Paul Demopulos
August 18	Jim Graves*
August 19	Pete Bratlie*
August 25	Amanda Simpson*
August 29	Sue Lee*, Karen Johnson◆
August 31	Carl Bullard

### Member News

Kim Green wants his fellow Rotarians to know that he had surgery on July 28th for osteoradionecrosis of the mandible. He will be in ICU for a few days, then in the hospital for at least a week and then convalescing at home. He won't be able to talk for awhile.

Let's shower him with cards and notes:

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

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**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton  
Restaurant) and  
Zoom Program  
August 11, 2020**

**Louis Avallone  
318 Forum Magazine**

**Program Chair:**

**Doug Bland**

**dbland@shelterinsurance.com**

**Or**

**318-868-1122**

**Our schedule is now filled to  
November. Let Doug know if  
you have a program suggestion.**

## Throw Back Tuesday Contest

Last week's Rotarian in the radio studio was

**RICH BRONTOLI**

1st place—George Nelson, Jr. (\$50 gift certificate from  
Rose-Neath Flower Shop)

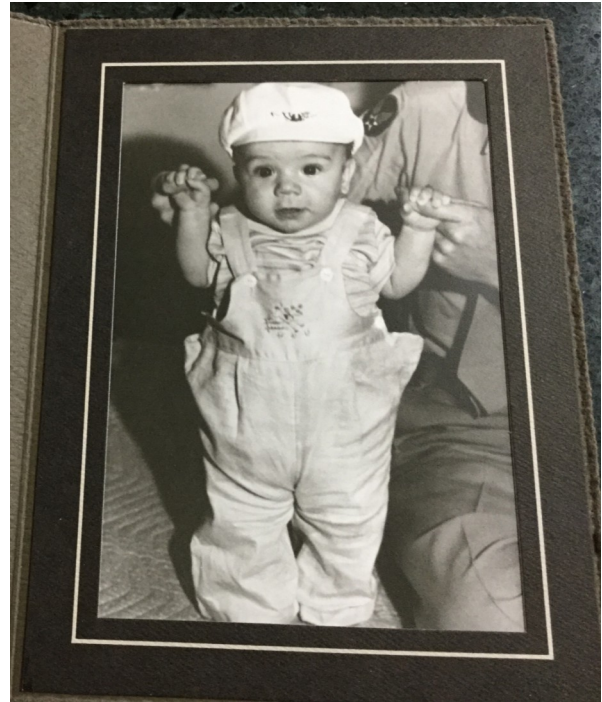
2nd place—Merrill Wautlet (30 eggs donated to Provi-  
dence House)

3rd place—Sarah Collier (12 eggs donated to Providence  
House)

Who's this week's Mystery Rotarian?

Be the first to send your guess to

[shreveportrotary@gmail.com!](mailto:shreveportrotary@gmail.com)



This one is tough to guess! First clue—it's a boy.  
But....there is another small clue in the picture if  
you look for it!