



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting
November
30, 2021

Keynote

Rotary Leadership Institute and Our Club Database



Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts throughout the world implementing a leadership development program for potential leaders of Rotary Clubs as well as providing leadership skills that can be utilized in an individual's profession.

Established in 1992, RLI has become a worldwide organization with divisions in every Continent of the world. RLI is a general education program, while most Rotary International training programs are "job-specific" for certain officer positions.

DACdb (District and Club data base) is our membership program that is current daily. You will see an example of that program and how you can use it to enter your own make-ups, check committees or your attendance, update your address, change your roster picture, etc.



Rotarians **Dianne Clark** and **Cynthia Franklin** attended RLI training several months ago and felt it was such a benefit that they want to share a bit of their response to the program. Dianne has been in Rotary for several years, first in the Mansfield club and now our club. She joined Rotary when encouraged to do so by a friend Dr. Anne Matthews of South Carolina who was Rotary International's first female Vice-President. On the other hand, Cynthia Franklin has been a member of our club only since July 2021. It will be interesting to learn how each viewed RLI considering their different exposure to all things Rotary.



Dianne Clark



Cynthia Franklin

**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

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

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

**Rotarians
Serving Others**

Lunch *Need A*
Money *Volunteer*

Raffle *Denis*
Tickets *Poljak*

Invocation *Larry*
Evensky

Zoom *Need A*
Operator *Volunteer*

Greeter - *Need A Volun-*
Scanner *teer*

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 30, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxbUFFL0ILSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051

Passcode: 870740



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This winter we are having a silent auction to raise money for our Foundation to support our civic grants and scholarships in 2022. That is where we need your help. We are looking for items that you would like to donate to our auction. Items can be products (e.g., autographed sports memorabilia), vacation rentals (e.g., a weekend at a lake house or week at a ski condo) and services (e.g., game tickets, a block of consulting hours, cooking lessons). We are really open to auction anything that you think has value. So, please take a minute and complete our online form:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RotaryClubofShreveport_AuctionDonationForm.

Once completed, someone from our fundraising committee will follow up with you.

Sincerely,

Chris Stokes
Board of Directors

Scott Wysong
Fundraising Committee Chair

New Members Introduced

Sidney Jackson is the Founder of Revision Marketing Group in downtown Shreveport. He's a husband, a father of two, a business owner and a self-proclaimed technology geek.

He is originally from New Orleans but spent half his life in Monroe although Shreveport is now his home. After earning his bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from Northwestern and a Master's in Marketing from LSU, Sidney dove full time into his business. He now manages a team of three supporting the success of municipalities, government agencies, universities and small business through his marketing and technology expertise.

His passion is entrepreneurship, which is why he started a video podcast and teaches entrepreneurs about marketing, branding and technology on a regular basis.

Gayle Flowers and Bruce Willson, Jr. are his proposer and endorser while Sidney's classification is Marketing, Video Production.



(From left) Sidney Jackson, Gayle Flowers and President Lawrence.



(From left) Gard Wayt, Starla Ross and President Lawrence.

Starla Ross serves as Director of Literacy at Linwood Public Charter School. Prior to her current role, she served for three years as Principal for 3rd-5th grades at the same school. After graduating from Grambling State University and holding the Certification in Educational Leadership, Starla began her teaching career at Ringgold High School and then eventually returned to teach at her alma mater, Booker T. Washington High School in Shreveport

Before Linwood Charter, Starla worked as a School Development Coach at New Tech Network in Napa, California. For seven years she assisted districts and schools across the U.S. in transforming culture, curriculum and structures to create equitable learning opportunities for all learners.

In partnership with her husband of 10 years, Starla is also the co-owner of several businesses: Swagger Hair Studio, SJR Investments and Patchworks Services in Shreveport and Sunrise Behavioral Health Agency in Minden.

Gard Wayt and Tara Sealy are her proposer and endorser while her classification is Education, Charter School.

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Local Responses to Recent Programs

Following our polio program with Dr. Vancherie on October 19th, Linnea Allen with KTBS ran photos and interviewed Club President Lawrence Calhoun about Rotary's polio eradication efforts. You can view this article at [this link](#).

Following our program on November 16, 2021 Teddy Allen and J.J. Marshall reported on their experience presenting to "Important People". Read their article "DW spins it with the Rotary Club" [at this link](#) and it'll bring a smile to your face!

Common Ground Christmas Market

Donate new toys, clothes, household goods, sporting equipment for all ages—nothing valued over \$25; donate wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue. Drop off at their location on Southern Ave.

Friday, December 17th—sort and price donated items

Saturday, December 18th—be a personal shopper, help with clean up

Contact [Sarah Shoup](#) at Common Ground

Last Week's Meeting

Dr. Kevin Murnane from Murnane Lab at LSUHSC gave us interesting information on the drug research that his lab is doing.

You can watch the video [at this link](#) on our FaceBook page.



Paul Harris Fellow Level Ups



Last Tuesday **Chris Stokes** was recognized for his support of The Rotary Foundation as President Lawrence presented him with his PHF+3 lapel pin.

Chris, a native of Shreveport, graduated from Caddo Magnet High School, LSU and the Mississippi College School of Law. He spent about 20 years in the Midland, TX area and finally returned to Shreveport in 2017. While in Midland Chris was active in the Midland West Rotary Club and earned his first Paul Harris Fellowship there.

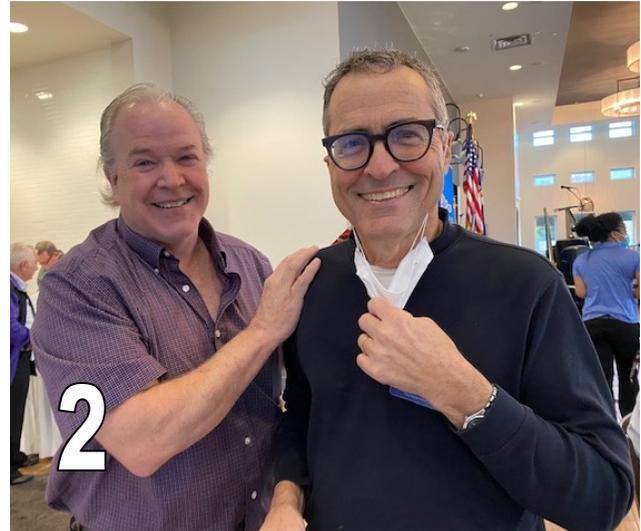
Since returning to Shreveport, Chris is a commercial real estate agent with Walker-Alley Associations. A second generation Rotarian he joined our club in 2017. His parents Ron and Ann Stokes were both members of our club with Ron serving as our club president in 1993.

Chris is a Club Director this year and is leading our Raise and Give committees. He has been active in several other committees.

Gard Wayt received his Paul Harris Fellow +7 pin on Tuesday. Gard has owned Gard Wayt & Associates Insurance Agency since 1988. He joined our club in 2002 and, over the years, he has introduced more new members to Rotary than any other person. He served as Club President in 2011-2012 and remains involved in many club activities and committees.

Gard is very active in other community service: past President of Industrial Development Board of Caddo Parish, Executive Director of I-49 International Coalition, President of Caddo Career & Technology Center Foundation, President of the Board of Linwood Charter School, past President of Shreve Memorial Library Foundation and many other organizations.





1—Dosha Peek with her guest Sanders Scroggins.

2—Steve Aiken and Allen Organick.

3—(From left) Renee Petree, visiting Rotarian Brad Perry, Deb Poore, Mark Medicus and Carl Thibodeaux.

4—Some of our members serving in Club Service volunteer roles—Greg Lott, James Adams and Tom Arceneaux.

We can always use more volunteers on the tasks at the registration area. Let Judy Bellew know if you'd like to do this.



Greg Juneau & son
Christian Juneau



Gard Wayt & Dayne Hassell



Chris Stokes & Walter Lamb



Gayle Flowers & Mark Snow



John Tuggle, RaShad Bristo & Joe Littlejohn



Tom Arceneaux & Deb Poore
(with Deb's granddaughters)



Dianne Clark & sister
Charlene Morrison



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Greg Morrison
Fall arrangement from Rose-Neath Florist—
Gard Wayt
Eggs from Andy Shehee’s hens—
Gayle Flowers & Robert McGowen

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program
December 7, 2021**

**Joshua Velasquez
Homeland Security**

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:

Anthony “Tag” Rome, Jr.

**State Farm Insurance
Agent/Owner**

**Classification
Insurance, Property-Casualty**

**Proposed by
Gard Wayt and Trey Giglio**



While vacationing last week, Robert Smith ran across this passport stamp booth, a fund-raiser by the Rotary Club of Roatan, Honduras. The person in the booth is a member of that club.

Share your pictures with Judy Bellew as you spot the Rotary logo around the country and around the world!