



Rotaripost

12:00 NOON
Meeting
July 14,
2020
Zoom

Keynote

Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl

Erik Evenson is the Director of Media and Community Relations for the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. He relocated to our area in mid-2018 from Macon, Georgia where he was co-host of the Midday Sports Zone on Middle Georgia ESPN as well as the Director of Media Relations and Broadcasting for Macon Mayhem Professional Hockey.



Erik Evenson

Erik has always known that he would be linked to sports in some way. He received his B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) in communication and information sciences with emphasis on sports broadcasting from the University of Alabama—Tuscaloosa, AL. During his college years, he worked in the Pro Shop at the Iceforum in Duluth, Georgia and could even be found helping with the general maintenance around the ice rink.

Radiance Technologies is the new title sponsor of the Independence Bowl. The agreement between Radiance Technologies and the Bowl is a guaranteed, five-year agreement that begins with the 2020 game and runs through 2024.

Radiance Technologies CEO **Bill Bailey**, a Louisiana Tech graduate, has a plan for his employee-owned company and the Independence Bowl seemed a perfect fit to move the company into an even larger limelight than it already shared with other defense contractors. The desire to increase brand awareness, the bowl's tie-in with army, the proximity to Barksdale Air Force Base and a love for all things Louisiana embroiled itself into what appears to be a new perfect marriage.



Our very own Rotarian **Jon Ellis**, Brig. Gen., retired, had a long career with the U.S. Air Force and retired in 2019 as Deputy Commander, Joint Global Strike Operations Center at BAFB. He is now the Vice President for Operational Strategies with Radiance Technologies.

Jon Ellis

**Tuesday,
Noon**

**12:13 p.m.
Historical Start**

**Zoom On-Line
Meetings**

**Rotarians
Serving Others**

Club President **Laurie Boswell**

Club President-Elect **Lawrence Calhoun**

Club Vice-President **David Cromwell**

Club Secretary-Treasurer **Mark Snow**

Immediate Past Club President **Rich Brontoli**

Paul Harris Fellowship Level Ups Acknowledged on June 30th

Jon Lowe was recognized with his PHF+1 lapel pin. He is one of our veteran Rotarians as he served in the Navy during the Viet Nam era. He retired as Caddo Parish's Agricultural Extension Agent.

A member of our club since 1981 he served as a Club Director in 1987-1988. Jon has been instrumental in our involvement with the 4-H organization and the Junior Livestock Auction.

Jon also shared Rotary by providing his son (also a Jon Lowe) with a new Paul Harris Fellowship. This will be awarded at a later time.



Receiving his PHF+4 was Mark Snow, a member of our club since 2005. Mark is principal partner at Aillet, Fenner, Jolly & McClelland Engineering Firm. He has been with the firm since he graduated from LA Tech.

Mark served as a Club Director in 2008-2009 and 2019-2020, received our Al Kessler Thank You, Thank You, Thank You Rotarian of the Year Award in 2014-2015, will serve as our club's Secretary-Treasurer beginning 2020-2021 and will be Club President in 2023-2024.

Greg Juneau received his PHF+4 pin. He has been a member of our club for 15 years and served as a Club Director in 2018-2019. Greg is a long term owner of a small business located in downtown Shreveport.

In 1992 Greg became a private pilot and now flies his Bonanza 35 as often as he can. For fun, he went through the full Caddo Sheriff Office Academy, became certified to ride patrol which he does about 120 hours per year and fills in for full time units.



More on Paul Harris Fellowships



John Parsons, another of our veteran Rotarians who served in the Navy, is the owner of Deep South Equipment. He originally had locations in three cities but has doubled his staff and now has locations in eight cities with Shreveport being the main location.

Because of his fondness for veterans, John provides them with work opportunities and sponsors an event on site for them each Veterans Day.

John joined our club in 1979 and is a steady supporter of both The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation. He was presented with his PHF+6 lapel pin.

Immediate Past President Rich Brontoli also received his PHF+6 pin. Another veteran, Rich served in the U.S. Army for 20 years as an engineering officer. He retired as Deputy Commander at St. Louis Corps of Engineer District in 1995.

He relocated to the Shreveport-Bossier City area to assume his current position as Executive Director of Red River Valley Association.

Rich joined Rotary in 1994, was Club Director in 2011-2012 and served as Club President in 2019-2020. In 2014-2015 he was awarded our club's Service Above Self Award.



Did You Know??

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is rated 4 out of 4 stars by Charity Navigator. The Rotary Foundation receives 100.0 out of 100 for the Charity Navigator rating.



New Paul Harris Fellows

2017-2018 Club President **Teri Haynes** shared Rotary by naming these members as new Paul Harris Fellows. Teri surprised these Rotarians by selecting them in each case because they have made some contribution to The Rotary Foundation but had not yet reached the Paul Harris Level of \$1,000.

Each of these Rotarians has participated in the club on various committees and/or has contributed to the community through their service work or their profession.

Jeffery Brasher is the Scout Executive/CEO of Norwela Council, Boy Scouts of America. He became a member of our club in January 2020. Before he relocated here he was a member of the Rotary Club of Rome, GA. He contacted our club about membership even before his move because he values the Rotary connections and the service of Rotary and Rotarians.

He has been involved in Scouting his whole career, starting as an Eagle Scout in his youth.

Dianne Clark was a member of the Rotary Club of Mansfield prior to her joining our club in 2019. She credits her interest in Rotary to a personal friend in South Carolina, Anne Matthews, who was the first female vice-president of Rotary International.

Dianne is Executive Director at Sci-Port Discovery Center. Prior to that position, she was campus dean/workforce development at Northwest LA Technical College for 31 years. She will serve as a co-chair of our membership committee this year.

Brad Graff is the President/Owner of Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering. He received his BS and MS degrees in engineering from Louisiana Tech. One of Brad's passions is scuba diving, particularly cave diving. He and his wife were married underwater off Key Largo, Florida. How's that for a destination wedding!

Brad joined our club in 1994 and will serve as a Club Director in 2020-2021.



(From left) Jeffery Brasher, Teri Haynes, Dianne Clark and Brad Graff.



Another New Paul Harris Fellow

Also receiving his Paul Harris Fellowship from Teri Haynes was **Mike McSwain** who joined the meeting as one of our Zoom participants. Mike is the owner of Mike McSwain Architects. He grew up in the Houston area and used to ride his bike all over the downtown area looking at the architecture of the buildings.

Mike has clients around the world and when he travels to see them he makes sketches everywhere he goes. Our new Rotary masthead is one of his sketches. Immediate Past Club President Rich Brontoli commissioned Mike to provide sketches of Shreveport buildings to provide as gifts for the outgoing Board members.



Mike joined our club in 2005. Watch for Mike on our Zoom meetings as he always has a nice virtual background.

“Al Kessler Thank You, Thank You, Thank You” Rotarian of the Year Award”



Since 2012 our club president each year recognizes a non-Board member Rotarian 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. Recipients of past awards have been Jeb Breithaupt, Mark Snow, Alan Prater, Janet Boyett, Rob Eppers and Robert Smith.

For the 2019-2020 year, Immediate Past Club President Rich Brontoli selected Rotarian Libby Murphy to receive this award. Libby joined our club in 2018. She saw a way to improve our Red Badge process so she accepted the challenge to lead this past year's group of “Red Badgers”.

In addition, Libby arranged for the Louisiana Association for the Blind to make color copies of our Rotaripost available for our meetings at no cost to the club.

Libby attended the last meeting as a Zoom participant. She admits that she is seldom without words but Rich's selection of her for the award left her a bit speechless.

Well deserved recognition, Libby! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A Rotarian You Should Know:

Katherine Dorroh

Rotarian since 2015

Profession: Judge, First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish.

Background/Education: Grew up in New Haven, Connecticut, attended college in Newport, Rhode Island and law school in Houston.

Some things you might not know about me: Took two bar exams in ten days and passed both of them the first time. In college, I received a Rotary scholarship from a Rotary Club in Connecticut. Third generation Rotarian but the first female in the family to be a Rotarian.

Joys in life: My four children are my greatest joy and my greatest accomplishment. I've been rewarded with two granddaughters so far. I love container gardening, the beach and the pool but mostly enjoy mentoring young lawyers!

Honors: I'm currently the President of the Booth-Politz American Inn of Court. In 2013 I became only the fourth female elected to the First Judicial District Court and have presided over hundreds of criminal proceedings including two capital murder trials.

(Left top and bottom) Katherine (as Queen XXII of Krewe of Justinian) and William

(Below) Katherine being sworn in as District Judge

(Right) Katherine dancing with her dad at her sister's wedding



A Rotarian You Should Know:

Mary Winchell

Rotarian since 2018

Profession: Partner in law firm [Winchell & Joseph, LLC](#) (formed in 2015 with fellow Rotarian Curtis Joseph)

Education: Degree in communications, radio & TV broadcasting from University of Southwestern LA, J.D. degree from Paul M. Hebert Law School, LSU Baton Rouge.

Early positions: Law clerk for Judges James Stewart, Robert Waddell and Gary Bowers.

Community Involvement: 2020 president of Shreveport Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project; volunteer attorney for Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic, volunteer for Meals on Wheels

Things You May Not Know: Love to play tennis and I'm into "plogging" (picking up litter while jogging); married to Steve Cash for 26 years and we have twin daughters

COVID-19 Activities: Celebrated my 60th birthday at the courthouse; celebrated the graduation of her twin daughters from LSU; started to plan my judicial campaign to run for Caddo District Judge.



(Above) Mary, Steve and girls



(Above Middle) She's a serious "plogger"



(Top right) Mary and Steve abiding by the mandate

(Bottom right) Twin daughters





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Upcoming Zoom Program
July 21, 2020

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City of Shreveport

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**Our schedule is beginning to
fill. Let Doug know if you have
a program suggestion.**

Throw Back Tuesday Contest

Who's this Mystery Rotarian?
Be the first to send your guess to
shreveportrotary@gmail.com!



**Andy Shehee reports that his hens are still lay-
ing eggs like crazy so our contest continues!!**

Thank you Andy!

(Clue to above picture—it is NOT Andy Shehee)