

February 6, 2018



# Geaux Bags



Geaux Bags, a non-profit organization founded by K.C. Kilpatrick, was created when K.C. saw a need for children to have a bag of essentials and comfort items to make their first night in foster care a little bit easier.

This organization received a \$4,000 civic grant from our club during the 2016-2017 grant cycle. On Tuesday we will hear how Geaux Bags used their grant.

K.C. Kilpatrick

In December 2017 LA Governor John Bel Edwards invited Geaux Bags to be

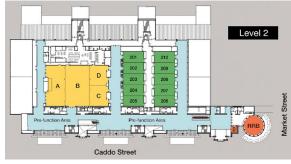
the service project of the Democratic National Convention Holiday Exchange in which 12 Governors and 400 delegates participated.

In addition to her non-profit work, K.C. is the community outreach director for Shoulders of Strength.

After graduation from Capt. Shreve High School, K.C. earned her bachelor and master degrees from LSUS.

## Change Of Venue On February 13, 2018

# Ballroom C/D





12:13 p.m. Historical Start

> Shreveport Convention Center

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Taylor Brown	Money Table	
Greg Lott	Raffle	
Mario Chavez	Scanner- Greeter-4Way Test	
Miles Hitchcock	Invocation Inspiration	
Tom Arceneaux And Kermit Poling	Music	

### **New Member Introduced**

**Clint Bartlett** was born in Ruston and grew up in a rural area just north of there. After graduating from Choudrant High School, he attended LA Tech and received a B.S. in marketing while financing his education by working in an automotive machine shop in Ruston.

After working in outside sales for several years, Clint and wife Jessica took a leap of faith with assistance from family and a \$3,600 income tax return and opened their business Red River Pump Specialists.

His business provides portable diesel and electric driven pumps for rental and sale. Red River Pump Specialists also maintains a full service machine shop. Clint exceeded his business plan goal the first year. His company has grown from a one man business in 2001 to a company employing 60 people with \$20 million in annual revenue.

Clint and Jessica have four children. Rotarian Jim Graves (a next door neighbor) sponsored Clint whose classification is <u>business services & sales, pumps</u>.

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Rotary International Convention

Toronto, Canada—June 23-27, 2018

Register here. Many hotels are already full so make reservations now if you plan to go! See Judy Bellew for details.

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### **The Rotary Foundation Recognitions**



President Teri thanks Jeffrey Thomas for his support of The Rotary Foundation.

**Jeffrey Thomas** became our newest Paul Harris Fellow on Tuesday. Jeffrey, a Shreveport native, received his bachelor's degree in finance from LA Tech and his masters degree from Grambling State.

After graduation he spent some time working in Copenhagen, Denmark and Shanghai, China, After a brief period in New Orleans, Jeffrey returned home to Shreveport. He is the managing director for DeMas Consulting.

He joined our club in 2016 and is currently the cochair of our recognition committee. He has participated in the RYLA committee by identifying youth to recruit as campers and attending camp functions at the OWL (Outdoors Wilderness Learning) Center.

**Reggie Abrams** received his PHF+2 lapel pin on Tuesday. A graduate of Airline High School, Reggie continued at NLU and received a B.S. in pharmacy. After practicing as a pharmacist for 6 years, he returned to school and received his J.D. degree from LSU Baton Rouge law school. He is now the owner/partner at Abrams & Lafargue Law Firm.

Reggie has been involved in many community organizations, among them—Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Bio-Medical Research, Shreveport Opera and the Committee of 100.

He joined our club in 2005 and served as club president in the Rotary year 2015-2016. He was one of our district's assistant governors in 2016-2017.

He enjoys singing, motorcycles and classic cars.



Reggie Abrams received words of appreciation from President Teri.

(Above) Sedrick Robinson with Merritt Chastain who is sporting an authentic Australian sweater

(Right) Andy Shehee with guest Renee Ellis





(Left) Reggie Abrams with visiting Rotarian Donna Bowden (Reggie introduced her to her husband several years ago)

(Above) Bobbie Brasher visited with Billy Washburne—both of them grew up in Delhi, LA

Rotary Club of Shreveport offers monthly service opportunities with ALL of our nonprofit members. It is our hope that this will re-emphasize the SERVICE ABOVE SELF motto and that these organizations will obtain new volunteers!



## Food Bank Pack the Senior Boxes

Tuesday, February 20th—5:00 p.m. or a bit earlier—takes no more than an hour!

Great way to get to know fellow Rotarians not only in our club but in other local clubs! Bring a young person to introduce them to community service! No reservations needed—just show up!

## March supper service dates

March 1 and March 8 (always 1st and 2nd Thursdays)

4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Limited spots-contact Zelda Tucker or Judy Bellew to get on the rotation list

### Thanks to our February volunteers

<u>February 1st</u> Bob Neff

Jerry Boughton Delbert Chumley

Terry Moore

Margaret Wallace

Dayne Hassell



<u>February 8th</u> Bob Neff Jerry Boughton Delbert Chumley Fred Ratzburg Zelda Tucker Curtis Joseph

This is a well organized popular project! Get on the list!



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#### **Raffle Winners Last Week**

TRF Raffle—Robert Smith (Thank you for donated to The Rotary Foundation. This applies to your Paul Harris Fellowship.)

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist— Miles Hitchcock Andy Shehee's hen eggs—George Bakowski

### Program on February 13, 2018

NFL Referee Gerald Savoie

Ballroom C/D Shreveport Convention Center

#### Birthdays

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

♦ Major Donor

February 1	Stephen Oden	
February 2	Brad Gosslee*, Jeff Clark*	
February 4	Hardy Foreman*	
February 5	Janet Boyett*	
February 6	Trey Giglio*	
February 7	Scott Hughes	
February 9	John Cox*, Bo Campbell*	
February 10	Bill Anderson*, Wes Attaway	
February 11	Billy Washburne*	
February 13	Mark Medicus*, Tom Mee*	
February 14	Jon Lowe*	
February 20	Doug Bland*	
February 24	Mark Snow*	
February 26	Paul Pratt	
February 27	Rodney Crews	
February 28	Mike Sievers	

Our deepest Sympathy...

Condolences to Francesca Benten-Moreland in the death of her mother, Susie Benten, on January 25, 2018. Services were held in St. Louis last week.