

### Rotaripost

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Keynote

Film Prize 2022

**Gregory Kallenberg** is an award-winning documentary filmmaker from Shreveport. He is most known as the creator of the Rational Middle which creates short documentaries on contentious issues such as energy, environment, and immigration.

Kallenberg is the Louisiana Endowment of the Humanities' 2019 "Champion of Culture" and is a former journalist.

He founded Prize Foundation in 2012 with the goal of elevating creative entrepreneurship in Northwest Louisiana and the state as a whole.

Gregory attended the University of Texas and received his B.S. in film. He also attended the film program at the University of Southern California. Prior to his breakout documentary Haynesville: A Nation's Hunt for an Energy Future, he directed Eating Levi, an internationally successful film about Levi Oliver and his quest for competitive eating fame.

Prize Fest 2022 will take place October 14-23. Over \$100,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded in five creative disciplines — film, food, music, fashion and comedy. All competition finalists will be announced in early August.



Tuesday, 12:00 Noon

Historical Start 12:13 p.m. In-Person at Hilton Hotel Restaurant & Zoom On-Line Option

### Rotarians **Serving Others**

Laurel LunchMoney Brightwell Raffle Margaret Wallace **Tickets** Invocation Laurie Boswell Jeffrey Zoom Kerst Operator & Rashad Bristo Greeter -Need A Scanner Volunteer

## Paul Harris Level-Up and a New Paul Harris Fellow

**Lawrence Brandon** was presented with his PHF +7 lapel pin. Lawrence is Senior Pastor and CEO of Praise Temple. He is Founder of L.L. Brandon Ministries, Inc., Managing Partner of Brandon Group International and President/CEO of Northwest Louisiana Community Development Corp.

After receiving his B.A. in business administration and his Master of Theology, he is now enrolled in a Doctoral program.

Lawrence spend ten years in the U.S. Air Force with assignments as a security police officer at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, a student advisor at Lackland AFB and a substance abuse counselor at Barksdale Air Force Base.



Lawrence Brandon

He joined our club in 2016 and received his first PHF in his first year as a member.



Laura Alderman, Robert McGowen and President Mark.

Robert McGowen awarded a surprise Paul Harris Fellowship to **Laura Alderman**, Community Liaison with Ochsner LSUHSC Shreveport.

Laura received her B.S. in early childhood education, M.S. in family and child studies and her M.A. in counseling and guidance from Louisiana Tech.

She is founder and CEO of Educational Resources for Families, Inc., a private mental health/family counseling practice of 25 years.

She previously was the Executive Director of Step Forward and Volunteers for Youth Justice.

She joined our club in 2021.

#### **New Member Introduced**

**Dr. Sandra McCalla** of Shreveport was a long-time educator in Caddo Parish public schools. She served as principal of Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport for 30 years before retiring in 2015.

She has also worked as a professor and director of the Division of Education at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches as well as being an adjunct instructor at LSUS.

Dr. McCalla earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Northwestern State University in 1960, her master's degree in instruction and curriculum with a focus on mathematics and computer sciences from the University of Northern Colorado in 1968. In 1987 she earned a doctoral degree in education leadership from Texas A&M University.

She is vice-president of the LSUS Foundation. Sandra's classification is Education, Public Schools and her proposer and endorser are Gayle Flowers and Dianne Clark.



(From left) Sandra McCalla, Gayle Flowers and President Mark



# **District 6190 Installation Banquet**

Our club was well represented at the District Installation Banquet at Squire Creek Country Club on July 15th.

From left: David Bellew, Judy Bellew, Sil Brontoli, Rich Brontoli, Lawrence Calhoun and Mark Snow.









(Top Left) Stefanie Y'Barbo (guest) with Rashad Bristo.

(Top Right) Rob Eppers, Zaria Pullen (the Eppers daughter) and Stacy Eppers.

(Bottom Left) Robert Touchstone and Larry Evensky.

(Bottom Right) Sonny Lopez, Alysia Carroll (both guests) with Jeffrey Kerst.

(Right) Greg Juneau.



(From left) Candice Webber, Mary Webber, David Brainis and Sidney Jackson.







# Pics From District Installation on July 15th

(Left) Rich Brontoli received his District Governor Nominee badge from District Governor Feico Kempff.

(Middle) On behalf of Immediate Past District Governor Karen Johnson who is a member of our club, Mark Snow presented the Home Club of District Governor banner to Feico Kempff who will be able to display the banner at his Red River Rotary club meetings.

(Right) Lawrence Calhoun received his Assistant District Governor badge from DG Feico.

# **Rotary Outside of Shreveport**



Joe Littlejohn was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Hope, Arkanas. He's invited those Rotarians to visit us and we may see some of them soon.





(Left) Verni Howard and her family were in Washington, D.C. and spotted this plaque at the Points of Light Volunteer Monument.

Her kiddoes spotted it first and screamed out ROTARY!!

Share your photos with us when you spot evidence of Rotary on your travels and vacations!



### **Alarming News!!**

July 22, 2022 email

Dear Heart of America Rotary Members and Leaders,

As you have no doubt heard reported by the news media, a case of vaccine-derived polio virus has been reported in the state of New York. In response to this news, Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, issued a statement last evening on behalf of the committee. This statement is included below.

This development is a concerning indication that our work as Rotary members is not yet finished in eradicating polio, and it also underscores our collective efforts to eradicate polio and to help to raise the funds needed to keep our promise to the children of our world.

Now more than ever, the world needs us. Past President and Past Trustee Chair, Zones 30 and 31's own John Germ, has set the example for us and has worked tirelessly for decades to keep our promise of eradication. Please emphasize the importance of our PolioPlus campaign and World Polio Day as opportunities for clubs to take an active role in our collective eradication efforts. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Usovicz

**Rotary International Director** 

Rotary International Women of Action Honoree

#### Dear Rotary Leaders:

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has been informed of a case of paralytic polio in an unvaccinated individual in Rockland County, New York, United States.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are coordinating with New York State health authorities on their investigation. Initial sequencing confirmed by CDC indicates that the case is <a href="type-2-VDPV">type-2-VDPV</a>. Any form of poliovirus anywhere is a threat to children everywhere. It is critical that the GPEI Polio <a href="Eradication Strategy 2022-2026">Eradication Strategy 2022-2026</a> is fully resourced and fully implemented everywhere, to ensure a world free of all forms of poliovirus can be achieved.

We are calling on every single Rotarian to take action and be a part of the fight to end polio, helping to raise \$50 million per year for polio eradication.

Mike McGovern

Chair, International PolioPlus Committee



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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—Cody White (This applies to your PHF)

Plant from Rose-Neath Florist-Margaret Wallace

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens— Greg Juneau, Lawrence Calhoun & Laura Alderman

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton** Restaurant) and **Zoom Program** August 2, 2022

> **David Callicod Oschner LSU Health**



(Above) Liz Swaine is a great cheerleader for our community. View the video of the program last week at this Facebook link.

(Below) Our club sponsored high school student Zaria Pullen for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp. Be sure to watch her presentation in the video also! Zaria won the "speak-off" contest for the entire camp. She's a remarkable young lady!!

