

# ROTARIPOST

JULY 25, 2023



## ROTARIANS SERVING OTHERS:

GREETER: OLIVIA DOSSETT

RAFFLE TICKETS: MARGARET WALLACE

LUNCH MONEY: JAMES ADAMS

INVOCATION: JEFFREY KERST

ZOOM PILOT: KRISTEN POWERS



## LAURA ALDERMAN BAXTER

Laura Alderman Baxter serves as the Director of The Institute for Childhood Resilience where her responsibilities include identifying cross-sector community partners to participate in collaborative solutions, including organizations who can contribute resources. Additionally, she facilitates the development of a collaborative action plans to improve behavioral health overall with a focus on childhood neurodevelopment for long-term gains.

Laura is also the founder and CEO of Educational Resources for Families, Inc., providing evidence-based mental health services for children and adults. She is also an organizational consultant supporting early childhood education, evidence-based mental health treatments, student mental health, community resilience and results-based Facilitation.

Laura most recently served as the Executive Director of Step Forward, a cradle to career collective impact initiative working to ensure success for every child in Northwest Louisiana and consisting of more than 400 organizations and thousands of individuals aligning their resources. Under Laura's leadership, Step Forward was the host platform for many action-oriented community convenings including the Early Childhood Policy Summit, The Teen Summit on Mental Wellness, and the Impact of Social Injustice on Children.

Laura is a former early childhood educator and is a Fellow of the Tulane University Early Childhood Policy Leadership Institute. She serves a trainer for the Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Curriculum, Adverse Childhood Experiences presentations, and Results-Based Facilitation. She recently co-authored a childcare training curriculum for the Louisiana Department of Education on Early Brain Development.

Laura holds a BS in Early Childhood Education from Louisiana Tech University, MS in Family Life Education, and MA in Counseling and Guidance. She is certified in the areas of early childhood education and counseling guidance with the Louisiana Department of Education. She is also a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and National Certified Counselor.

# Upcoming Program: August 1, 2023

## SHREVEPORT MUDBUGS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We now have our own Wifi network at the Hilton for our meetings!
  - Network name: Rotary
  - Password: Rotary2023!
- Follow Rotary on Social Media for club news, photos, and updates!
  - Facebook: Rotary Club of Shreveport
  - Instagram: ShreveportRotary
- Starting August 1, 2023- Pay at the door meals for guests, visiting Rotarians and Rule of 85 pay as you go eaters will be \$30.

### FROM LAST WEEK:



**TOP:** Our brave and informative speakers, Janel Rodriguez and Captain Bobby Herring. Thank you for shedding light on the realities of addiction and specifically Fentanyl's role.



**BL:** Greg Lott received his PHF +6! Congratulations Greg!

**BR:** Judy Bellew all smiles with her eggs from Andy Sheehe! Everyone loves to win the eggs- thank you Andy for providing those each week!



*Leigh Anne Evensky*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Contact me if you have any questions about the club!

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**[CLICK HERE to see photos from the meeting from last week!](#)**