



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting

February 1,
2022

Keynote

“Charity’s Children”



James Ciaravella, Jr.

James Ciaravella, Jr. was born in New Orleans. He received his B.S. degree in zoology from Tulane University in 1964 and his M.D. from Tulane Medical School in 1968. Following a straight surgery internship at Charity Hospital (1968-1969), he completed his general and cardiovascular surgical residency in 1977.

Dr. Ciaravella served two years’ active duty in the U.S. Air Force (1970-1972) finishing with the rank of major. He served as chief resident on the Tulane Surgical Service and as assistant clinical director at Charity from 1976-1977.

Following training at Charity Hospital he was accepted to a special fellowship in cardiac surgery at the Mayo Clinic. In 1978 he was appointed assistant professor of surgery and pediatrics at Children’s Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. In 1980 he moved to Shreveport where he practiced cardiovascular and thoracic surgery until his retirement in 2003.

He has published a medical memoir entitled “Charity’s Children” to detail the training of a surgeon at the now closed New Orleans Charity Hospital.

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*Charity Hospital (New Orleans)
1736 to Katrina*



**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 Debra
Tickets Williams*

*Invocation Margaret
Wallace*

*Zoom Jeffrey
Operator Kerst*

*Greeter - Misty
Scanner Castile*

New Major Donor Recognized

Nell Shehee is a co-owner of Rose-Neath Funeral Homes, Crematorium & Cemeteries and Rose-Neath Flower Shop. She was recognized last Tuesday as our latest Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

She was sponsored in our club in 2001 by her mother Virginia Shehee who was one of the first women admitted to Rotary after Rotary International began allowing women to become members in 1978. Virginia was one of our very first Major Donors.

Nell is active in numerous community organizations and serves on several local boards. She has always been very supportive of our club's projects and activities. Her husband Graham Kramer is a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria.

The award was presented to Nell by **Pamela Stewart** from the Rotary Club of Lincoln. Pamela was District 6190's District Governor in 2013-2014. She is currently our District Trainer and, in addition

to previous Zone positions, she serves Rotary Zone 31 as the Empowering Girls Ambassador and a Global Grants Resource Coordinator.

The Major Donor award is a crystal engraved with the person's name along with a diamond lapel pin and pendant.



(From left) Nell Shehee and Pamela Stewart.



Rotary Foundation Two Match Challenges

Last Tuesday, we announced that we will have a match program that will run from now until June 15th. For every dollar donated to The Rotary Foundation we will match 1 recognition point to each \$1 in donation. So, for your \$500 the club will match 500 to that and you will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship or a PHF level up. The maximum match will be 500 and the campaign will continue until we exhaust 10,000 points. Read more about recognition points on page 4.

At the District Foundation Banquet on February 19th, the district will offer 2 points for every \$1 spent as a high bid on auction items.

Added bonus for the Foundation banquet: The Club will pay the \$60 registration for each member (up to 15 members) to attend the banquet. You must pay for your spouse/partner/guest. Hurry & reserve spots with Judy...we have 10 spots left for this special!

Paul Harris Level Ups Recognized



(From left) Greg Lott, Bob Fitzgerald, President Lawrence Calhoun, David Ginsburg and Rich Brontoli.

Last Tuesday, we also recognized several members who leveled up in their support of The Rotary Foundation.

Greg Lott (Paul Harris Fellow +4) is Market President for Progressive Bank. He has been in the banking industry for over 30 years starting during his days at Louisiana Tech. Greg is involved in several community organizations as well as being very involved in our club's committees and projects. He joined our club in 2012 and is our current Secretary-Treasurer.

Bob Fitzgerald (Paul Harris Fellow +5) retired as CEO of Fitzgerald Contracting Co., a family owned business. He serves on several key committees at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral as well as other community boards. He joined Rotary in 2004.

David Ginsburg (Paul Harris Fellow +5) is the owner of his own antique and estate jewelry business after managing his family's Caddo Jewelry and Loan Company. He joined our club in 2011 and was a club director in 2014-2015. He is very involved in several committees in addition to chairing several of those committees including service as this year's club Rotary Foundation Chair.

Rich Brontoli (Paul Harris Fellow +8) is a 20 year veteran of the U.S. Army. Since 1993 he has served as the Executive Director of the Red River Valley Association. He joined our club in 1994, served as club director in 2011-2012 and as club president in 2019-2020. Serving on multiple committees he has chaired many of them and received our club's Service Above Self award in 2014-2015. He also serves on several Rotary District 6190 committees and was just recently elected to serve as Rotary District Governor for 2024-2025.

More PHF information on next page

More PHF Level Ups and a New PHF

Greg Juneau received his PHF+6 lapel pin on Tuesday. He is the owner of Delinquent Recovery Associates, formerly known as Credit Bureau of the South. A member of our club for 17 years, he served as club director in 2018-2019, has served on several committees over the years and chaired our new Salvation Army bell-ringing project this year. Greg participates in the RIDirect program where he has an automatic withdrawal for his Rotary Foundation donations each month.

At Tuesday's meeting, Greg awarded his daughter **Kryssy Juneau Womack** with her own Paul Harris Fellowship. He described her as "the apple of his eye."

Kryssy Womack with her dad, Greg Juneau.



How do I name someone as a Paul Harris Fellow? How does that work?

Recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the Annual Fund or PolioPlus. Donors receive one recognition point for every dollar contributed to these funds. Donors can transfer Foundation recognition points to others to help them qualify as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

You might ask: "I have 1,200 recognition points. How can I use these? What can I do with them?" "Can I use them to advance my own PHF level?"

Answer: Recognition points can ONLY be used by GIVING THEM AWAY to someone else by naming them as a PHF or to challenge a fellow Rotarian to match your points with money; i.e., if your fellow Rotarian will donate \$500, you could match that with 500 recognition points and the one donating the \$500 will be a Paul Harris Fellow.

If you have absolutely no use for your points, you can transfer them to the Club who can make the points available for future matches. Otherwise, the points go away when you go away.

How many recognition points do I have? Just ask Judy Bellew or our club Foundation chair, David Ginsburg.

New Member Introduced

Justyn B. Dixon joined our club last Tuesday. In March 2021 he became the new President and CEO of North Louisiana Economic Partnership. He is also a member of the Committee of 100.

Dixon came to North Louisiana from Madison, Mississippi. Since 2012 he has worked as the Gulf States Regional Development Director for Agracel, Inc., an industrial development company. Prior to Agracel, he worked in economic development for the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Mississippi Development Authority.

While at the University of Mississippi earning a B.S. in business administration, Dixon was a member of the 113th Mississippi Army National Guard, Military Police, and served on active duty during Desert Storm. He and his wife Leslie have two adult children.

Justyn's proposer and endorser are Gard Wayt and Greg Lott. His classification is Associations, Business & Government.



(From left) Justyn Dixon, Gard Wayt and President Lawrence Calhoun.

Last Week's Program The Rotary Foundation

The video from last week's program has been uploaded to our Facebook page. [Use this link to see the video.](#) David Ginsburg, our club's Rotary Foundation chair and our member District Governor Karen Johnson each announced match challenges.





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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Dianne Clark

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

Plant from Rose-Neath Florist—

James Blewett

Eggs from Andy Shehee’s hens:

Steve Aiken, Pamela Stewart & Robert McGowen

Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program February 1, 2022

**Dr. Sarah Thayer
Feist-Weiller Cancer Center**

Birthdays

* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

◆ Major Donor

February 2	Brad Gosslee*
February 4	Walt Gaskins
February 6	Trey Giglio*
February 7	Scott Hughes
February 9	John Cox*
February 10	Bill Anderson*
February 11	Billy Washburne*
February 13	Mark Medicus*, Tom Mee*
February 14	Jon Lowe*
February 19	Deb Poore
February 20	Doug Bland*
February 21	Harry McInnis*
February 24	Mark Snow*

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

Rotary Club of Shreveport

the following:

Onega Ulanova

LA New Product Development Team

Partner

Shreveport

Prior Member 2017-2020

Classification

Business Services, Product Development