



The Rotaripost

January 17, 2017

Keynote *Local Event Remembered*

**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

**12:13 p.m.
Bell-Ringing**

**Shreveport
Convention
Center**

Business Networking—Rotary Style!
 Tuesday, January 17th; 11:00—11:45
 Room 209, next door to our lunch room
 Prepare your 2 minute talk about yourself, your work, your hobbies, or your dog!
 This is something you've asked for and here it is!

Rotarians Serving Others

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| <i>Rob Eppers</i> | <i>Money Table</i> |
| <i>Need A Volunteer</i> | <i>Raffle</i> |
| <i>Need A Volunteer</i> | <i>Scanner-Greeter-4Way Test</i> |
| <i>David Ginsburg</i> | <i>Invocation</i> |
| <i>Reggie Abrams & Kermit Poling</i> | <i>Music</i> |

In 1963 there was a historical event at the Little Union Baptist Church which influenced Dr. Martin Luther King's civil rights movement.

Rev. Dr. Harry Blake was our area's NAACP president at the time and is the only man still alive who played a vital role in the moment. Dr. Blake, a graduate of Bishop College, has been pastor of the Mount Canaan Baptist Church for more than 42 years. He is president of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He serves on several local boards and has been a guest lecturer at several theological seminaries and schools around the country.

Rev. Asriel McLain is the son of C.E. McLain, former Little Union pastor. Rev. McLain was ten years old at the time of the incident and recalls being scared at the time. He is a graduate of Ruston High School's first integrated senior class. The words on the historical state marker seen in front of Little Union Baptist Church, 1846 Milam St. were written by Rev. McLain. He serves as a member-at-large on the Home Mission Board for the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.



(Left) Rev. Dr. Harry Blake



(Right) Rev. Asriel McLain

New Members

A Shreveport native and graduate of Loyola College Prep, **D. Garrett Hill** obtained his B.A. from the University of Mississippi, his MBA and J.D. from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Upon his return to Shreveport he clerked at the First Judicial District Court. Subsequently, he has joined The Smitherman Law Firm with a focus on real estate in addition to other aspects of the law.

Garrett is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and Shreveport Bar Association, Krewe of Justinian, The Plantation Ball Club and the Cotillion Club. He and wife Corrie Darnell Hill are members of the First United Methodist Church.

Garrett's classification is **Law Practice, Real Estate** and his sponsor is Rotarian Jim Hill, his father. Garrett is the brother of Weber Hill who is also a member of our club.



D. Garrett Hill



Amy Hollister

Amy Hollister is a magna cum laude graduate of LSU with her degree in financial analysis. She has been a financial advisor for Edward Jones since 2009. Holding the AAMS® (Accredited Asset Management Specialist) professional certification, Amy is her firm's level new leader as she trains new financial advisors for their first 12 months.

Active in the community, Amy is on the board of the Alzheimer's Association and the Military Relations Committee. She has also served as chairperson of Minority Opportunity Business Awards.

Amy was a member of the 2012 class of 40 Under 40 Young Professionals and is active in running, wake boarding, skiing and golfing.

She is a resident of Bossier City with her husband Mike who is in his 18th year in the Air Force.

Amy's classification is **Financial Advisor** and her sponsor is James Adams.

More New Members



Tim Magner

Dr. Timothy Magner is president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce after assuming the helm with the retirement of fellow Rotarian Dick Bremer.

Most recently, Tim served as the chief information officer of the LSU Medical School. He previously served the LSU system as the director of training for the system's statewide implementation of the EPIC electronic health record system. Prior to joining LSU he served as the executive director for the Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21), and as vice president of Keystone for KC Distance Learning operating the nation's largest private online middle and high school.

Earlier, he was the director of technology for the Framingham Public Schools in Framingham, Massachusetts, and taught graduate courses in educational technology at Framingham State College and George Mason University. He began his career as a high school social studies

and theater teacher at the middle and high school levels, teaching in the U.S., France and Switzerland.

He holds a B.A. from the College of William & Mary, his M.Ed. from Harvard University and his Doctor of Education in organizational leadership from Pepperdine University.

Tim's classification is **Associations, Business & Government** and his sponsor is Laurel Brightwell.

Debra Williams, an area native, graduated from Louisiana Tech with a B.S. in business administration. While working full time for a national nursing home management company, she continued her studies at LSUS and received an additional B.S. in accounting. Shortly thereafter, she became a licensed CPA.

Debra joined The Glen Retirement System in 2002 as the Chief Financial Officer. This was a perfect fit with her two degrees and over 10 years work experience with retirement communities.

Fast forward 15 years, The Glen and Debra are still a perfect fit as in 2015 Debra was selected to become the President and CEO of The Glen Retirement System.

Debra was a member of the Rotary Club of South Shreveport for over 4 years before moving her membership of our club Tuesday.

She and her husband Bobby (Director of the Tax Department of the Caddo Sheriff's Office) have two daughters. Debra's classification is **Hospitals & Healthcare Services, Residential Facility** and her sponsor is Andy Fisher.



Debra Williams



It was a “Poljak Day” on Tuesday as **Davor Poljak** received his PHF+1 pin and **Denis Poljak** received his PHF+2. Denis then asked his wife **Susannah Walter Poljak** to join him on the podium as he surprised her with her own Paul Harris Fellowship.

Both Denis and Davor are natives of Zenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina and came to the U.S. on tennis scholarships at Centenary College. Both are fluent in 4 languages and both now work with Morgan Stanley.

After graduating with his B.A. from Centenary, Davor returned to his home country and operated his own successful tennis academy. He then moved permanently back to the U.S. and worked at several prominent tennis academies around the country.

In 2006 he joined his brother at Morgan Stanley and is now vice president/senior portfolio manager. He is a member of Progressive Executives. After joining our club in 2014 and became a Paul Harris Fellow for the first time not long afterward.

Denis received his degrees in accounting and business administration from Centenary, his MBA from Louisiana Tech University and his PhD in economics from the University of Sarajevo. He began his work as a financial advisor in 1995 and holds the professional designations of CIMA®, CPM® and CFP®. He is senior vice president and a senior partner with the King Poljak Group at Morgan Stanley.

Initially a six year member of the Rotary Club of South Shreveport, Denis joined our club in 2012 and received his first PHF in 2013.

Susannah Walter Poljak, a practicing attorney, was elected to the Caddo Parish School Board in 2014 representing District 4. She is now a Paul Harris Fellow thanks to Rotarian husband Denis Poljak.



(Above, from left) Denis Poljak, Davor Poljak and president Jeb Breithaupt.



(Right) President Jeb, Susannah Poljak and Denis Poljak

Rescue Mission Volunteers

January 5

Dick Bremer Jack Sharp
Charles Grubb Walter Lamb
Kim Green

January 12

Fred Ratzburg David Cook
Jerry Boughton Delbert Chumley
Bob Neff

Make-up credit for all! Contact [Zelda Tucker](#) to get in on this service project!



2017 Scheduled Rotary blood drives

March 14

June 6

September 5

December 12

Mark Your Calendar!

Rotary International Convention in Atlanta

Experience the international flavor of Rotary! There's a guarantee that you won't be disappointed. The HOC (Host Organizing Committee) has several events scheduled. We will be highlighting those events in the weeks to come.

3K Walk/Run to End Polio Now

Saturday, June 10, 2017

7:30 a.m.—Centennial Olympic Park

Open to Rotarians & their guests

For more information click [here](#).





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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Larry Clark

Thanks for your contribution to The Rotary Foundation—this applies toward your next PHF

Rose-Neath Flower Shop—Hardy Foreman

Andy Shehee's hen eggs—George Bakowski

Jon Lowe's satsumas—Mike McSwain

Program on January 24, 2017

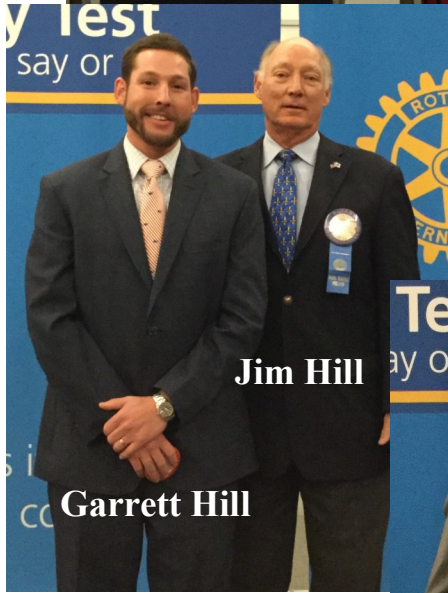
**Verni Howard
Providence House**

Shreveport Convention Center



Andy Fisher

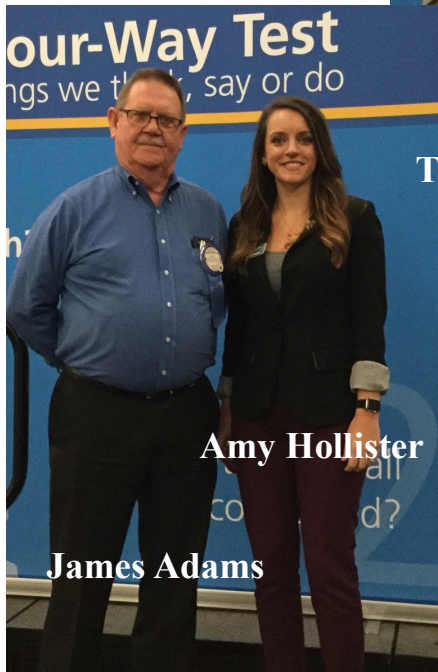
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Jim Hill

Garrett Hill

New members
and their sponsors



James Adams

Amy Hollister



Tim Magner

**Laurel
Brightwell**

Today is a great
day to be a
Rotarian!!