



# Rotaripost

**NOON — 12:00**  
**Meeting**  
**November 2,**  
**2021**

**Keynote**

## Procurement Technical Assistance Center



**Dr. Gayle Flowers** is the Director of the Northwest Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), which is a federally funded program serving the ten parishes of northwest Louisiana providing counseling, education and connections to help businesses secure federal, state and local government contracts, which builds our economy and allows businesses to create and retain jobs.

Before PTAC, Dr. Flowers was the Vice Chancellor for Economic & Workforce Development at Bossier Parish Community College for five years. She led the college's mission to provide customized and relevant education and training to individuals and companies. Prior to joining BPCC, Dr. Flowers served as the Director of Career, Adult & Alternative Education for Caddo Parish Public Schools.

The success of Northwest Louisiana's workforce and economy has always been at the center of Dr. Flowers' career. However, her contributions extend beyond her employment. She has invested her knowledge and leadership by serving on many local, state and national boards.

Dr. Flowers earned her three degrees from LSU-Shreveport. Worth noting is that she was the first graduate to earn LSUS' Doctorate in Leadership.

Dr. Flowers is married to a local businessman and they have two children, Thomas and Kate Mayfield. Thomas is a Shreveport-Bossier real estate attorney and a Rotarian in our club. Kate is a homemaker who has recently moved back to the area with her husband.

Gayle has been a member of our club since 2012, served as a Club Director in 2014-2015 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**Tuesday,**  
**12:00 Noon**

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

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

**Rotarians**  
**Serving Others**

*Lunch*                      *Doug*  
*Money*                      *Bland*

*Raffle*                      *Merrill*  
*Tickets*                      *Wautlet &*  
    *James Adams*

*Invocation*                      *Jeffrey*  
    *Kerst*

*Zoom*                      *Kristen*  
*Operator*                      *Powers*

*Greeter -*                      *Need A*  
*Scanner*                      *Volunteer*

## 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: November 2, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VG1xbUFFL0ILSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

**Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051**

**Passcode: 870740**

Kay Lowe, wife of Rotarian Jon Lowe, passed away on October 28, 2021 after a brief illness. Visiting hours will be 5 p.m.-7 p.m. next Thursday November 4 at RoseNeath Funeral Home South. A memorial will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. at RoseNeath South with inurnment immediately afterward at the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery.



Jon and Kay were married for 58 years and have two grown children.



## Last Week's Program

Rick Wedell with RFG Advisory in Birmingham visits with us each year to give an economic update.

Review the video of the presentation at this Facebook [link](#).

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## Sign Up For This Spot

Rotarian **Donna Johnson** delighted us with her poetic rendition of her life. Born in Shreveport to a blue collar family, she attended C.E. Byrd Magnet program.

Her claim to fame there? - after being caught by her parents when she played hooky from school, she was brought to the school principal where she received 24 detentions in one day.

She attended LSUS on a TOPS scholarship where she dutifully attended classes until her senior year when she dropped out. Soon thereafter she relocated to Texas and had two children. When Jacob and Anna were in pre-school she returned to college at Wayland Baptist University where she completed her bachelor's and master's degrees. She then taught English and speech in small Texas schools.

In 2011 she returned to Shreveport and attended Northwestern where she earned a second master's degree continuing at Louisiana Tech where she earned her Doctor of Education degree. She now serves as LA Tech's assistant vice president for academic advancement and partnerships.

She serves on the State Taskforce for Adult Learners and is on numerous committees with the Shreveport and Bossier Chambers of Commerce. She was selected as the recipient of the 2019 Young Professional of the Year Award. In the picture to the right she is holding her award.

During the COVID shutdown, Donna wanted to spread her wings further by taking up scuba diving. She traveled solo to Egypt where she spent 8 days and nights on a ship in the Red Sea exploring reefs and swimming with the fish. Donna also enjoys running, hiking, weight lifting and any other activity that challenges her.

Her children are now teenagers—Jacob is 18 and Anna is 17.



PLAYING  
Hooky!



## Returning and New Member

**Brian Crawford** was introduced as a returning member to our club. He is the Sr. Vice-President of Willis Knighton Health System. He took a break from his Rotary membership when COVID-19 hit our area.

Brian received his B.S. in organizational management, his M.A. from LA Tech in industrial organizational psychology and his master of health administration (MHA) from LSU. Prior to joining WKHS Brian was the Fire Chief for the City of Shreveport, the Fire Chief for the City of Plano and the CAO for the City of Shreveport.

Among other community service opportunities Brian serves on the Boards for the Independence Bowl Foundation, the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and Providence House.

He was a 5 year member of our club previously and while he was in Plano he was a member of that club for 2 years. He is a Paul Harris Fellow. Brian's proposers are Mark Snow and Gard Wayt.



*(From left) Mark Snow, Brian Crawford and Lawrence Calhoun.*



*(From left) Greg Morrison, Gard Wayt and Lawrence Calhoun.*

**Greg Morrison** is the managing partner of Progressive Strategy Group. He is a Capt. Shreve graduate and was in the Interact Club (Rotary's high school group). Following that he graduated from Louisiana Tech. He has been involved in the transportation industry for over 35 years beginning as a driver during college and then moving into management.

Greg has been involved in state and local political arenas and served on Gov. Edwards' Transition Team on Transportation. He served also as president and chairman of the board of Louisiana Motor Transport Association. From 2003-2017 he was on the local YMCA's board and served as chair during the time of construction of the new YMCA facility at Preston/Knight St.

He and a partner own Delta Resources Group with offices in Shreveport and Baton Rouge. He and wife Grady attend Broadmoor Baptist Church.

His classification is Business Services, Governmental Consulting and his proposers are Gard Wayt and Curtis Joseph.

## Another New Member

**Kay West** is a community collaborator and business entrepreneur. She is the owner of PIPE Consulting where she provides management and operational strategy solutions to businesses.

She serves on the boards to the ArkLaTex Regional Air Service Alliance, David Raines Community Health Centers and RISE Shreveport.. Past service was to the boards of United Way of NW Louisiana and the Shreveport Chamber's YPI organization. She is currently a cohort in the 2021 Greater Shreveport Chamber Leadership Program.

Kay is married with a 2 year old daughter. Her classification is Business Services & Supplies, Consulting and her proposers are Gayle Flowers, Mark Snow, Justin Lord and Jeffery Brasher.



*(From left) Lawrence Calhoun, Kay West and Gayle Flowers.*

## Upcoming Programs

November 9, 2021—Colonel Lee Ellis, USAF (retired) - Veterans Day

November 16, 2021—Teddy Allen & JJ, Sports in Shreveport

November 23, 2021—Dr. Kevin Murnane, LSUHSC research

November 30, 2021—Rotary Leadership Institute

December 7, 2021—Joshua Velasquez, Dept. of Homeland Security

December 14, 2021—Erica McCain, Dress for Success

December 21, 2021—Caddo Career & Technology Center, scholarship recipient

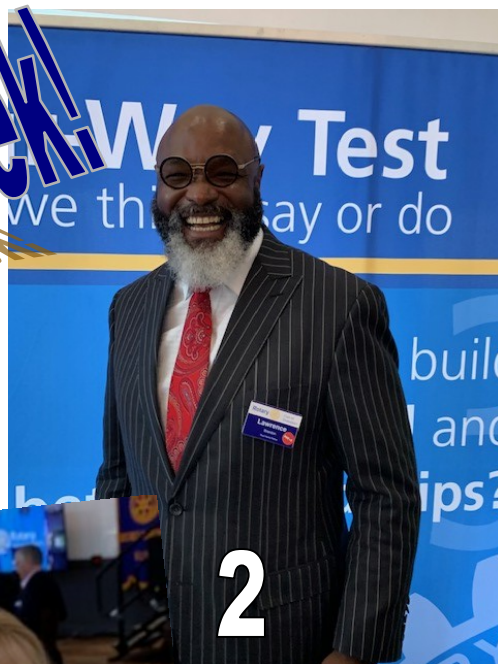
December 28, 2021—TBA

January 4, 2022—Dr. John Wyble

January 11, 2022—Dr. Martha Whyte



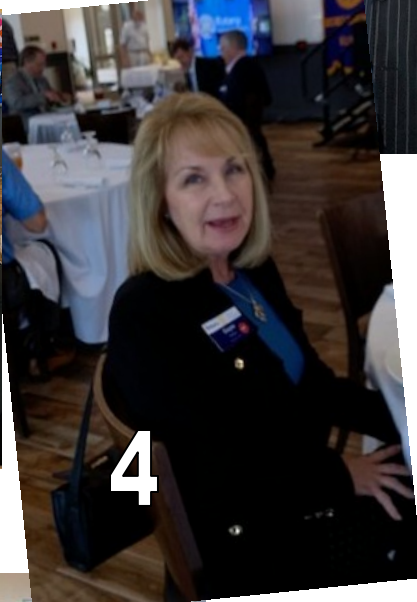
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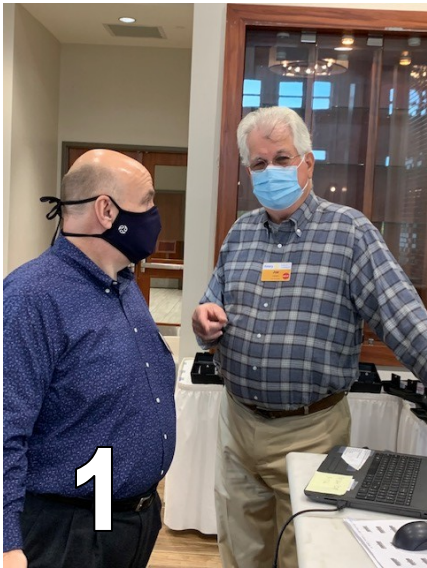
1—James Adams & James Blewett.

2—The always dapper Lawrence Brandon.

3—Merrill Wautlet and his guest, Sarah Bergren.

4—Gayle Flowers.

5—(From left clockwise) Tommy Williams, Jody Bluit, Ashley Mann, Lawrence Calhoun, Dany Martin and Rick Wedell.



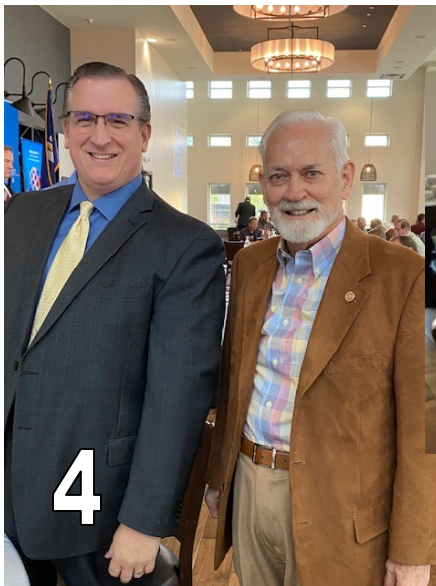
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**And More...**  
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1—John Tuggle and Joe Littlejohn.

2—Brent Upshaw and guest Reid Bowen.

3—Visiting Rotarian Jody Bluitt (Jody is one of the “Dads On Duty” at Southwood High School).

4—Guest Ross Smith with Gard Wayt.

5—(From left) Brad Graff, Margaret Wallace, David Ginsburg, David Bellew, Walter Lamb and Larry Evensky.



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questions about the club.

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## Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Robert Touchstone

*Thank you for your donation to The Rotary Foundation.  
This applies to your PHF level.*

Giftbox from Rose-Neath Florist—

Peyton Cole

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—

Curtis Joseph, Jarrod Horton, Margaret Wallace

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton  
Restaurant) and  
Zoom Program  
November 9, 2021**

**Col. Lee Ellis, USAF (Ret)  
Life As A POW**

## Birthdays

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

◆ Major Donor

November 3	Cody White, Mark Crews
November 6	Jeffrey Kerst*
November 7	Mike McSwain*
November 8	Delbert Chumley*, Brian Crawford*
November 11	Laurel Brightwell*
November 16	Nancy Alexander
November 21	Erica Thomas, Curtis Joseph*
November 25	Roy Griggs*
November 29	Jamaal Ellis, Steven Bell*



Centenary College of Louisiana  
invites you to a

## Veterans Day Tribute

featuring remarks by

**James W. Graves**

Major General, USAF (Ret)

Thursday, November 11, 2021

11:11 am

Hargrove Memorial Amphitheatre (Band Shell)  
Centenary College Campus

This event is free and open to the public.



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