

# Rotaripost

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# **Before I Was Trafficked: Incidents of Child Abuse & Neglect**



Jessica Milan Miller

Jessica Milan Miller has been a resident of Shreveport for the past 25 years. She received her bachelor's degree in biological sciences from LSUS, her masters in general counseling and guidance from LA Tech and her MBA from Centenary College.

For the past 17 years, Jessica has served as CEO of the Gingerbread House Bossier/Caddo Children's Advocacy Center. This organization, Louisiana's busiest child advocacy center, provides critically needed services for child victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and child sex trafficking in the nine parishes that comprise northwest Louisiana.

Under her tenure, the Gingerbread House was recognized in 2015 as Louisiana's star and included as 1 of 3 national programs highlighted during the inaugural 50 Stars in 50 States campaign by National Children's Alliance. In October 2018, the Gingerbread House was selected as the 2018 Non-Profit Award Winner by the Better Business Bureau during their annual Torch Awards Luncheon. In January 2019 the Gingerbread House received the Guardian of Childhood Award presented by FREE: The Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Northwest Louisiana and the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court Community Response Team.

Jessica is married to Lance Miller and they have three children.

Gingerbread House received a \$4,000 civic grant from our club in the 2018-2019 Rotary year.

# **Meeting On Tuesday in Exhibit Hall 1 On First Floor!!**

#### Tuesday, Noon

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

> Shreveport Convention Center

> > **Rotarians** Serving Others

James Adams	Money Table
Kristen Brown	Raffle
Greg Lott	Greeter- Scanner-4Way Test
Lawrence Brandon	Invocation Inspiration
Jesse Gilmore & Kermit Poling	Music

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# **Disaster Aid**

On Saturday, February 22 Gene Richardson and Jon Keith attended a training session in Ruston for Disaster Aid USA. Our Rotary district owns a cargo trailer that is fully equipped with chain saws, ladders, hand tools and other equipment. In the event of a natural disaster in our area, we can now gather volunteers to help our neighbors and have all the equipment that is needed.

If you are interested in this potential service, please see Gene Richardson or Jon Keith. Both of them are circled in this group picture.

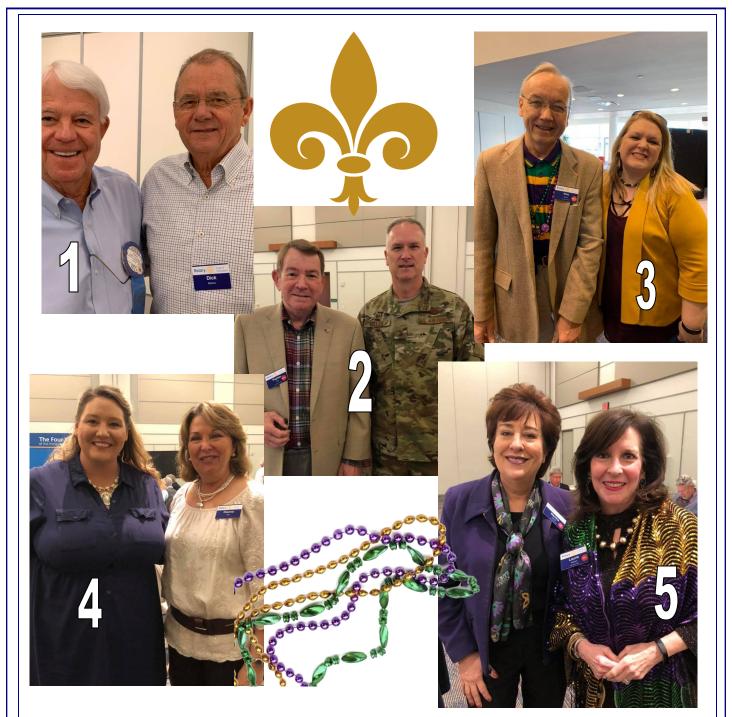


### Shredding Event—Saturday, April 18th—9 a.m. to Noon

The Rotary Club of East Shreveport has announced their annual fund-raising shredding event to be held on the Saturday after "Tax Day" at the Porters Cleaners location at the corner of East Bert Kouns and Youree Dr.

There is no fee for the shredding but they will accept donations. Shredding is done by a commercial shredding truck while you wait so you can take your empty boxes away with you knowing that none of your private documents are still intact. They can shred X-ray film and such in addition to the paper.

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- 1—John Parsons and Dick Bremer.
- 2—Peyton Cole and the speaker, Col. Michael Miller.
- 3—Kim Green and Emerie Gentry.
- 4—Dianne Clark and her guest Nicole Ginsburg.
- 5—Martha Marak and Laurie Boswell.

### **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:

Shannon Floyd Director of Digital The Smith Group Advertising of Nashville Remote Office—Shreveport

> <u>Classification</u> Advertising & Public Relations **Proposed by**

> > Curtis Joseph



1,000 Likes on Facebook! Thank you, Emerie, for your great efforts!

# Paul Harris Fellow +1



On Tuesday, President Rich Brontoli presented **Ernest Palmisano, Jr.** with his PHF+1 lapel pin. Ernest is the owner of Ernest's Orleans Restaurant. For the last two years he has hosted our fine dining event for Rotary's annual World Polio Day and has donated a portion of the proceeds to The Rotary Foundation. This event is the highlight for many Rotarians not only in the Shreveport-Bossier area but Rotarians from elsewhere as well.

Ernest was a member of our club from 2005-2012.

He and Rotarian Gene Richardson (pictured at left) have grandfathers who were natives of the Isle of Ustica off the north shore of Sicily.





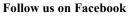
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### **Raffle Winners Last Week**

TRF Raffle—Greg Juneau Thanks for your donation to The Rotary Foundation. This applies to your PHF.

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist-

Ken Krueger Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens— Gene Richardson

### Program on March 3, 2020

**Jeffrey Goodman** 

**YMCA Update** 

Rooms 206-208 Convention Center

#### **Birthdays**

\* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

♦ Major Donor

March 3	Gene Bryson*	
March 8	Bobby Madison*	
March 9	Martha Marak*, Jennifer Lawrence*, Vance Bailes*	
March 13	James Blewett*, Lawrence Calhoun♦	
March 14	Robert McGowen♦+	
March 17	Leslie Quinn*	
March 19	Margaret Gaskins	
March 21	Alan Tipton*, Joe Cooper*+PDG	
March 22	Rodney Ellis*	
March 24	Davor Poljak*	
March 26	Robert Grand*+	
March 28	Jeff Brasher	
March 29	Hoyt Bain*	



Our registration table volunteers: James Adams, Jon Keith, Margaret Wallace and Ken Krueger.