



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting

March 15,
2022

Keynote

YMCA Expansions

Tuesday,
12:00 Noon

Historical Start
12:13 p.m.

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

Rotarians
Serving Others

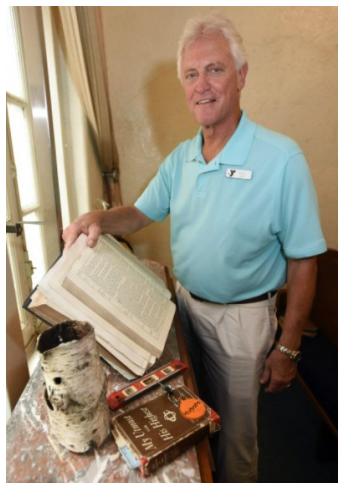
Lunch James
Money Adams

Raffle Scott
Tickets Hughes

Invocation Lawrence
 Brandon

Zoom Mark
Operator Snow

Greeter - Scott
Scanner Wysong



Gary Lash

Although **Gary Lash** did not become the CEO of our local YMCA until August 2003, the Y has been a part of his life for over 33 years. His wife Renee was the YMCA's Wellness Director prior to Gary's employment and she has recently retired.

Born in Cotton Valley, Gary is a graduate of Northwestern State University where he earned a B.S. in social science with a minor in journalism. Prior to becoming the YMCA's CEO, Gary coached high school basketball in Bossier Parish for four years, then began a successful sales and management career in the oil and gas industrial supply industry.

Jeffrey Goodman is the Director of Marketing and Development at the



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YMCA. After graduation from Capt. Shreve High School, Jeffrey attended Washington University in St. Louis and received his bachelor's degree in French and psychology. He was in the film industry for several years before joining the Y.

The YMCA's presence in Shreveport dates back to the 1860's. In 1888 funds were raised to construct a three story building that housed the city's first gym, located at Milam and Edwards St. This building was later sold and funds were raised to construct the current Downtown Y building which opened in 1925. In 2017, the BHP Billiton YMCA was opened on Knight St. at the Clyde Fant Parkway exit at Preston Ave.

Since that time, our local YMCA continues to thrive and now offers many programs for the community: aquatics, health and wellness, activities for active older adults, swim for life, child watch, kids triathlon, CrossFit, summer day camp, youth sports and other activities.



[Access bidding site at this link](#)



2022 Auction

Ready, Set, Bid!

Our online auction is now open: [2022 Rotary Club of Shreveport Auction](#). You can set up an account and bid online until **11:59 PM CST on March 29**. Then, we'll switch to in-person bidding at our **Auction Mixer at Sci-Port from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on March 30**. If you are unable to attend on March 30, you can still be involved in the bidding process via a proxy bid.

If you have any questions about the bidding, feel free to contact Scott Wysong at swysong@udallas.edu or 817-992-8138c.

Please RSVP to Judy by March 28

MARCH 30 @ 6:00 PM
AUCTION MIXER
SCI-PORT

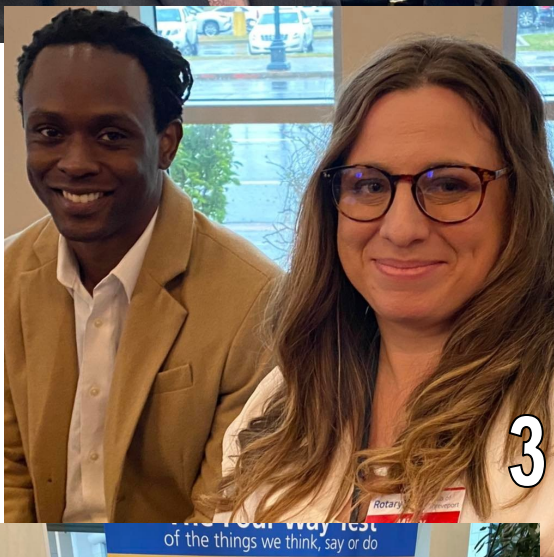
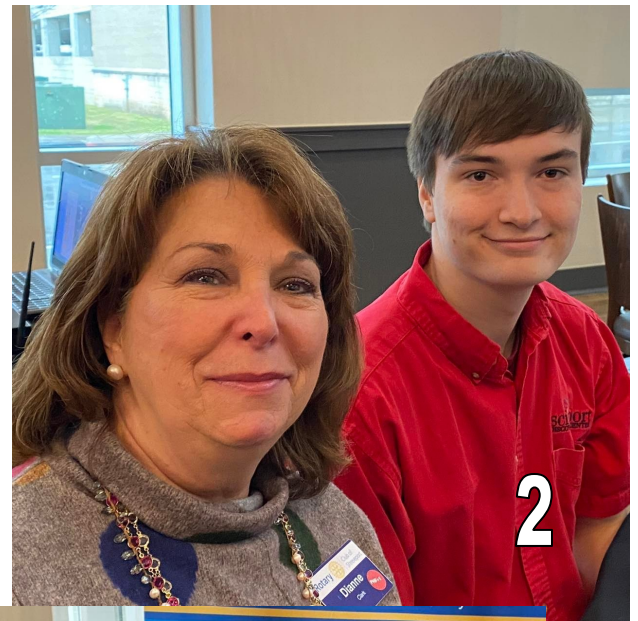


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- 1—Andrew Givens (guest) with Gard Wayt.
- 2—Dianne Clark with guest Joe Sullivan.
- 3—Kendrick Dante (guest) with Misty Castile.
- 4—Jim Malsch with guest Richard Raue.
- 5—Adam Sistrunk (guest) with Greg Lott.

Guests!

Large Project Completed

Rotary Learning Bus partnership with Common Ground Community

Four years ago through a competitive selection process our club members voted to support a multi-year project with Common Ground Community. We have concluded that \$125,000 project this year. The first year we spent \$50k on the purchase of the Rotary Learning Bus, van wrap, insurance, flags and banners. The next three years we committed \$25k per year for various Learning Bus projects. With the COVID outbreak when the community was in stay at home mandates and remote school learning, Common Ground was able to use part of those funds to provide food baskets/fresh fruits and vegetables to the Cedar Grove residents.

Lisa Cronin, the CEO of Common Ground, accepted our final check on Tuesday. She provided a recap of the activities that they have held during this past year.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities at Common Ground's location

Tuesday, March 15—5:00 p.m. until about 6:00 p.m.

Pack book/snack bags for students at Adkins Elementary

Thursday, March 17 and March 31—5:00 p.m. until about 6:30 p.m.

Help with serving community supper and help in food pantry

Sign up with Melissa Ricou or Judy Bellew for these projects





Message from John Germ, Trustee Chair, 2021-2022

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, Rotary has made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We are deeply concerned about the Ukraine crisis and need your help.

Rotary is made up of people of action, especially in difficult times. In response to the deepening refugee crisis, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided to prioritize contributions made to the [Disaster Response Fund](#) until April 30, 2022 to support disaster response grants for districts affected by these events. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to supply water, food, medicine, shelter and clothing.

Half a million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number of refugees could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

With your donation to [Rotary Disaster Response Fund](#), Rotarians around the world can support communities and help rebuild lives during this tragic time.

*With
Sympathy*

Our condolences to Rotarian Peyton LaBorde whose mother Mary Christine LaBorde passed away on March 8, 2022. Visitation will be on Sunday, March 13th with services on Monday, March 14th.



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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—Mike Ferrell

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

Roses from Rose-Neath Florist—Mike Ferrell

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens:

Merritt Chastain, Rich Brontoli, Robert McGowen
and George Bakowski

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program
March 22, 2022**

Club Scholarship Awards

March Club Anniversaries

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

51 years	Wishy Nolan♦ <i>PS</i>
46 years	Wade Sample*
37 years	Jeb Breithaupt*+ <i>PS</i>
27 years	Gene Bryson*
21 years	Stacy Brown
20 years	Clay Nelson*
18 years	George Bakowski*, Bob Fitzgerald*
14 years	Zelda Tucker*, Teri Haynes♦+
12 years	Laurie Boswell*+
10 years	Scott Wysong*
9 years	Jarrold Horton*
6 years	George Carroll*, Steven Bell* <i>PS</i> , Rob Eppers*
1 year	Melissa Ricou

Watch last week's video [at this link!](#)

