



# Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00  
Meeting  
May 11, 2021

## Keynote

### Meet The Chimps

**Michelle Reininger**, a native of South Dakota, began her career at a Texas sanctuary working with big cats, bears, wolves and chimps.

She took the reins as Chimp Haven's Colony Director after serving on the animal Care team for five years. Michelle and her team lead husbandry and care for the colony and work tirelessly to give all of chimp Haven's retirees the best life possible.

Her favorite chimp?? Pierre—"I have known Pierre for 18 years and we just clicked from the very first time we met. He is a big boisterous male that is known for his exuberant displays that make him seem a tough guy. However, upon inspection, he is a big softie, who likes to have his chin rubbed with a spoon."

Chimp Haven was founded in 1995 in order to respond to the need for long term chimpanzee care. The need for care extended to those chimps no longer used in biomedical research, the entertainment industry or the pet trade.

Because of their physiological and behavioral similarities to humans, chimps have been an attractive animal model for many researchers. In the 1980's the U.S. government launched an intensive breeding program. The resulting offspring were the intended research subjects for hepatitis and HIV studies; however, with new research models and developing technologies, the use of chimps in human disease research declined in the 1990's.

In 2000 the CHIMP Act was signed into law, establishing the Federal Sanctuary System. In that same year, Caddo Parish provided 200 acres of forested land in which to build the sanctuary. Chimp Haven was awarded the federal contract to create a sanctuary where its residents could live in large social groups in spacious, outdoor habitats and where they could live out their lives in a setting that afforded them greater freedoms and self-determination.



*Michelle Reininger*

**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*      *Charlie Henington*

*Raffle Tickets*      *Merrill Wautlet*

*Invocation*      *Darrell Rebouche*

*Zoom Operators*      *Mark Snow  
And  
Jeffrey Kerst*

*Greeter*      *James Adams*

## Hybrid Meetings

We will continue to offer hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom). Here is the Zoom recurring 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: May 11 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxbUFL0ILSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

**Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051**

**Passcode: 870740**

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)



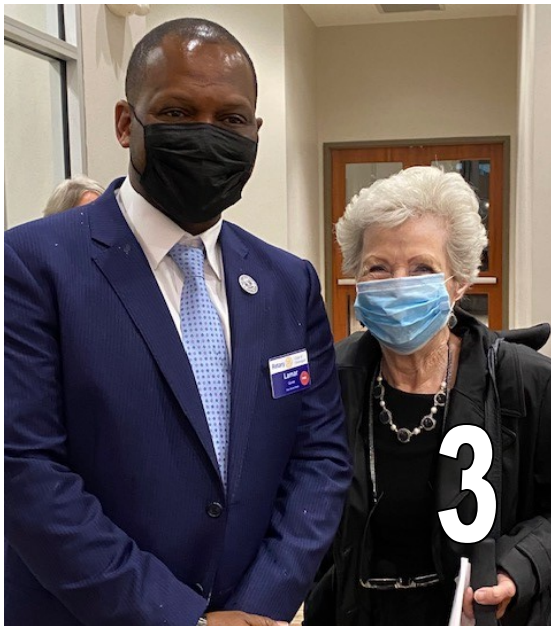
Our condolences to the family of Rotarian William Johnson who passed away on April 30, 2021. William was a member of the club from 1980 until his health began to fail in 2019. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and had 100% attendance for most of his Rotary years.

## Last Week's Program

We enjoyed hearing from Mike Fruge with J.T. Meleck Distillery about his family's farm producing not only rice, but crawfish also. Now his family is producing vodka from their rice. Hear their story at this [web site](#).

You can watch our entire meeting video [at this link](#) on our Facebook page. The audio stream picks up at 1 minute 15 seconds.





1—Greg Juneau with his daughter Kryssy Juneau Womack.

2—(From Left) Reggie Abrams, Tricia Grayson and RaShad Bristo.

3—Lamar Goree and Janet Parker.

4—(From Left) Doug Abington, Meg Goorley, Joe Littlejohn, Greg Redmond and Jarrod Horton.

5—Darrell Rebouche gave May birthday greetings.



**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:

**Jerald “Jerry” Harper**

**Owner/Senior Partner**

**Harper Law Firm**

**Classification**

Law Practice, General

**Proposed by**

Gard Wayt and Charles Grubb

**Thomas Carmody, Jr.**

**Director of State Museums**

Secretary of State Dept.

**Classification**

Government Service, State Museums

**Proposed by**

Gard Wayt & Charles Grubb

**This is just one of the reasons for our raffle! Our club is supporting the Rotary Learning Bus and the Mommy & Me classes at Common Ground!**

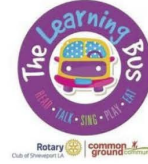


**80% of the children who started at Atkins Elementary in the Fall of 2018 were not kindergarten ready**

The vast majority of children are far behind when they enter our local elementary school, and many never catch up. We must empower and support their caregivers, so they can provide the best possible early childhood development to their children. Common Ground addresses this critical need through **Mommy & Me classes** and the **Rotary Learning Bus**.



\$10,000 Value



### Rotary Club of Shreveport 2021 Raffle for Honda Pioneer 700

\$20 PER TICKET

Drawing will be held at the **Shreveport Rotary Tuesday Lunch** meeting on **August 3th**, 2021. Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Learning Bus partnership with Common Ground Community. Winner does not need to be present. This is not a charitable contribution. Winner is responsible for all state and federal income tax liabilities.

Thanks to our Gold Sponsors



**Get Your Tickets Now! See Scott Wysong!**  
**Credit Cards Accepted at Tuesday Meetings**

### It's So Easy!!

Want raffle tickets? Can't remember to get them at a Rotary meeting? No problem! Complete this [survey monkey request](#) and the tickets will be hand delivered to you!! Where else can that happen!!!



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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*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Brad Graff

Eggs from Andy Shehee’s chickens—

Mark Crews & MarDosha Peek

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program  
May 18, 2021**

**Discussion on Meeting Venues  
PLEASE ATTEND**

### Upcoming Presentations

May 18, 2021—Club discussion on meeting venues

May 25, 2021— The Gumbo Band

June 1, 2021—Dr. John George, BRF

June 8, 2021—Thomas Carmody, Louisiana Museums

June 15, 2021—Gregory Kallenberg, Prize Fest

June 22, 2021—Scott Isaacs, Drone Technology

June 29, 2021—Civic Grants Presented

July 6, 2021—Installation of New Officers/Directors



Six bottles of J.T. Meleck Louisiana Vodka raffle prizes courtesy of our speaker last week—Winners:

- 1—Deb Poore
- 2—Maggie Malone
- 3—Joe Shyne
- 4—David Bellew (who gave the prize to John Tuggle)
- 5—James Blewett
- 6—Kim Green