



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00 Meeting

May 10, 2022

Keynote

City of Shreveport Police Department



Wayne Smith was appointed Chief of Police by Mayor Adrian Perkins on January 26, 2022, after serving as interim Chief of Police since August 2021. Chief Smith began his career with the Shreveport Police Department in August, 1980. He currently manages the day-to-day operations of the 800-plus member department. He has been assigned to all divisions of the department with successive experience in managing investigations, security, internal investigations and police personnel.

Chief Smith holds a Master of Business Administration from Centenary College and a B.S. in organizational management from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. He is a graduate of the 174th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

He has received training in internal affairs, fingerprint classification and advanced latent fingerprint techniques, ethnic sensitivity, interview and interrogations, first responders' radiological transportation emergency, hazardous materials, supervisor training, occupant protection usage and enforcement, accident investigation along with other training seminars and workshops.

Chief Smith is married and has three grandchildren. He is an active member of Sunrise Baptist Church where he serves as chairman of the Trustee Board and is a deacon.

Food Bank Rotary Service Project

Tuesday, May 17, 2022—5:00-6:00 p.m.—new Mt. Zion Rd location

MUST REGISTER; request sign-up link from Gene Haynes (ghaynes@foodbanknla.org)

Tuesday, 12:00 Noon

Historical Start 12:13 p.m.

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

Rotarians Serving Others

Lunch Money *James Adams*

Raffle Tickets *Need A Volunteer*

Invocation *Need A Volunteer*

Zoom Operator *Richard Brontoli*

Greeter - Scanner *Need A Volunteer*



Lauren Jones joined our club in late 2021. She is the Urban Farm Director for Shreveport Green. On Tuesday she provided us with a 2 minute spotlight to introduce herself.

She received her B.A. degree from LA Tech in 2009.

After spending a couple of years in Oregon working as a homestead mentor using horticulture therapy techniques with students, she returned to our area where she worked with Mahaffey Farms in Princeton. In 2016 she joined Shreveport Green first as their garden manager and ShreveCorps member coordinator. In June 2020 she became their Urban Farm Director.

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She described the community garden they have developed on Sprague St. which was funded by a Choice Neighborhood grant through Housing and Urban Development. She works with community members and volunteers as she educates residents in the area about gardening and nutrition.

On a personal note, Lauren doesn't have children but she considers Sanders the tortoise as her child and wanted to share pictures to show how much he's grown. His 55 pound "figure" is almost too heavy to pick up.

Lauren and her friends also enjoy flamingos and travel to sanctuaries all over the country where they can wear their flamingo hats and talk (squawk) with the flamingos.



2016



2021



Returning Rotarian—Janet Parker

Janet Parker was introduced on Tuesday as a returning club member.

Janet was raised in Columbia, South America from the age of 6 as her dad worked there for Standard Oil. Janet came to the U.S. to attend college in Oklahoma where she received her B.S. degree in education majoring in English and Spanish. She then earned her Masters degree at LSU Baton Rouge.

While teaching both English and Spanish at a school in Baker, LA one of her students introduced her brother Les to Janet at a basketball game. Les was so smitten that he lied about his age so Janet would go out with him (he was actually 4 years younger than Janet).

Janet and Les married and he joined the Air Force. In his final years of his Air Force career he was stationed at Barksdale which brought them back to our area.

Janet worked at The ARC of Caddo-Bossier for 43 years and retired in 2021. She first joined our club in 2004 but had to leave her membership in 2021 when she retired to be caregiver for Les, her husband of 53 years, who died in January 2022.

She is a Paul Harris Fellow and serves on several of our committees including chaplaincy, raffle sales and greeter.



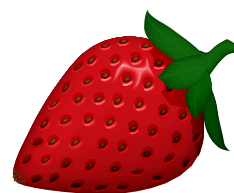
(From left) Janet Parker, Gard Wayt and Lawrence Calhoun

Membership Committee Meeting

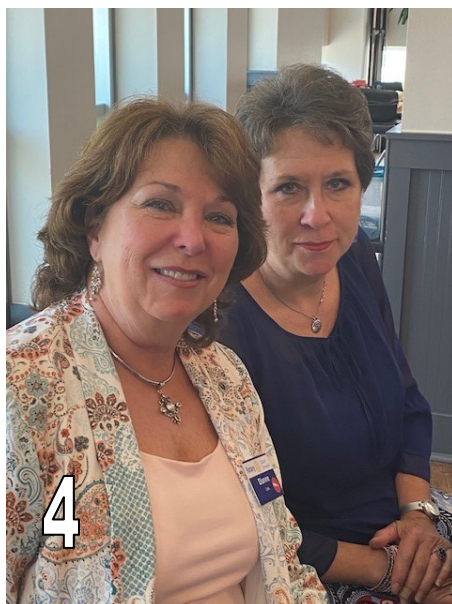
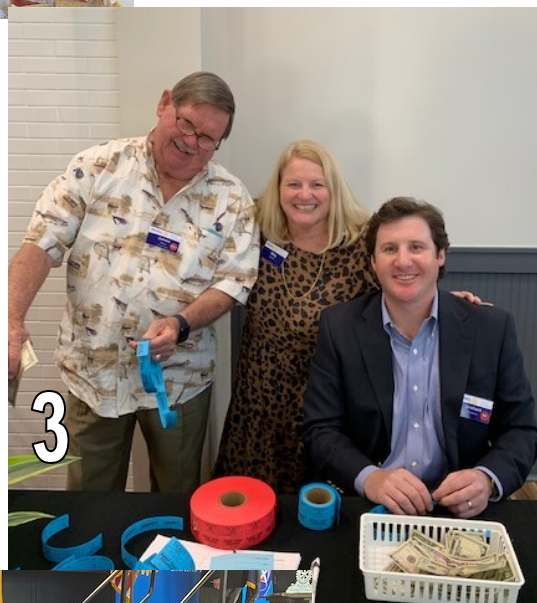
This committee will meet for a short while after Rotary on Tuesday. If you would like to be a part of this, please join them on Tuesday as they meet. Advise one of the chairs (Jeffrey Kerst and Jesse Gilmore) that you want to serve on this fun committee!



**Triple layer
strawberry
shortcake!
YUM!**



- 1—Greg Lott checks out the dessert.
- 2—Lawrence Calhoun says “me too”!
- 3—James Adams, Meg Goorley and Graham Thompson.
- 4—Dianne Clark and her guest Charlene Morrison (her sister).
- 5—Lauren Jones (on right) with her guest Shanetta Brown.



What is RYLA?

- A leadership development weeklong summer camp June 25-July 2, 2022 at Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center (OWL) in Dubach, LA.
- For High School students going into their junior year chosen or approved by their HS counselor or advisor. If space permits, students one year younger or one year older may be accepted.
- Campers experience team-building and leadership activities, meet motivational speakers, enjoy rope courses, canoeing, swimming.
- All counselors and staff are background checked; two nurses are on duty each day.
- **Children and grandchildren (or other relatives) of Rotarians are accepted.**
- Camp fee of \$425 is paid for by Rotary clubs and clubs arrange for camper transportation to and from camp.
- Applications deadline May 1, 2022—deadline extended to May 15th.
- Contact club chair: [Jon Keith](#) at 318-560-8280

Time's Running Out!



1— Candice Webber (guest), Mary Webber and Nancy Alexander.

2— Martha Marak and Steve Aiken.

3—Dinero Washington, Darrell Rebouche, Jarrod Horton, Mark Medicus and Doug Bland.



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Steve Aiken
Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—Doug Bland
Eggs from Andy Shehee’s hens:
Robert Smith, Reg Abrams & Rich Brontoli
Package of kale & seeds from Shreveport Green:
Robert Touchstone

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program
May 17, 2022**

**Paulette Freeman & Stacy Hand
The Bridge Alzheimer & Dementia Resource Center**

Rotary District 6190 Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 18, 2022—District Picnic
10:00-3:00 p.m.—City Park, Leesville, LA
Free, hotdogs & hamburgers, need to register on DACdb for them to have headcount for food (see Judy for help registering you and your family)

Upcoming Programs—Plan to bring guests!

- May 17, 2022—Paulette Freeman & Stacy Hand, The Bridge Alzheimer & Dementia Resource Grup
- May 24, 2022—Civic Grant Awards
- May 31, 2022—Rotary Action Group Against Diabetes
- June 7, 2022—Cynthia Mosley, Norwela Council BSA
- June 14, 2022—Dr. William Tate, IV, LSU System President
- June 21, 2022—Cedric Glover, Shreveport’s Civil Rights History
- June 28, 2022—Tom Pressley, State Representative

Watch last week’s video [at this link!](#)

