



# The Rotaripost

Rotary Club of Shreveport  
Chartered 1914

## Keynote

### *Beyond The Donation: Providing For Our Own Blood Needs*



*Tina Hooper*

A native of Shreveport, **Tina Hooper** graduated from LSUS with a bachelor's degree in mass communications. After working a couple of years as the communications manager for the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, Tina moved to Los Angeles and continued her career in communications.

In Los Angeles, Tina worked for integrated marketing communication agencies, leading teams for Fortune 500 clients, the City of Beverly Hills and the City of Hope Cancer Center among others. During this time, she also volunteered with the Los Angeles Advertising Association, creating and instructing a marketing communications class for inner city high school students. She also was a volunteer tutor for elementary students whose second language was English.

After returning to Shreveport, Tina continued providing communications services for clients throughout the U.S. and Latin America. In 2011 she joined LifeShare Blood Centers as the Director of Communications and Public Relations where she now enjoys being part of an organization focused on saving lives.

Tina is married to Bo Hooper. She and her eleven year old daughter both enjoy participating in aerial yoga. In January 2016 Tina Hooper was inducted into the Rotary Club of South Shreveport as a new Rotarian.

We had a full house last Tuesday when the young professionals from the Holy Angels Champions group spoke about what motivates them to volunteer. Several times we heard the message that they enjoyed working for an employer who encourages them to volunteer and be engaged in community service.



*(From left) Panelists Michael Lowe, William O'Brien, club president Reg Abrams and Holy Angels CEO Laurie Boswell.*

February 9,  
2016

Tuesday,  
12:13 p.m.

Shreveport  
Convention  
Center

#### Rotarians Serving Others

*Laurel Money*  
*Brightwell Table*

*Emily Mott Raffle*

*Karen Scanner-  
Johnson Greeter-4Way  
Test*

*Rodney Invocation*  
*Crews*

*Charlotta Nordyke Music*

*And  
Kermit  
Poling*

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Unless written objection is received within seven days, there will be an invitation extended to join the membership of the

**Rotary Club of Shreveport**

the following:

**Dr. George Bakowski**

**(prior member)**

Owner, Vision One

Shreveport

**Classification**

Optometrist& Eye Wear

**Proposed by**

Tom Arceneaux

**E. George Carroll III**

Owner, Nautilus

Shreveport

**Classification**

Computer & Info Technology

**Proposed by**

Jack Lamb

**F. Weber Hill**

Attorney

The Smitherman Law Firm

Shreveport

**Classification**

Law Practice

**Proposed by**

Jim Hill

**Blake Wren**

Franchise Owner

Express Employment Professionals

Shreveport

**Classification**

Business Services

**Proposed by**

Karen Johnson

Our Rotarian members have been hit hard this year with the death of family members.

This week condolences are extended to Rotarian Scott Wysong in the death of his mother Mary Craven Wysong Haney who died February 1 in Ft. Worth. Services were February 4th in Ft. Worth. She was a long time Rotarian in the Ft. Worth area.

We have learned that Rotarian Ken Tate's father Lemuel Tate died in Hot Springs, Arkansas a few weeks ago. His dad was a Rotarian in the Evanston, IL and Chicago 1 clubs and later in the Hot Springs club.

*Memorial*

## Paul Harris Fellow Level Up Celebrations

Last Tuesday we recognized two Paul Harris Fellowship level-up awards by two long-term Rotarians.

**Kermit Poling** received his PHF+2 lapel pin. Kermit joined the club in 2007 and was sponsored by fellow musician Joe Cooper. He has the classification of Media, Public Radio. In addition to being the General Manager of Red River Radio Network, Kermit is the Music Director of the South Arkansas Symphony and the Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet. He was the Resident Conductor and Concertmaster of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra for 26+ years. He is also a composer. Kermit is on our music committee and plays the piano for us every Tuesday. He was a club director in 2013-2014. When he received his new pin, Kermit passed along thanks to his wife Lillian as they always give a gift to one of each other's favorite charities each year and The Rotary Foundation is one of Kermit's charities of choice.



*Kermit Poling*



*Patrick Harrison*

Receiving his PHF+4 pin was Rotarian **Patrick Harrison** who was sponsored in the club in 2000 by his dad Dr. Monty Harrison (club president in 1989-1990). Patrick has the classification of Manufacturing and is the owner of Sound Fighter Systems which manufactures noise barrier wall systems. Patrick was a member of the 2009 class of 40 Under 40. He is the immediate past president of the Committee of One Hundred and serves on several other community organizations. Patrick was club director in 2003-2004. He has always been involved in the club's 4H and Junior Livestock projects. He received his first PHF in October 2004. Patrick commented that he was brought up to always be a good corporate citizen and to give back to the community and support good causes and he knew that The Rotary Foundation has an outstanding charity rating.

Both Kermit and Patrick encouraged fellow Rotarians to make donations to The Rotary Foundation. President Reg Abrams followed this by mentioned many of the world wide accomplishments of Rotary: polio eradication, water wells, clean water efforts, peace and conflict resolution scholarships and such.

**All Time Giving to The Rotary Foundation from our club:  
\$1,079,375!**



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### Raffle Winners last Tuesday

Foundation raffle— Lawrence Calhoun

*Thanks for the donation to The Rotary Foundation—  
your donation was doubled & applies to your PHF*

Rose-Neath Flower Shop— Mike Johnson (guest)

Andy Shehee’s chicken eggs—Kathy French

“The Times” apron from Alan English—Merritt  
Chastain, Jr.

### **Program on February 16, 2016**

**Shawn Wilson**

**LA Secretary of Transportation**

**Shreveport Convention Center**



*(Above from left) Trey Giglio with guests Jerry Edwards and Marcus Edwards.*



*(Above) Rotarian Merrill Wautlet with his guest Lindsey Nickerson.*



*(Above) Guest Mike Johnson with Rotarian Alan Seabaugh.*