

Rotaripost

N O O N - 1 2:00 Meeting

December 20, 2022

Keyn^{ote} Early Childhood Education and Louisiana's School Readiness Tax Credits



John Dean, a Shreveport native, received his B.S. in accounting from LSUS and then attended the University of Texas where he earned his M.P.A. specializing in taxation.

Dean joined Heard, McElroy & Vestal in 1981 and retired in 2011 after serving as managing partner for the previous 11 years. He remains active with the firm as a Partner of Counsel, concentrating in areas of taxation, business valuation and litigation services.

In 2010, John was the recipient of the AICPA's Public Service Award which recognizes members who have made a significant contribution to their community. During that same year he received the LSCPA Public Service Award and the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year.

He has served on the boards of several community organizations and foundations too numerous to mention. Next Tuesday he will provide us with information on Louisiana's School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTC) and will explain how business tax credit works for businesses that donate funds to early childhood education.

Several studies have concluded that early intervention with our children's education is essential to turning the tide of our literacy issues which lead to so many of our other resulting problems in our community. John will give us insight on how the SRTC reduces the taxes paid by individuals and businesses on a dollar-for-dollar basis.



Tuesday, 12:00 Noon

Historical Start
12:13 p.m.
In-Person at
Hilton Hotel
Restaurant &
Zoom On-Line
Option

Rotarians Serving Others

LunchJames Money Adams Raffle Kim Green **Tickets** Wishy Nolan Invocation Zoom Brent Operator Latin Greeter -Megann Scanner **McDaniel**

Music

Ross Smith

Our 2023-2024 Club Leadership Team

Last Tuesday our members voted to approve the leadership team who will begin their term on July 1, 2023 serving until June 30, 2024. The Directors serve a one-year term but our Officers commit to five years. It is tradition and custom that unless there is an unexpected vacancy, the only officer position filled each year is Secretary-Treasurer. Each year the officers move up a position from Secretary-Treasurer to Vice-President, then to President-Elect, then President and finally Immediate Past President.

2023-2024 Officers

President: Martha Marak President-Elect: Greg Lott

Vice-President (President-Nominee): David Brainis

Secretary-Treasurer: Gayle Flowers Immediate Past-President: Mark Snow

2023-2024 Directors

Hoyt Bain Rashad Bristo Walt Gaskins

Africa Price Melissa Ricou Latoria Thomas Mary Webber

Returning Member Introduced

Scott Bates was introduced as a returning Rotarian last Tuesday. A native of Shreveport, Scott was a graduate of Capt. Shreve and continued at LSUS where he earned his degree in marketing. After working in sales for several years traveling the U.S., Canada and Mexico, Scott returned to Shreveport in 2001 and purchased Lamb & Associates. Along the way, he received the certification of Master Advertising Specialist (MAS).

He and his wife Paula have one grown son who is an attorney. Scott enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and any other outdoor activity. He was a member of our club from 2001 to 2012.

His proposer and endorser are Gard Wayt and Greg Lott. Scott's classification is Advertising.



(From Left) Scott Bates, Gard Wayt and President Mark.



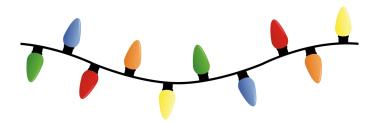








- 1– Paul Farmer (guest) with John Littlejohn.
- 2—Darrell Rebouche with guest Claire Rebouche, who will be Independence Bowl Foundation chair in 2024.
- 3—Larry Evensky and Patrick Harrison.
- 4—Paul Demopulos and Jesse Gilmore. Kirk Davis can be seen in the background. Kirk was in town taking a break from his duties as President of National Electrical Contractors Association.
- 5—Fred Ratzburg wore his Santa Claus tie.



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Mike Ferrell
This will go toward your Paul Harris level

Rose-Neath ornament—Greg Juneau

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens— Walter Lamb and Mark Snow

Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program December 27, 2022

Jarrod Horton

Selection and Care of Oriental Rugs (Right) James Adams and Charlie Henington.

(Below) "LJ"
Jones and Paulette
Freeman







Watch last week's meeting video at this Facebook link.

