



Rotaripost

**NOON — 12:00
Meeting
March 9,
2021**

Keynote

Step Right Up



On Tuesday, our Rotary recruitment committee will lead us through our membership process and status.

In Rotary's membership game, everyone's a winner!

Here are some things to think about:

- What are some of the great things about our club? Just check out our FaceBook page, Instagram and Rotariposts!
- Do you know a potential member? I just bet you do!
- What are our club's strengths? Just look to what our Rotarians have accomplished since 1914!
- Let's look to our young professional Rotarians for fresh perspectives!
- Do you know someone who enjoys volunteering? I just bet you do!
- Talk about Rotary wherever you go!
- Embrace diversity!
- Celebrate our new members!

Phase 3 Updates

Under phase 3 mandates, we can now have 79 people in the restaurant along with the 2 Hilton A/V staff. Since we must give a headcount to the Hilton, we will continue to utilize the Eventbrite registration until our attendance stabilizes. Masks are still required except when eating or presenting.

**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 *James Adams*

Raffle Tickets *Charles Henington*

Invocation *Alan Prater*

Zoom Operators *Mark Snow and Kristen Powers*

Greeter *Deb Poore*

Hybrid Meetings

We will continue to offer hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom). Here is the Zoom invite that can be used through June 29, 2021. 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 9, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxUjF0LSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051

Passcode: 870740

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

New Member—Melissa Leimbrook Ricou



Melissa Ricou, a Shreveport native, is the Director of Business Development at Holy Angels Residential Facility and is responsible for the AngelWorks Day Program and Supported Employment along with creating partnerships with local businesses.

After graduating from St. Vincent Academy, she continued her education at Southern Methodist University and received her Bachelor’s degree in marketing and public relations. She spent several years in Dallas and Houston at advertising agencies working with a variety of clients. Upon returning to Shreveport, she worked for United Way until she became the Executive Director of the Super Derby Festival. After that, she served as Executive Director of the

Youth Enrichment Program for 21 years overseeing more than 30 after-school programs throughout Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto Parishes.

Her classification is Hospitals & Healthcare Services and her sponsors are Laurie Boswell and Martha Marak. Melissa’s mother Harvey Anne Leimbrook was a member of our club for many years.

New Paul Harris Fellowship Awarded

Last Tuesday, Rotarian **Wishy Nolan** surprised Rotarian **Dr. Jeffrey Kerst** with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Jeffrey joined our club in September 2020 shortly after he and his wife moved to Shreveport. Jeffrey has already volunteered at Common Ground and is active on the membership recruitment committee and the chaplaincy committee. He always knew that he wanted to be in Rotary since his dad in Hot Springs is a 30+ year Rotarian there.

Jeffrey, a Hot Spring native, graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and then continued at LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans where he received his doctorate in dentistry. He worked as a “rover” dentist in Texas while waiting for his wife Dr. Allison Haynie Kerst to finish her orthodontic residency.

Jeffrey practices at Kerst & Caskey Family Dentistry. He is an Eagle Scout and is now serving on the Executive Board for Norwela Council Boy Scouts.



Last Week's Program—StoryCorps

The video of last week's program—Dave Isay with StoryCorps is now uploaded to our Facebook page [at this link](#). Here are other emails and websites that several members requested:

[Link from our Rotarian Kermit Poling on the StoryCorps One Small Step information.](#)

[Kermit's link to excerpts from some of the Shreveport conversations already recorded.](#)





(Above) Debra Williams and Margaret Wallace at the registration table.



(Above) Meg Goorley, guest of Gayle Flowers.



(Above) Joe Littlejohn, Jarrod Horton and Greg Lott.

(Below, from left) Mardosha Peek (guest), Dianne Clark, Sandy Cimino (guest) and Erica McCain (guest).



(Left) Kermit Poling introduced the program.



Common Ground Service Project



Rotarians, Friends & Family

(Above from left) Lisa Cronin (Common Ground CEO), Dennis Dean & Lindsey Olivier (friends of Mark Snow), Mark Snow, Laurie Boswell, Kemper Smith (Laurie's brother), Rich Brontoli, David Brainis, Avery Brainis (David's daughter), Judy Bellew, David Bellew, Lawrence Calhoun (kneeling) Fred Ratzburg and Connor Peterson.

(Below from left) Lawrence Calhoun, Fred Ratzburg, Mark Snow, Laurie Boswell and David Bellew.





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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—David Ginsburg

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

Gift bag from Rose-Neath Florist—

Deb Poore

Eggs from Andy Shehee's chickens—

Margaret Wallace & James Blewett

Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program

March 16, 2021

Financial Empowerment Program

Rashida Dawson

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:

Dr. T. Steen Trawick

CHRISTUS Shreveport-Bossier Health System
CEO

Shreveport, LA

Classification

Hospital Administration

Proposed by

Gard Wayt & Gayle Flowers

Common Ground

Rotary Learning Bus Project

A couple of years ago our club members voted to support Common Ground by purchasing the Rotary Learning Bus and partnering with them on projects. On Tuesday we presented this year's \$25,000 grant to Lisa Cronin of Common Ground. Our members participate in several different projects at Common Ground.

