

# Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00  
Meeting

June 28,  
2022

## Keynote

### Louisiana State Legislative Session

Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon

Historical Start  
12:13 p.m.

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

Rotarians  
Serving Others

Lunch Tom  
Money Mee

Raffle Margaret  
Tickets Wallace &  
Candice  
Webber

Invocation David  
Ginsburg

Zoom Rich  
Operator Brontoli

Greeter - Deb  
Scanner Poore

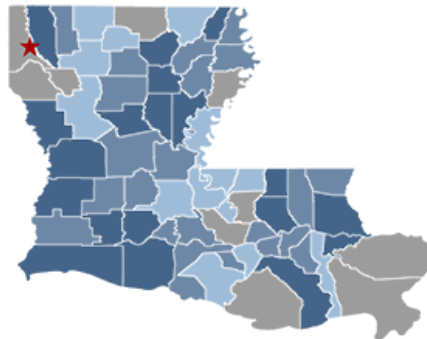


On Tuesday Louisiana State Representative **Thomas Pressly** will recap the results of the 2022 Legislative Session that ended on June 18, 2022.

Pressly grew up in Shreveport and graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in 2005. While there he served as Student Council president. He received his B.S. from Texas Christian University graduating cum laude from the Honors Program and served as student body president. During his time at TCU he served President George W. Bush as an intern and volunteer in 2007-2008. After receiving his J.D. degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, he returned to Shreveport.

Upon his return he served as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Chief Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. from 2013-2014 and has practiced in civil defense litigation since that time. Pressly was a finalist for the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel's Frank L. Maraist Award in 2017. He joined the Pettiette Armand Dunkelman Woodley Byrd Cromwell firm in 2019.

Thomas was elected to the Louisiana Legislature as State Representative for District 6 in 2019. He has previously served as the president of the young lawyers section of the Shreveport Bar Association, on the Board of Directors for the Robinson Film Center and as chairman of Community Renewal International Young Professionals. He is a member of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Louisiana Bar Association, the Shreveport Bar Association, the Harry V. Booth-Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court and the board of visitors for the John V. Roach Honors College at Texas Christian University.



## Paul Harris Fellowships

President Lawrence Calhoun was pleased to present a new Paul Harris Fellowship to Rotarian **Mary Webber**. Mary was one of our many members who took advantage of our Rotary Foundation challenge matches to gain her PHF status.

A native of Coushatta, Mary is the owner of L&R Human Resource Consulting, LLC. She attended LSU Baton Rouge and then transferred to LSUS to complete her bachelor's degree. The value of an education was one of life's lessons that her family promoted. As such, Mary received her MBA from Colorado Technical University and is pursuing her doctorate degree in organizational development from Capella University. In addition, she is currently a student at the Shepard Broad School of Law earning a second Masters degree in employment law.

Mary has been an adjunct professor at both BPC and LSUS. She has provided HR consulting services for many of our local companies and is currently contracted with Omni Specialty Packaging as their Director of Human Resources.

Mary is one of our club's published authors with her book "Miracles Still Happen...Trust Me". She joined our club in 2021 and has been very involved in club and district activities since then.



**Laurie Boswell** received her PHF+2 pin from President Lawrence. She also accepted The Rotary Foundation match challenge from the district. Laurie joined Holy Angels Residential Facility in 2007 as the Chief Operating Officer and was named Chief Executive Officer in 2009. She is a graduate of LSUS and earned her MBA from Centenary College.

She began her professional career with a degree in education and taught French for a number of years. She uses her background to push forward education efforts at Holy Angels where they have a formal classroom where the staff teaches basic skills needed for everyday life such as basic math, money management and counting back change.

Laurie has received numerous awards; just to name a few: 2016 LSUS Circle of Excellence Award, 2016 class of Leadership Louisiana, finalist for 2013 Shreveport Bossier Athena Award and 2011 Fundraising Executive of the Year.

She has been a member of our club since 2010 and served as club president during the Rotary year 2020-2021 (our 7th female president since 1914). Through Laurie's leadership, our club was able to weather the COVID crisis and return to in-person meetings in August 2020.

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Unless written objection is received within seven days, there will be added to the membership of the

**Rotary Club of Shreveport**

the following:

## **Sandra McCalla**

Caddo Parish Schools

**Capt. Shreve H.S. Principal, Retired**

### Classification

Education, Public Schools

Proposer & Endorser

Gayle Flowers & Dianne Clark

## **William Weaver**

Brentwood Hospital

**Chief Executive Officer**

### Classification

Hospital & Healthcare Service, Administration

Proposer & Endorser

Kristen Brown & Merritt Chastain

## **New Rotarian**

**Candice Webber** was introduced on Tuesday as our newest member. She attended and graduated from Parkway High School in 2007. She initially began at LSUS in a non-matriculated pre-medicine program but later found her purpose and passion in business. She graduated from LSUS with her B.S. in business administration with a concentration in human resource management.

After graduation she was hired and served as HR Coordinator for Elated Counseling Services (a local mental health company) for two years.

Candice is currently working on her Masters in industrial and organizational psychology with a concentration in HR management. She is the HR Manager for L&R Human Resource Consulting, LLC.

While she loves spending quality time with family, she finds passion monitoring and providing strategies to organizations and employees to help transform their lives by inciting compassion, empathy and integrity into their workplace culture.

Her proposers are Mary Webber and Gayle Flowers and her classification is Business Services, Human Resources.



## More Paul Harris Fellows

Past President Francesca Benten-Moreland presented a PHF level up pin to her Rotarian friend **Denis Poljak**. Denis received his PHF+7 pin as he also accepted the district TRF challenge match. Denis grew up in Zenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina and came to the U.S. to attend Centenary College on a full tennis scholarship.

He received degrees in accounting and business administration from Centenary College, his MBA from Louisiana Tech University and his PhD in economics from the University of Sarajevo.

He joined Morgan Stanley Wealth Management in 2009 as senior vice-president and is a co-founder of the Poljak Group. In 2021 he (and the Poljak Group) joined Steward Partners Global Advisory as a Managing Director & Wealth Manager.

In 2012 Denis joined our club after being a prior member of the Rotary Club of South Shreveport. He served our club as a Club Director in 2015-2016 and is very supportive of our club projects.

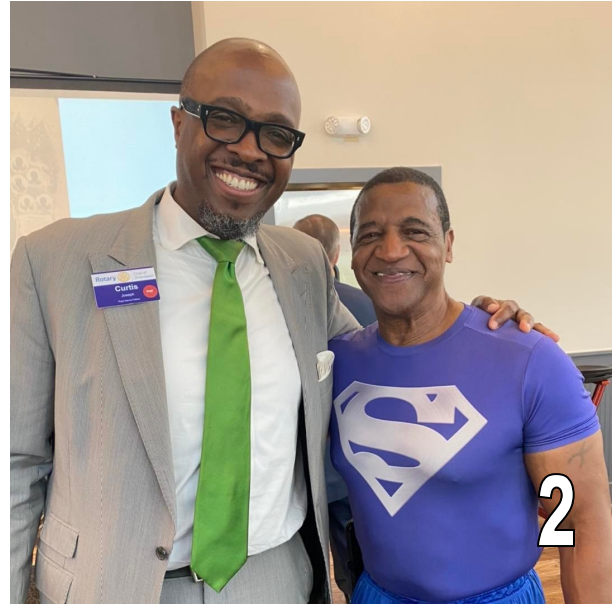


## Another New Paul Harris Fellow



Rotarian **Chris Stokes** is a long time friend and classmate of former Mayor and current State Representative **Cedric Glover** who presented our program on Tuesday. Chris honored him by recognizing him as a Paul Harris Fellow “in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.”

Rep. Glover gave a great presentation on the history of the civil rights movement in Shreveport. To watch the video again, use this [link to our Facebook page](#).



1—Chris Stokes flanked by his guests, Nancy Berger-Schneider and Delano Wilson.

2—Curtis Joseph and “Superman” Blount (guest of Greg Juneau).

3—(From left) Francesca Benten-Moreland, Kristen Powers, Cheryl Taylor (guest), Rashad Bristo and Erica McCain.



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questions about the club.

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### Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Mike Ferrell

*(This goes to your PHF account)*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Fred Kent

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens:

Merritt Chastain, Teri Haynes, Joe Littlejohn

Fresh tomatoes from Jon Lowe—

Laurie Boswell & Greg Juneau

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton  
Restaurant) and  
Zoom Program  
July 5, 2022**

**Installation of 2022-2023  
Club Officers & Directors**

# 4TH OF JULY

## Rotary Roof-top Party at Sci-Port

**You & your family are invited to enjoy the  
"Rockets Over The Red 2022" from the best  
viewing seat around! Enjoy the A/C inside if you  
prefer.**

**Party starts at 7:00 p.m. with fireworks begin-  
ning at 9:30 p.m. & ending at 9:45 p.m.**

**\$25 per couple, \$5.00 per child with a family cap  
of \$35**

**Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, beer  
and wine (cash bar for mixed drinks)**

**Play area and activities for children**

**Lake St. will be open so park in the parking lot  
behind Sci-Port.**

**RSVP to Katherine Dorroh**

**[kdorroh@kdorrohlaw.com](mailto:kdorroh@kdorrohlaw.com) with the number of  
adults and children attending.**

**Please register by Friday, July 1st!**