



# Rotaripost

12:00 NOON  
ZOOM  
Meeting  
May 5, 2020

**Keynote**

## Community Foundation's Give For Good Event

**Tuesday,  
Noon**

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

**Shreveport  
Convention  
Center**

### Theme For Tuesday's Zoom Meeting Anything with the Rotary logo

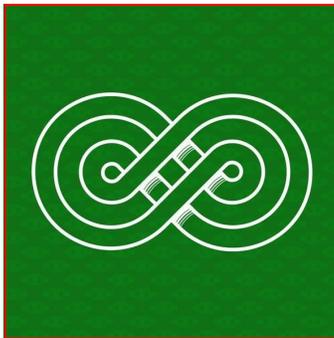
When Hurricane Katrina roared ashore in August 2005, **Kristi Gustavson** was one year into her legal career having just graduated from law school in May of 2004. She and her then fiancé (now husband) had just closed on their very first house in New Orleans just a few weeks before.

They evacuated to Shreveport. While her schoolteacher fiancé immediately lost his job, he quickly found another at a Shreveport high school. Kristi was able to work remotely for her law firm but eventually worked for a Shreveport firm and then became a vice president and trust advisor for Regions Bank.



*Kristi Gustavson*

In 2018 Kristi was recruited to serve as the executive director at the Community Foundation of North Louisiana. She is a graduate of Tulane University School of Law, cum laude; and Rhodes College with a B.A. in political science and minor in French.



Established in 1961, the Community Foundation of North Louisiana oversees more than \$140 million in assets for the benefit of North Louisiana. The funds managed by the Foundation are invested for the community's benefit and then are returned to the community in the form of grants to a wide variety of charitable endeavors. Since inception, Community Foundation has granted over \$80 million in grants to nonprofit organizations.

Their annual Give for Good event takes place entirely online. The campaign began this year on April 21 and will culminate on Tuesday, May 5.

### Club Officers (Executive Board)

*Richard Brontoli*      *President*

*Laurie Boswell*      *President-Elect*

*Lawrence Calhoun*      *Vice-President*

*David Cromwell*      *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Joe Littlejohn*      *Immediate Past President*

## Face Masks For COVID-19 Essential Staffs

Rotary District 6190 has purchased and provided 3,050 protective face masks for the Caddo/Bossier area.

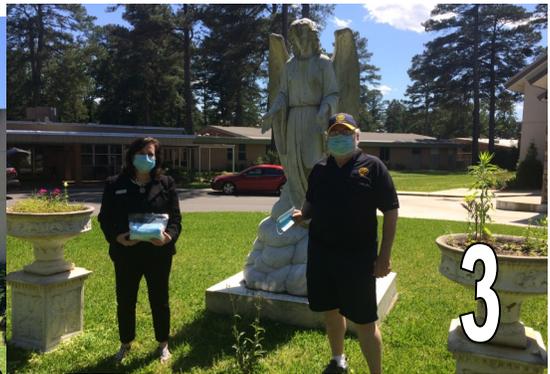
The following clubs received masks for a number of organizations:

Bossier City Rotary Club      RiverBend Rotary Club      Red River Rotary Club  
East Shreveport Rotary Club      Shreveport Rotary Club

Representing these clubs, Richard Brontoli, president of our club, has distributed the masks to the following organizations:

Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office      Providence House      Common Ground      MLK Health Cent.  
Northwest Louisiana Food Bank      Shriners Hospital      Holy Angels Residential Facility

Other organizations receiving the masks are: Boudreaux's Pharmacy, LSUHSC, Bossier Rotary's community projects.



- 1—Rich Brontoli with Lisa Cronin with Common Ground Community.
- 2—Rich Brontoli with Rotarian Kim Green with Shriners Hospital.
- 3—Rich Brontoli with Rotarian Laurie Boswell with Holy Angels.
- 4—Rich Brontoli with Rotarian Jordan Ring with MLK Health Center.
- 5—Rich Brontoli with deputy with the Caddo Sheriff Dept.

## “Thank you, thank you, thank you, Allen Organick”

LSU Health Shreveport received a \$125,000 gift from **Rotarian Allen Organick** to support its efforts to bring COVID-19 testing to medically underserved areas of northwest Louisiana. The gift will be used in combination with a Caddo Parish Commission grant to deploy mobile testing units to virus hot spot areas, as well as rural areas within Caddo Parish. With Organick’s gift, LSU Health Shreveport will also expand its mobile testing to six other parishes in north Louisiana.

Organick owns Inferno Mfg. Corp., a Shreveport based manufacturing company employing 27 people. They produce sight glass gauges for the oil and gas industry. Allen read a recent story about the Caddo Commission’s emergency mobile testing grant. He called Caddo Commissioner Steven Jackson to praise the action taken by the Commission and asked him how he could personally support these efforts. Allen was then connected with LSU Health Shreveport’s Chancellor, Dr. G.E. Ghali, and Vice Chancellor of Research, Dr. Chris Kevil, who explained the need for increased COVID-19 testing in Caddo Parish and beyond.

In the early days of this pandemic, LSU Health Shreveport created the Emergency Viral Threat (EVT) Lab to address the need to faster detection and processing of COVID-19 tests. To expand the EVT Lab’s reach and conduct mobile testing, LSU Health Shreveport has temporarily repurposed its Partners in Wellness van that usually performs mobile cancer screening through the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center. The van will now transport testing materials and staff to designated areas in north Louisiana.

### **Organick’s gift will ensure that the mobile testing program will quickly reach areas most affected by COVID-19.**

Allen Organick has been a Rotarian in our club since 1997. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor to The Rotary Foundation. He served as a club director in the Rotary year 2001-2002.

This is not the first time to see Allen exemplify Service Above Self: Allen frequently travels internationally on business. Through his business contact with a business owner in India, who also is a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Belgaum, our club contributed to and participated in a Rotary Foundation Global Grant with the Rotary Club of Belgaum. The project to furnish equipment, including a van, for an eye bank in India began in 2016 and was completed in 2019.



*(Above) Organick being interviewed.*



*(Right) Sign outside the India eye bank recognizing our club as a partner!*

### A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Kandi Rogers Moore

Rotarian since 2016

**Day Job:** CEO of Specialist Hospital Shreveport; was previously an operating room nurse and spent a few years on a transplant team.

**My Most Difficult Day In My Career:** At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, I had to look at 160 employees at Specialist Hospital and let them know that we would need to furlough until we could ramp up non-emergency surgeries. The fear and uncertainty in their faces will haunt me for a long while.

**Things You May Not Know:** Love to get on the tractor and bush hog at our farm; my husband and I do “rock, paper, scissors” to see who wins a day on the tractor.

**Hobbies:** Oil painting (landscapes, pets, flowers) if I have to be inside; I prefer to be on the water on beautiful days; still enjoy water skiing, learning to wake surf and teaching grandchildren to ski.

Spent many years skiing with Rotarian Lawrence Calhoun performing ski shows with Aqua Katz.

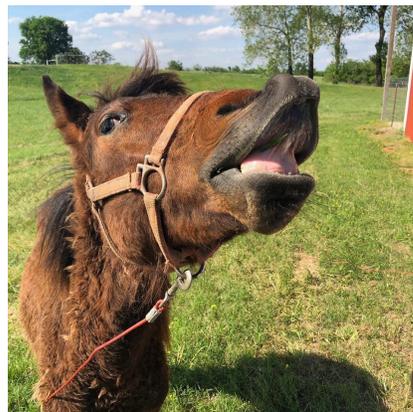
*(Top Left) - Kandi on the tractor  
(Bottom Left) Kandi on her horse*



*(Middle Top) Snow skiing with husband*

*(Middle Bottom) One of my oil paintings*

*(Bottom) My yearling Gumbeaux*



## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# E. Connor Peterson

Rotarian since 2016

**Profession:** Property-casualty producer, underwriting, marketing at Keith D. Peterson Insurance, 3rd generation insurance agency founded in 1939.

**Background:** B.S. from University of Mary Washington in Virginia; worked in VA public schools for four years, then moved to South Carolina and received MBA from USC.

**Hobbies:** Whitewater kayaking, snow skiing, mountain biking; most exciting experience was skiing the dogleg chute in Taos, NM—one of the steepest and narrowest chutes in the ski valley—would do it again in a heartbeat.

**Some Things You Probably Don't Know:** I'm a whitewater kayaking instructor on the Cossatot, Mulberry and Ouachita Rivers in Arkansas; played violin and took lessons from age 3-18—played violin at Carnegie Hall with my college orchestra; I'm fluent in French and worked as a business analyst for Michelin Tires at their headquarters in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

**COVID-19 Activities:** Working from home, playing soccer with my children, catching up on reading (favorite author is T.C. Boyle but for now I'm working my way through the Jack Reacher books by Lee Childs.

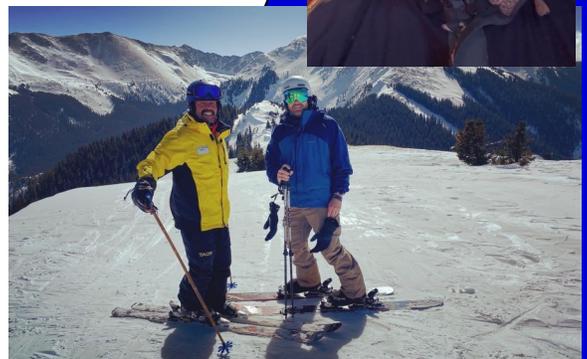
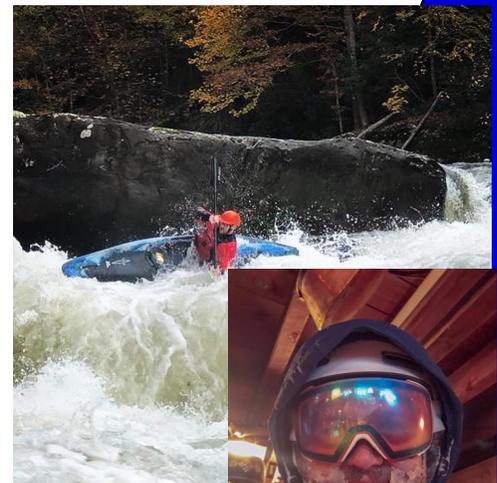


*(Top Right) Going over Bear Creek Falls on Cheoah River in North Carolina*

*(Middle Right) Caught in a blizzard*

*(Bottom Right) With my ski instructor in Taos, New Mexico*

*(Left) My reading stack*





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## Upcoming Programs

**May 12, 2020**

**TBA**

**ZOOM On-Line Meetings**

## Birthdays

\* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

◆ Major Donor

May 2	Jarrold Horton*
May 5	Dianne Clark
May 6	Holly Roca
May 7	Clay Nelson*
May 11	Jesse Gilmore*
May 12	Jack Lamb*
May 15	Mark Hebert*, Libby Murphy*
May 19	Miles Hitchcock*, Charles Grubb*
May 21	Allison Martin
May 22	Nell Shehee*
May 27	Kit Gamble, Erika Wysong
May 28	George Nelson, Jr.*+
May 31	Gil Shanley*

## Zoom Meeting Attendance

May 7, 2020—68 Attending

May 14, 2020—64 Attending

May 21, 2020—59 Attending

May 28, 2020 - 71 Attending

We enjoy having Rotarian guests from local clubs as well as Texas and Mississippi clubs!