



Keynote Making Louisiana a Better Place For Birds



Erik Johnson

Dr. Erik Johnson joined the Audubon Society in 2011. His first responsibility there was as a conservation biologist for the Mississippi Flyway and Gulf Coast Initiative. He serves now as their Director of Bird Conservation.

Johnson received his B.S. degree in biology and environmental studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. He then returned to Louisiana to attend LSU and earned his Ph.D. in wildlife, fish and wildlands science and management. He was working on his graduate studies when the BP oil spill shocked the Gulf Coast and, in response, Erik helped develop a citizen science program which he continues to lead.

Dr. Johnson led the development of a comprehensive beach-nesting bird stewardship program in Louisiana by developing partnerships with other organizations and local communities. He developed several bird monitoring initiatives at the Paul J. Raney Audubon Sanctuary.

Johnson is active in Louisiana's birding community and serves as Louisiana's Christmas Bird Count regional editor, vice-president of Baton Rouge Audubon Society, a member of Louisiana's Bird Records Committee, co-director of the Louisiana Bird Observatory, and most recently joined the Inland Bird Banding Association's board of advisors. He has published several articles that have been published in scientific journals including *The Auk* and *Ecology*.

Erik is a resident of Lafayette, Louisiana.



Tuesday,
12:00 Noon

12:13 p.m.
Historical Start

Shreveport
Convention
Center

Rotarians
Serving Others

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| Christine
Wasner | Money
Table |
| John
Tuggle | Raffle |
| Milton
Hutchinson | Scanner-
Greeter-4Way
Test |
| Laurie
Boswell | Invocation
Inspiration |
| Charlotta
Norbyke
And
Kermit
Poling | Music |

More PHF Level-Ups



Dr. Charlotte Jones was recognized as a PHF+2 last Tuesday. A native of Monticello, Arkansas, Charlotte attended Louisiana Tech and received degrees in math and quantitative methods. She is now retired from her professorship at LSUS and Dean Emeritus of the College of Business. While at LSUS she was the faculty sponsor for the Rotaract Club there.

Fellow faculty member Susan Beal sponsored her in our club in 2001 and she served as a club director in the 2009-2010 Rotary year.

Charlotte lives in Minden but has not slowed down since her retirement as she is the Director of United Christian Assistance Program in Minden, the former treasurer at United Christian Home and the secretary/treasurer at Friends of the Germantown Colony Museum.

Charlotte Jones holds her lapel pin with two sapphires.



Another PHF+2 pin was presented to **Chris Stokes**. He is a native of Shreveport and a second generation Rotarian as both his parents (Ron and Ann Stokes) were members of our club for many years.

After graduating from Caddo Magnet High, LSUS and the Mississippi College of Law, Chris moved out of our area.

During the time he resided in Midland, Texas he joined the Midland West Rotary Club. That club urged all members to become a Paul Harris Fellow and Chris received his first level PHF while in Midland.

Chris returned to our area in 2017 and joined Walker-Alley & Associates, a property management firm, as a commercial real estate agent. He joined our club soon after his return and was very active in the July-December red badge committee.

As he accepted his +2 lapel pin, Chris shared that he has found it very easy to reach PHF levels as he participates in Rotary's RI Direct program. He encouraged club members to look into that option for your donations.



Chris Stokes received his new PHF pin from president Teri Haynes.

Rotary's International Opportunities

Allen Organick recently traveled to India on business. While there he attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Belgaum and then participated in a tour of the Belgaum Eye Bank. You will recall that our club has a Rotary Global Grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of Belgaum for \$65,000 to furnish equipment and supplies for this newly constructed eye bank. Our club portion of the grant was \$4,400 and our district's portion was \$7,500.

Allen also was able to visit his Rotarian friend Sanjay at their home. Sanjay shared that he is a third generation club president. India does not have an adequate safety net for its citizens so Rotary and private charitable trusts step in to fill the needs as best they can.

Sanjay and his wife have become business friends as well as Rotary friends with Allen.



Two Rotarians stand with one of the pieces of equipment purchased with funds from our Rotary Global grant.

A group of Rotarians stand at a window in the Rotary-Netradarshan Eye Bank in Belgaum.



A side-note...there are no women in the Rotary Club of Belgaum.

More International Travels

Rotarian **David Ginsburg** and his wife Sandra are frequently globe-trotting. On their trip to Monaco a couple of weeks ago, they visited with the Rotary Club of Monaco. That club met at the Restaurant L'in-tempo, Meridien Monaco. David showed us the banner that he received from their president as he exchanged one of our club banners. Some interesting comments from David:

- The meeting was from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Cost was 60 euros per person with an exchange rate of 1.21 USD to 1.00 euro, but David reported that the dinner was worth it.
- The Prince is a member of the club but he did not attend.
- There are no women members in the club—Sandra was the only female in the room.
- Membership there is comprised of all the wealthy influential people (men) in Monaco.
- The entire meeting was in French but there was a great sharing of information and lively conversation (in English) at the Ginsburg table. The Rotarians there were very interested in our political climate.

It's always fun to visit Rotary clubs in another country! Try it....you'll like it!



(Above left) David Ginsburg with Monaco club president Leonard Jacquot.

(Above middle) Close up of the banner David received

(Above right) David shared information and displayed the Monaco exchange banner with us.



(Above left) Onega Ulanova grabs a cup of coffee.

(Above middle) Kit Gamble introduced our speaker, Bill Rose with CADA.

(Above right) Rodney Crews scans badges as he visits with Greg Juneau.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Unless written objection is received within 7 days, there will be added to the membership of the

Rotary Club of Shreveport

the following:

Mary Winchell

Winchell & Joseph Law Firm

Shreveport, LA

Classification

Law Practice, Family Law

Proposed by

Karen Johnson

Thanks to our April Food Bank Volunteers

Margaret Wallace

Ken Krueger

Rotarians from Rotary Clubs of Red River and South Shreveport



Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Tom Mee

Thanks for donating to TRF—this goes toward your next PHF

Mystery Box from Rose-Neath Florist—
Reggie Abrams

Andy Shehee’s hen eggs—Mark Snow
CADA Journals—Greg Juneau and
Brad Graff

Program on May 8, 2018

Ernie Roberson
The Plane Crash of 1954

Rooms 206-208
Convention Center

Birthdays

* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

◆ Major Donor

May 2	Jarrold Horton*
May 5	Jeffrey Thomas*
May 7	Clay Nelson*
May 8	Katy Merriman
May 11	Jesse Gilmore*
May 12	Jack Lamb*
May 15	Mark Hebert*
May 18	Jeff Gauger*
May 19	Miles Hitchcock*, Charles Grubb*
May 22	Nell Shehee*
May 27	Kit Gamble
May 28	George Nelson, Jr.*+
May 29	William Johnson*
May 30	Mario Chavez
May 31	Gil Shanley*

We have a few more centennial umbrellas left. Let Judy know if you would like one.

