



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting
March 30,
2021

Keynote

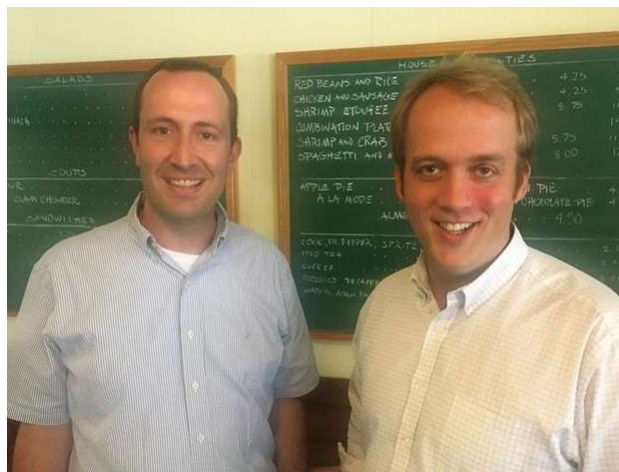
COVID's Affect On Local Restaurants and Retail Businesses

Two of Shreveport's local entrepreneurs, Grant Nuckolls and Andrew Crawford, will be with us to give us highlights on how COVID-19 has affected local restaurants and retail businesses.

A native of Shreveport and after graduating from Magnet High School, Grant Nuckolls received his B.S. in management and his Masters in finance from Tulane University. He worked for Hardware Resources for six years before opening the very popular Twisted Root Burger Company on Line Ave. Early in the pandemic, Grant provided and delivered meals to many of our hospital staffs as a show of appreciation for them. Grant currently serves as the president of the Executive Committee of Norwela Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Another Shreveport native, Andrew Crawford received his B.A. in telecommunications from Baylor University. He has an extensive background in designing data systems, editing video material, maintaining and updating wireless networks and serving as webmaster for clients. He formed Crawford Design Group in 2010 specializing in webpage designs. In 2012 he opened his first location for Rhino Coffee. He now also has a location in downtown Shreveport.

Grant and Andrew created a partnership in 2019 and purchase the 36 year old local favorite Jacquelyn's Café on Louisiana Ave. In 2020 during the midst of the COVID crisis, the duo purchased the 86 year old Cuban Liquor & Wine Company on Pierremont.



Grant Nuckolls (on left) with Andrew Crawford.

**Shreveport
Proud!!**

Tuesday,
12:00 Noon

Historical Start
12:13 p.m.

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

Rotarians Serving Others

Money Table Jesse Gilmore

Raffle Tickets Kim Green

Invocation Miles Hitchcock

Zoom Operators Mark Snow

Greeter Mary Webber

Hybrid Meetings

We will continue to offer hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom). Here is the Zoom 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: March 30, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxUjVFL0lLSGIwVjVjNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051
Passcode: 870740

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Last Week’s Program—Scholarships!!

Last week we recognized six local students who each received \$2,000 scholarships from us. As each student told what the scholarship meant to them it brought home what outstanding young people we have but also reminded us of the tremendous good that our members and our club do in our community.

The video of the program can be viewed on our Facebook page [at this link](#).



Pictured from left:

Kristina Michelle Gambino-LSUHSC, Victoria Renee Rogers-SUSLA, Rotarian Alan Prater (scholarship committee chair), Caroline Elisabeth Dorking-LSUS, Harrison MacQueen Starrett– Centenary College, Keyeria L. Smith-Northwestern School of Nursing and Sarah Kristine Johnson– BPCC.

Common Ground Service Project

Several weeks ago a group of our members met at Common Ground and packed Rotary Learning Bus bags with books, school supplies and snacks for the 250 students at Atkins Elementary School to take home and enjoy over the Spring break. Items were age specific for the Pre-K through 3rd grades students.



(Above left) Ms. Belinda Stewart, principal at Atkins Elementary School.



(Above right) Just one of the classrooms who received the bags.

Upcoming Presentations

April 6, 2021—Kelly Wells, Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission—Bayou Classic

April 13, 2021—Jillian Elwart, Shriners Hospital—Paracanoe & Kayak Racing with TEAM USA

April 20, 2021—Shreveport Opera SOX

April 27, 2021—Mortimer Harris, City of Shreveport—Property Standards

May 4, 2021—Mike Fruge, J.T. Meleck Distillers

May 11, 2021—Michelle Reininger, Chimp Haven colony director—Meet the Chimps

Plan ahead to bring a guest!

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee chair **Alan Prater** thanked these members of the Committee: Taylor Brown, Katherine Dorroh, Charlotte Jones, Jon Keith, Jeffrey Kerst, Robert McGowen, Akmal Mikhail, Connor Peterson, Renee Petree, Kermit Poling, Darrell Rebouche, Gil Shanley, Erica Thomas, John Tuggle, Debra Williams and Scott Wy-song.

This is a very organized committee. Chair Alan has the applications all on-line, including the rating and voting documentation. Alan noted that many of the members are so dedicated that they pull up the applications and documentations on a laptop or smart device if they are away from their offices or homes when it's time to review the information. The process begins in late December and ends about 45 days later when the final selections are made known.



If you'd like to serve on this stream-lined committee please let Alan Prater or Judy Bellew know. This is an excellent way to participate in decision making for our club's scholarship money. As Alan explained on Tuesday, these scholarships are fully funded through our dues system and through direct donations for projects.



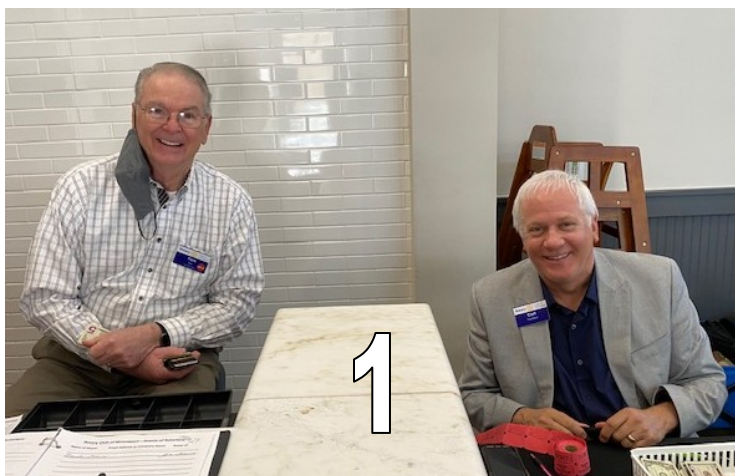
Check out those smiles from Mark Snow and Kristen Powers.

Fun New Service Opportunity!

Our hybrid meetings have been going very nicely—so much so that we hope to continue them as long as we have members who want to attend virtually. The programs are all video-taped and uploaded to our Facebook page.

If you would like to serve in this capacity let Mark Snow, Kristen Powers or Judy Bellew know. We can arrange for training for you. The Hilton's A/V staff runs the main Zoom program and powerpoint. Duties at our Zoom table are to admit folks from the "waiting room", take attendance, respond to any chat questions or issues, record the meeting and take a couple of screenshots of the galley view.

Believe it or not, it's actually FUN!



Seen on Tuesday
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- 1—Tom Mee and Carl Thibodeaux work the registration and raffle areas.
- 2—Mary Webber was introduced as a new member on one of our snowed out Zoom meetings.
- 3—Jon Keith and Rick Bateman.
- 4—Gene Bryson and Hoyt Bain.
- 5—Doug Bland, Jarrod Horton, Martha Marak, Melissa Ricou and Darrell Rebouche.





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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—Joe Littlejohn

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

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Tom Arceneaux

Eggs from Andy Shehee’s chickens—

Greg Juneau, Doug Bland, Rich Brontoli
and Mark Snow

Holy Angels gift basket—Rich Brontoli

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program
April 6, 2021**

**Kelly Wells
Shreveport Sports Commission
“Bayou Classic”**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

Rotary Club of Shreveport
the following:

Justin Lord, Ph.D.

**Assistant Professor
School of Business, Dept. of Accounting
LSU Shreveport**

Shreveport

Classification

Education, University

Proposed by

Jeff Brasher and Greg Lott



Thank you, Wishy Nolan, for your 50 years of service in Rotary!

Twenty Benefits of Rotary Membership

#13—Personal Growth & Development: Membership in Rotary continues one’s growth and education in human relations and personal development.

