



Rotaripost

**NOON — 12:00
Meeting
December 14,
2021**

Keynote

Dress For Success



Erica McCain

Erica McCain has been the Executive Director for Dress for Success since April 2018. She brings over 11 years of experience in the non-profit sector. Her skill set ranges from organization advocacy and community liaison to fund development and economic growth.

Ms. McCain was the 2014 National Philanthropy Day Chair for North Louisiana, an event that recognizes leading philanthropists in the area. This year in 2021 she was an honoree for Minority Business Opportunity Awards Nonprofit Professional of the Year.

She is very passionate about women's issues having worked at a rape crisis center in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada prior to moving back to Louisiana. Erica believes that every woman deserves a seat at the table and a chance to elevate themselves.

Outside of working in the non-profit sector, Erica owns a trucking company with a fleet of over the road power only units.

A native of Shreveport she received her B.A. and M.A. from Southern University in Baton Rouge and a Certification in Nonprofit Management with emphasis on Philanthropy from Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas.

Erica joined our Rotary Club of Shreveport in September 2021.

Common Ground Christmas Market—Volunteers Needed

Friday, December 17th—sort and price donated items; any time 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, December 18th—be a personal shopper, help with clean up; 8-11 shift & 2-5 p.m. shift

Contact [Sarah Shoup](#) at Common Ground at 337-842-1241

Still need new unwrapped (nothing over \$25) gifts for teens and adult men (examples: slippers, tool kits, gloves, belts, fishing poles, nail polish, jewelry)

**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

**Historical Start
12:13 p.m.**

**In-Person at
Hilton Hotel
Restaurant &
Zoom On-Line
Option**

**Rotarians
Serving Others**

Lunch *James*
Money *Adams*

Raffle *Margaret*
Tickets *Wallace*

Invocation *Mark Medicus*

Zoom *Melissa*
Operator *Ricou*

Greeter -
Scanner

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: December 14, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxUUFFL0ILSGlwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051

Passcode: 870740



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This winter we are having a silent auction to raise money for our Foundation to support our civic grants and scholarships in 2022. That is where we need your help. We are looking for items that you would like to donate to our auction. Items can be products (e.g., autographed sports memorabilia), vacation rentals (e.g., a weekend at a lake house or week at a ski condo) and services (e.g., game tickets, a block of consulting hours, cooking lessons). We are really open to auction anything that you think has value. So, please take a minute and complete our online form:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RotaryClubofShreveport_AuctionDonationForm.

Once completed, someone from our fundraising committee will follow up with you.

Sincerely,

Chris Stokes
Board of Directors

Scott Wysong
Fundraising Committee Chair

New Member Introduced

John David Person was introduced as our newest member last Tuesday. He is a Shreveport native, a graduate of Capt. Shreve High School and then received his B.S. in accounting from LSUS in 2016.

While attending LSUS John David worked for Nelson & Hammons Law Firm as a runner. He stayed on with the firm after graduation serving as an office assistant and is now their business manager handling the day to day operations and managing the support staff. He has been with the firm in one capacity or the other for over 13 years.

John David and wife Alex have two children: Andrew age 5 and Anna Claire age 2. They attend Cypress Baptist Church. John David enjoys traveling, reading and listening to podcasts.

His classification is Law Practice, Business Management and his sponsors are Martha Marak and Doug Bland. Martha has known John David since he was a kindergarten friend of Martha's son. Doug Bland and his wife are good friends with John David's parents. So, John David feels right at home in Rotary!



(From left) Martha Marak, John David Person and President Lawrence.



Rotarian Brent Upshaw brought several guests with him to the meeting. From left: Grant Rogers, Justin Shehane and Oren Welborn (all guests) with Brent Upshaw and Donna Johnson.

Red Badge To Blue



Last Tuesday we celebrated with more red badge members whose badges turned blue. Shown here from left to right: President Lawrence Calhoun, Jamaal Ellis, Donna Johnson, Brent Upshaw, Greg Redmond and Russ Mathers.



Last Week's Meeting

Last Tuesday, **Josh Velasquez** told us about the services provided by Homeland Security's Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Did you know that they provide free physical security, cybersecurity and resilience assessments to companies, schools and churches?

You can view the program at this [FaceBook link](#).



Voting On 2022-2023 Officers/Directors Next Tuesday

Last Tuesday, Past President Reggie Abrams announced the results of the Nominating Committee for the Officers and Directors who will lead our club July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. Their recommendations are:

2022-2023 Officers

President: Mark Snow

President-Elect: Martha Marak

Vice-President: Greg Lott

Secretary-Treasurer: David Brainis

2022-2023 Directors

George Bakowski

Jennifer Elliott

Chris Holoman

Jarrold Horton

Kristen Powers

Tim Quinn

Debra Williams

There were no recommendations from the floor so the nominations are now closed. Voting by secret ballot will be done next Tuesday at our meeting.

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:

Eric D. Thomas

W-K Health System

Internal Medicine Physician

Classification

Physician, Internal Medicine

Proposed by

Gard Wayt and Brian Crawford



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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—Fred Kent

*Thanks for your donation. This applies toward your
Paul Harris level with The Rotary Foundation.*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—
James Blewett

No eggs from shy chickens

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program
December 21, 2021**

**CCTC Scholarship Program
Gard Wayt & Scholarship Student**



(Above) Graham Thompson sold raffle tickets. Want to serve at this visible spot sometime? Contact Judy Bellew.



(Above, from left) Jamaal Ellis, Lamar Goree and Reggie Abrams (note the red, blue and gold badges)/



(Above, from left) Dianne Clark and Deb Poore.