

ROTARIPOST

JUNE 27, 2023



PRESIDENT MARTHA MARAK

On Tuesday we will install our new 2023-2024 Officers and Directors who will serve on our leadership team beginning July 1 until June 30, 2024. We'll also celebrate the accomplishments of this past Rotary year. Martha Marak will lead our club in its 109th year.

Martha Marak is the Executive Director of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, the largest non-profit food distributor for Caddo, Bossier, Red River, DeSoto, Webster, Claiborne and Bienville Parishes in Louisiana. In 2022, the Food Bank distributed 13 million pounds of food and supplies with a retail value of \$20,000,000 to over 75,000 individuals in Northwest Louisiana. Martha's leadership has increased food distribution over 200% since joining the Food Bank in 2008.

Prior to joining the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, Martha was the Senior Marketing Manager for Pierre Bossier Mall and Mall St. Vincent for 17 years. Martha has held numerous volunteer leadership positions in the Shreveport area such as the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Junior League of Shreveport, Junior Achievement of North LA, Christian Service and several others. She was a founding member of Dress for Success. Martha is the Past President of the state food bank association, Feeding Louisiana.

Martha is a native of New Orleans. She is married to Bob Marak and has two children— Matthew and Madeline.



ROTARIANS SERVING OTHERS:

GREETER: [SUSAN BRYANT](#)
RAFFLE TICKETS: [CHARLIE HENNINGTON](#)
LUNCH MONEY: [LAUREL BRIGHTWELL](#)
INVOCATION: [DAVID GINSBURG](#)
ZOOM PILOT: [LAWRENCE CALHOUN](#)
MUSIC: [ROSS SMITH](#)

JULY 4th at SCI PORT!!

- **WHEN:** Tuesday July 4th 5-10 pm
- **WHERE:** Sci Port Discovery Center
- **WHAT:** Hamburgers & Hotdogs, Cash Bar, Games for children, View Fireworks from the Rooftop!
- **PRICE:** \$20 per person 17 years old and up
\$5 per child 16 years old and under

LAST WEEK... GUESTS & PHF +!



1. Erica Thomas and her mom Margaret Thomas



2. Tommy Williams and his guest Dr. Jerome Cox

3. Our speaker Clay Walker with Rotarian Charles Grubb



John David Person PHF +1

Pictured right, John David Person received his PHF +1 from Mark Snow last week! John David, a Shreveport native, graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from LSUS. Currently, John David serves as the Business Development Manager for Wieland Construction, where he is responsible for business development and overseeing customer and community relations in the LA, TX, and AR markets. John David is on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Northwest Louisiana, Independence Bowl Foundation, Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council, and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce. In 2022, John David was appointed Honorary Commander of the U.S. Air Force 2nd Dental Squadron at Barksdale Airforce Base, where he currently serves. John David is married to Alex Person and has two children: Andrew (6) and Anna Claire (3). Congratulations John David on your PHF+1!



NO LUNCH MEETING ON JULY 4TH!

JULY 11TH- KEVIN FERNANDEZ, L2 MINDSET LLC

2023-2024 Officers & Directors

INCOMING OFFICERS:

Club President: Martha Marak
President-Elect: Greg Lott
Vice President: David Brainis
Secretary-Treasurer: Gayle Flowers
Immediate Past President: Mark Snow

INCOMING DIRECTORS:

Hoyt Bain, Rashad Bristo, Walt Gaskins, Africa Price, Melissa Ricou, LaToria Thomas, Mary Webber

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP:

District Governor: Linda Thomas

CONGRATULATIONS

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Wishy Nolan- July 1
Sarah Collier- July 3
Charles Coleman- July 7
Cynthia Franklin- July 8
Brent Latin- July 11
Renee Petree- July 11
Kermit Poling- July 13
John Parsons- July 13

John Tuggle- July 13
James Mayeaux- July 14
Kristen Brown- July 16
Katherine Dorroh- July 18
Darrell Rebouche- July 19
Tommy Williams- July 28
Erica McCain- July 30
Donald Crow- July 31

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!](#)