



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting

February 28,
2023

Keynote

Songbook South

**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

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

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



As a vocalist, private voice teacher and K-12 choir director, **Jennifer Dowd** has had the joy of working with many talented students of all ages who have a love for performing.

As she coached many through national competitions, she began to develop a network of many prestigious music industry contacts and decided to create a way to offer world-class learning opportunities to the students of this area. She then founded Songbook South to introduce her industry contacts to the young talent we have in the South and to allow the students to benefit from the teaching, experience and connections they bring.

A native of Texarkana, Texas, Ms. Dowd maintains a large studio of private voice students of all ages. She holds a bachelor degree in vocal performance from Centenary College and her masters in vocal performance from Oklahoma City University.

Rotarians Serving Others

Lunch Money *Jeff Brasher*

Raffle Tickets *Scott Hughes*

Invocation *Mark Medicus*

Zoom Operator *Candice Webber*

Greeter - Scanner *Dinero Washington*

Music *Kermit Poling & Steve Aiken*



Group of mentors at the Junior Achievement Student/Mentor Lunch. More photos on page 4.

New Executive Director Selected

The Club's Executive Committee and outgoing Executive Director Judy Bellew are pleased to announce that **Leigh Anne Evensky** will be joining us on March 1, 2023 as our new Executive Director.

Leigh Anne was born and raised in Shreveport graduating from Caddo Magnet High School. She then attended LSU and received her business degree. She continued at Loyola University College of Law and received her J.D. degree in 2017.

She is in-house counsel for her family's business Transportation Provider Services. Her passion is tennis and she is Head Tennis Coach at Magnet High School.

Many of you know Leigh Anne, the daughter of Rotarian and Past Club President Larry Evensky and his wife Lory, as Leigh Anne has attended many of our meetings in past years. In addition to having a passion for tennis, she also has a passion for Rotary!! She was involved in the Interact club in high school, the Rotaract club in college and attended our RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Camp. And, if that is not enough, she has attended two Rotary International Conventions—New Orleans in 2010 and Lisbon, Portugal in 2013. She is a Paul Harris Fellow already!

Please introduce yourself and welcome her to the Club!



Condolences

Our prayers are with Rotarians Mary Webber and Candice Webber King in the death of Mary's sister Rita Webber who passed away suddenly on February 21, 2023. Services were held at Zion Chapel Baptist Church in Coushatta.

Our sympathies also go to Rotarian Hoyt Bain whose brother Dr. Leon Bain also passed away on February 21, 2023. A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary. Leon was a member of our club before he was unable to attend due to his health issues.

New Members Introduced



(From Left) David Callecod, President Mark and Gard Wayt.

David Callecod was introduced as a new member last week. David is President of Callecod Advisory Group, LLC. He has 25 years experience as CEO of major healthcare organizations in Indiana, Arkansas and Louisiana. Prior to his relocation to Shreveport, he served as President/CEO of Ochsner Lafayette General.

David received his B.A. degree in Speech and Communication from Wabash College and his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is a Fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives and was recognized in 2011 by the HealthCare Hall of Fame.

His classification is Medical Services, Consulting and his proposer and endorser are Gard Wayt and Africa Price.

Pierre Smith is a native of Haiti. At 16 years of age, he became an electrician affiliated with the Salvation Army. In 1997 he attended the Salvation Army College for Officers Training and was commissioned in 1997.

He and his wife Louna, also a Major with the Salvation Army, have served in several appointments in Florida and Georgia. They were assigned to lead the local Salvation Army of NW Louisiana in June 2022. They have two adult children.

Pierre's classification is Associations, Charitable & Service. His proposer and endorser are Gard Wayt and Greg Juneau.



(From Left) Pierre Smith, President Mark and Gard Wayt.

Junior Achievement Student/Mentor Lunch on February 16th

Thanks to these Rotarian volunteers: Erica Thomas, Kristen Powers, Erica McCain, Debra Williams, Ken Krueger, Jennifer Elliott, Mary Webber, Heather Carpenter, Thomas Mayfield, John David Person, Greg Lott, Lawrence Calhoun, Charles Grubb, Robert Smith, Cody White, Dianne Clark, Chris Stokes, Gard Wayt and Nita Cook.



Rotary Foundation Major Donor Awards

Charlotta Nordyke received her Major Donor Level 1 award on Tuesday while **Sarah Collier** received her Major Donor Level 3 award. Both of these members joined our club in the late 1980's when Rotary International changed their ByLaws to allow women to become Rotarians. They not only found out all about the good that Rotary does but they also found friendship in each other and have now been best friends for many years.

Charlotta served as club president in 2006-2007 and had as her goal to become a Major Donor by the time she was 70 years old. She made it...with time to spare! Charlotta makes her donations to The Rotary Foundation through RIDirect where a small amount is drafted from her bank account each month.

Sarah was club president in 2008-2009. She and Charlotta got chuckles from the members when they mentioned that Tom Arceneaux (now Shreveport's Mayor) was their "Manwich" since his president's year was between theirs. Sarah reached her Major Donor Level 3 by adding an amount to her dues each time she pays them.

Both Charlotta and Sarah are proud that their funds have allowed them to participate in Rotary Foundation projects in the U.S. and around the world while knowing that the funds are being watched over by Rotarians. Charlotta pointed out that The Rotary Foundation has had a 4-star rating at Charity Navigators for many years.

Thank you, Charlotta and Sarah, for supporting The Rotary Foundation so faithfully!



(From Left) Sarah Collier, Charlotta Nordyke and President Mark Snow.

Charity Navigator

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This charity's score is 100%, earning it a Four-Star rating. If this organization aligns with your passions and values, you can give with confidence.

This overall score is calculated from multiple beacon scores: 85% Accountability & Finance, 10% Leadership & Adaptability, 5% Culture & Community.



Last Week!

(Top Row, From Left)

- Christi Robinson (guest), Ross Smith, and Alex Tapia (guest).
- Ron Cotsopoulos (visiting Rotarian) and Erica McCain.

Bottom Row, From Left)

- Kim Green and Laurie Boswell in their Mardi Gras attire.
- Lamar Goree with his beads.

(Right)

- Michael Riordan (presenter) and Tommy Williams.





**Food Bank of
Northwest Louisiana**

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**February Rotarian Volunteers
(from 2 Rotary clubs)**

(Top photo, from left) David Bellew, Dayne Hassell, Sandra McCalla, Margaret Wallace, Kim Green.

(Bottom photo from left) Gene Haynes, Judy Bellew, Jane Molloy, Bob Molloy.



Another Volunteer Opportunity



Contact Rotarian Kristen Powers
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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—Reggie Abrams

This will go toward your Paul Harris level

Rose-Neath flowers—Charlotta Nordyke

Eggs from Andy Shehee’s hens—

Mark Crews, Gayle Flowers & Gard Wayt

Mug from Tom Arceneaux—Sarah Collier

Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program

March 7, 2023

**Scholarship Awards
Scholarship Committee**



Want to have fun, scan badges, collect lunch money, greet or sell raffle tickets in a very visible spot on Tuesdays? Contact Judy Bellew to get on the Sgt at Arms or Raffle Committee!

Last Tuesday, Doug Bland collected lunch money while Kim Green sold some raffle tickets to Robert Touchstone.



Watch last week’s meeting video on our Facebook page at [this link](#).