



# Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00  
Meeting  
July 13,  
2021

## Keynote

### Life In The Fast Lane



**Pamela Brown** is a native of north Louisiana who retired to Shreveport after 23 years as a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Originally recruited out of New Orleans from a job in the medical field, Pamela cut her teeth as a young agent working cases in Miami where, at the time, cocaine was literally falling out of the skies. Later assignments took her around the world to the jungles of Bolivia, the opium markets of Thailand, and finally agency headquarters in Washington, D.C.

As a special agent with DEA, Pamela's work included under cover assignments, organizing and implementing high-level drug operations, and cultivating informants. Having worked the streets of Miami during the cocaine hey-day, Ms. Brown is sought out by actors and authors researching roles and subject matter. She has consulted with Gabriel Union, Dana Delaney and Patricia Cornwell to name a few.

This former DEA agent traded in jungle raids and cocaine busts for retirement in Shreveport. She now enjoys adventure vacations, foreign travel, cycling and anything else that will get her heart rate up.

### New Rotary Theme and Logo For 2021-2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon

Historical Start  
12:13 p.m.

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

### Rotarians Serving Others

Money                      Doug  
Table                        Bland

Raffle                      James  
Tickets                      Adams

Invocation                Lindy  
Broderick

Zoom                        Need  
Operator                    Volunteer

Greeter -                    Greg  
Scanner                    Lott

## Hybrid Meetings

We will continue to offer hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom). Here is the Zoom recurring invite that can be used for meetings. If you are unable to use the link, simply sign into your free Zoom account, click on the option to Join a Meeting and use the Meeting ID and Password. The waiting room will be used to monitor admittance and avoid any “Zoom bombing”.

Topic: Rotary Club of Shreveport Weekly Meeting  
Time: July 13, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxUjF0L0lSGlVNVEM3kzL0dGZz09>

**Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051**  
**Passcode: 870740**

Dial by your location  
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

## **New Member Introduced**

On Tuesday, **Cynthia Franklin** was introduced as our newest member. Cynthia received her B.S., Masters and Masters +30 from University of Louisiana Monroe. She received additional endorsements from Northwestern State University—reading specialist endorsement, educational diagnostician endorsement and early interventionist endorsement.

She has extensive teaching experience in Caddo Parish traditional and alternative schools. In 2011 she founded Sprinkling Seeds Education and Training where she provides early intervention services, conducts professional development training, implements diagnostic evaluations among other reading skills clinics.

In addition, Cynthia is involved in several community organizations including Board service for Caddo Council on Aging, Linwood Public Charter School Board.

She was sponsored by Gard Wayt and Rodney Ellis and her classification is Education, Early Childhood.



(From left) Cynthia Franklin, Gard Wayt and outgoing President Laurie Boswell.

## Outgoing and Incoming Club Officers and Board of Directors

Last Tuesday we celebrated our accomplishments for 2020-2021 under the leadership of Laurie Boswell and welcomed our new club officers and directors. The oath of office was administered by past president Merritt Chastain.



(From left) Fred Ratzburg, Richard Brontoli, Lawrence Calhoun, Martha Marak, Mark Snow, Brad Graff, Jon Keith, Terry Moore and David Brainis with Laurie Boswell at the podium. Not shown : Connor Peterson.



(Front row, from left) Katherine Dorroh, Greg Lott, Martha Marak, Mark Snow, Lindy Broderick, Dianne Clark, Mark Crews, Leslie Quinn and Chris Stokes.

(Back row, from left) Lawrence Calhoun, Merritt Chastain and Laurie Boswell.

Not shown: Nancy Alexander.



## Rotary Foundation Awards

Past District Governor **Pamela Stewart** was on hand Tuesday to award The Rotary Foundation Major Donor Level 2 to **Lawrence Calhoun** and his wife, **Connie Calhoun**. Pamela has been instrumental in her leadership roles not only in our Rotary district but also our Rotary zone. Lawrence has been supportive of the Rotary Foundation programs since he first became a Rotarian, began participating in service projects such as the Rescue Mission service and delivering Thanksgiving meals for Meals on Wheels and realized the great work that Rotary does not only locally but throughout the world.



(From left) Connie Calhoun, Lawrence Calhoun and Pamela Stewart.

The Major Donor pin shown below has a different shape than the round Paul Harris pins. Each diamond in the pin signifies the Major Donor level.



After receiving his Major Donor items, President Lawrence then called his two daughters in law to the podium and surprised them with their own Paul Harris Fellowship certificates and pins. Lawrence has now named every member of his family a Paul Harris Fellow.

(From left) Lawrence Calhoun, Connie Calhoun, Jessica Calhoun, Harold Turner (Lawrence's brother in law who introduced him to Rotary), Caroline Calhoun, Taylor Calhoun and Logan Calhoun.



## Rotarian of the Year 2020-2021



**Doug Bland** was surprised on Tuesday as outgoing president Laurie Boswell announced that she has selected him for the Rotarian of the Year Award for 2020-2021.

Doug joined our club in 2004, served as a Club Director in 2008-2009 and served for three years as Board President for the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation, our 501(c)3 arm.

He has served on almost all of our committees at one time or the other and served as our program chair for 2020-2021 and was responsible for bringing us many great speakers both in-person and via zoom.

Doug is the owner of Bland Shelter Insurance Agency with his office on Youree Dr.

Our 2012-2013 club president Larry Evensky initiated this new award to recognize a non-Board member who was very helpful to the club president in fulfilling that year's goals. The "Al Kessler Thank You, Thank You, Thank You Rotarian of the Year" award was named in memory of a beloved club president who was instrumental in developing membership and in raising funds for The Rotary Foundation. Doug Bland now joins these faithful past Rotarian recipients of this award:

2013—Jeb Breithaupt

2014—Mark Snow

2015—Alan Prater

2016—Janet Boyett

2017—Rob Eppers

2018—Robert Smith

2019—Libby Murphy

**Don't forget to register on Eventbrite to attend our in-person Rotary meetings. Contact Judy Bellew for a link.**



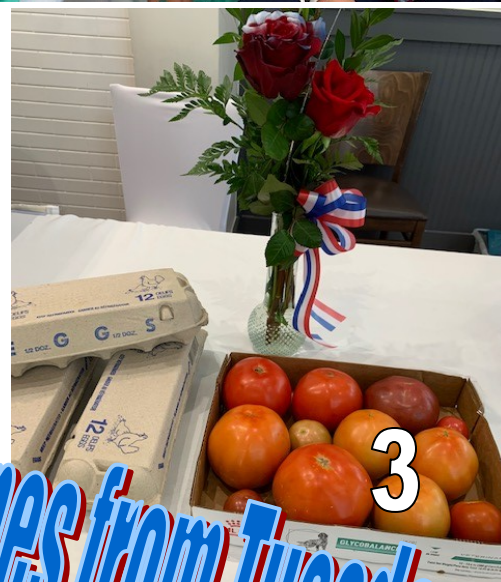


1—Derrick Meador (guest) with Bob FitzGerald.

2—Meka Mbagwu (guest) with Jesse Gilmore.

3—Great raffle items: flowers from Rose-Neath Florist, 3 dozen eggs from Andy Shehee's Americana hens, home-grown tomatoes from Jon Lowe's garden.

4—(From left) Martha Marak, Mark Snow, Nell Shehee and Melissa Ricou.



*Scenes from Tuesday*







(Above, from left) Russ Mathers, Leslie Quinn, Tim Quinn, Jon Keith and Meg Goorley.  
(Middle picture, from left) Merritt Chastain, Laurie Boswell, Rick Boswell (Laurie's guest).  
(Bottom, from left) Kim Green, Reggie Abrams, Peyton LaBorde, Greg Lott, guest Derrick Meador, Bob FitzGerald and Jon Lowe





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### Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Doug Bland

*Thank you for your donation to The Rotary Foundation.  
This applies toward your Paul Harris Fellowship*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

John Tuggle

Eggs from Andy Shehee's chickens—

Dianne Clark, James Blewett, Doug Bland

Home-grown tomatoes from Jon Lowe—

Joe Littlejohn

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton  
Restaurant) and  
Zoom Program  
July 20, 2021**

**Gregory Kallenberg  
Prize Fest**

### July Club Anniversaries

\*PHF +Past President ♦Major Donor  
(includes **PS** prior service in this or other clubs)

51 years	Juan Watkins♦+
32 years	Alan Prater*
20 years	Darrell Rebouche*
14 years	Kathy French*
12 years	Merrill Wautlet* <b>PS</b>
9 years	Laurel Brightwell*, Anna Maria Sparke, K.C. Kilpatrick, Willie White*
7 years	Doug Abington, Davor Poljak*
6 years	Carl Thibodeaux
5 years	Terry Moore
4 years	Robert Smith*
3 years	Cory Boyett



Outgoing president Laurie Boswell received her new badge from incoming president Lawrence Calhoun. This is one of the most coveted badges for a president....the gold "Past President" badge.