



# Rotaripost

**NOON — 12:00  
Meeting  
March 16,  
2021**

**Keynote**

## Financial Empowerment Center



**Rashida Dawson** is the Vice President of Financial Stability of United Way of Northwest Louisiana and is responsible for the overall leadership and management of its Financial Stability impact area.

Her latest project includes the management of the Shreveport Financial Empowerment Center (FEC), a partnership of the Mayor's Office and United Way of Northwest Louisiana.

The Center provides professional, one-on-one financial counseling and coaching as a free public service to local residents. Professionally trained FEC counselors help individuals and families manage their finances, pay down debt, increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products. At the core of the FEC model is the integration of counseling into other social services, such as housing and foreclosure prevention, workforce development, prisoner reentry, benefits access, domestic violence services, and more.

Rashida earned her bachelor's degree in marketing from ULM in Monroe and is currently pursuing her MBA from LSUS.

Fulfilling her commitment to serve others, Rashida is the current president of the South Shreveport Rotary Club, member of BancorpSouth's CRA Advisory Council, Northwest Louisiana Re-Entry Coalition and the Young Professionals Initiative. Among other things, she is a graduate of the 2017 Greater Shreveport Leadership Program, 2013 graduate of LANO's Leadership Program. She was recognized as part of the 2018 Class of Forty Under 40 and was the first recipient of the Nonprofit Citizen of the Year for the 2019 Minority Business Opportunity Awards through the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.



**Shreveport  
Financial  
Empowerment  
Center**

*Free One-on-One  
Financial Counseling*

**Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon**

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

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

**Rotarians  
Serving Others**

*Money            Need A  
Table            Volunteer*

*Raffle            Margaret  
Tickets           Wallace*

*Invocation      Jeffrey  
                         Kerst*

*Zoom            Mark Snow  
Operators       and  
                         Kristen Powers*

*Greeter           Need A  
                         Volunteer*

## 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 16, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxbUFFL0lLSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

**Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051**

**Passcode: 870740**

## Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

## New Member—Steven Bell



*(Above from left) President Laurie, Wishy Nolan and Steven Bell.*

**Steven Bell** was raised in Coushatta, LA. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Centenary College. Upon graduation he obtained his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Perkins Theological Seminary at SMU.

After various pastoral appointments, Steven joined White's Chapel Church in Southlake, TX serving as its Executive Pastor for Family Ministry. In 2015 he was appointed as Senior Pastor at FUMC Corsicana. In December 2020, Dr. Bell was appointed to serve as the Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Shreveport.

Steven is a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and serves as a chaplain for the 451st Civil Affairs Battalion based out of Houston.

He and his wife Meredith have two daughters. Steven was a member of the Graham, TX and Corsicana, TX Rotary clubs. He enjoys being outdoors: hunting, running, hiking, camping and fishing.

Steven's classification is Religion, Methodist and his sponsors are Wishy Nolan and Greg Lott.

**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:

**Jamaal Ellis**

**Corps Officer**

**The Salvation Army**

Shreveport

**Classification**

Associations, Charitable & Service

**Proposed by**

Gard Wayt and Martha Marak

**Meg Goorley**

**Executive Director**

**Catholic Charities of North Louisiana**

Shreveport

**Classification**

Associations, Charitable & Service

**Proposed by**

Gayle Flowers and Nita Cook

**Last Week's Program—Membership State of the Club**

Our Membership Committee presented our program last Tuesday reporting on our membership statistics. We lost only a handful of members during our COVID break and are very pleased with the support and staying power of most of our members.

The video of the program can be viewed on our Facebook page [at this link](#). Please bear with the audio issue which we had for a few minutes during the program—a microphone had been bumped and the main A/V system had to be rebooted.



*Jesse Gilmore and Jeffrey Kerst presented membership information.*





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1—Guest RaShad Bristo with Martha Marak

2—Merrill Wautlet, membership committee chair, introduced the program.

3—Kristen Powers with her guest, Dosha Peek

4—(from left) Mark Crews, Jim Graves, Greg Juneau, Jon Keith and Alan Prater.



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*Seen Tuesday*  
*Seen Tuesday*





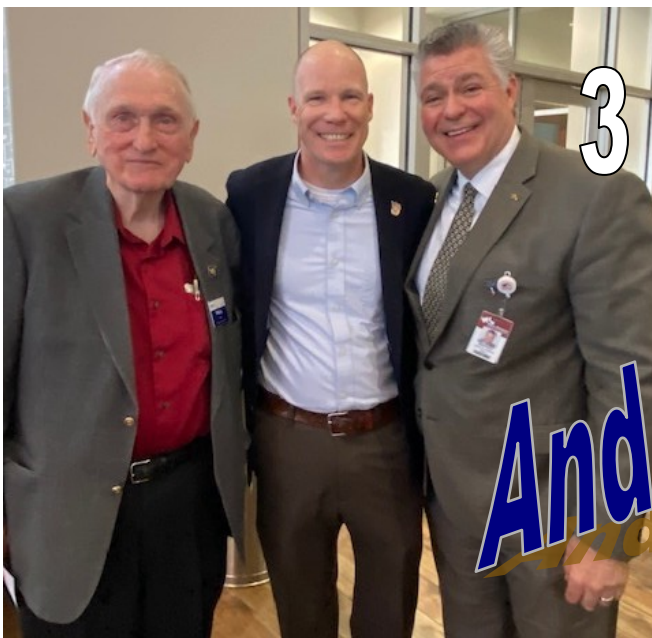
1—Guest Russ Mathers with Doug Bland.



2—(From left) Jarrod Horton, Doug Abington, George Bakowski, Kim Green and Merrill Wautlet.

3—(From left) A trio of pastors: Wishy Nolan, Steven Bell and visiting Rotarian Brad Perry.

4—Red badges turned blue for Jeffrey Kerst and Deb Poore.



And more!  
And more!



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questions about the club.

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## Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Margaret Wallace

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

Gift bag from Rose-Neath Florist—

David Bellew

Eggs from Andy Shehee's chickens—

George Bakowski, James Blewett & Jim Graves

Holy Angels gift basket—Robert McGowen

## Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program

**March 23, 2021**  
**Club Scholarship Awards**  
**Scholarship Committee**

## March Club Anniversaries

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

50 years	Wishy Nolan ♦ <b>PS</b>
45 years	Wade Sample*
36 years	Jeb Breithaupt*+ <b>PS</b>
26 years	Gene Bryson*
20 years	Stacy Brown
19 years	Clay Nelson*
17 years	George Bakowski*, Glen Adkins* <b>PS</b> , Bob Fitzgerald*
13 years	Zelda Tucker*, Teri Haynes♦+
11 years	Taylor Brown*, Laurie Boswell*
9 years	Scott Wysong*, Nita Cook*
8 years	Jarrod Horton*
5 years	George Carroll*, Rob Eppers*



Our condolences to the family of former Rotarian **James "Jim" Egan, Jr.** Jim was a member of our club from 1981 to 2018 when his health began to fail. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. Jim was 101 years old. His wife of 75 years passed away a few months ago at age 100.

Jim was one of our beloved World War II veterans. He participated in Norton Art Gallery's Oral History Project several years ago (very similar project as StoryCorps which was presented a few weeks ago). [Read that oral history account of Jim at this link.](#)