



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting

December 06,
2022

Keynote

Mansfield State Historic Site

Scott Dearman serves as park manager of Mansfield State Historic Site, a Civic War battlefield park in Northwest Louisiana that commemorates the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, pivotal engagements of the Red River Campaign of 1864.

Prior to becoming manager in 2010, Dearman served for 17 years as interpretive ranger and park historian at Mansfield. During his tenure at the site he has conducted extensive research and interpretive analysis of the battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill and the Red River Campaign. In 2010 he was recipient of the Louisiana Office of State Parks Professionalism Award.



The Battle of Mansfield was the most significant engagement of the Red River Campaign, the Union's failed attempt to capture Shreveport and occupy East Texas. Confederate troops, led by Gen. Richard Taylor, scored an overwhelming victory at Mansfield against Union forces, which were commanded by Gen. Nathaniel Banks. The battle involved almost 30,000 troops and resulted in almost 4,000 casualties.

Mansfield State Historic Site is located three miles south of Mansfield on Hwy 175. The park can be accessed east-west via U.S. Hwy 84, or north-south via I-49.

January-June 2023 Dues

Invoices for the next dues period have been distributed by "snail mail" or by email. Please alert Judy Bellew if you do not receive them within the next week. Please be aware that the club is required to pay dues to Rotary International and to the District for every member on our roster on January 1st and July 1st whether or not the member has paid the club.

**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

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

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

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**Rotarians
Serving Others**

Lunch *James
Money* *Adams*

Raffle *Greg Lott*
Tickets

Invocation *Mark Medicus*

Zoom *Kristen*
Operator *Powers*

Greeter - *Dinero*
Scanner *Washington*

Music *Ross Smith*

Paul Harris Fellow Level-Up



President Mark presented Rotarian **Rob Eppers** with his PHF+1 lapel pin on Tuesday. Rob, a native of Plano, Texas, received his B.A. in marketing from Texas Tech University. He relocated to Shreveport in 2010 to be senior marketing manager for Risk Services of Louisiana and is now their Chief Operating Officer.

He holds the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation, Surplus Lines Insurance license as well as property-casualty and life-health licenses.

Rob serves on the Board of IIABL (Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana). He was a member of the 2018 class of “Forty Under 40”.

He and wife Stacy have children of their own and also have been blessed with many foster children over the years.

Rob Eppers (left) with President Mark.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing—Saturday, December 17th—10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Bass Pro Shop, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City

10:00 a.m.	Judy Bellew	and	David Bellew
11:00 a.m.	Deb Poore	and	Doug Bland
12:00 noon	Mike Ferrell	and	Charles Grubb
1:00 p.m.	Lawrence Calhoun	and	Two grandchildren
2:00 p.m.	John Tuggle	and	Sandra McCalla
3:00 p.m.	Dianne Clark	and	Charlene Morrison
4:00 pm.	Joe Littlejohn	and	_____ (available)
5:00 pm.	_____	and	_____ (available)

Contact Greg Juneau to volunteer (gj@delinquentrecovery.com or 318-573-2832).

Volunteers Needed

More opportunities for you and your family to volunteer in the next few weeks.

Common Ground Community Christmas Market

6806 Southern Avenue

By Tuesday, December 13th bring new un-wrapped donated items with a cost not to exceed \$35 per item. Suggestions in addition to toys are much needed items for teens and adults: footballs, basketballs, fishing equipment, slippers, wallets, jewelry, belts, tool kits, flashlights, candles, gloves, nail polish, robes, PJs, etc.

Friday, December 16th—beginning at 8:00 and throughout the day help sort and price the donated items.

Saturday, December 17th—beginning at 8:00 and throughout the day, assist clients with shopping (they are already vetted and you simply go over their list and take them to the shopping areas where you help them select items, accompany them to the check-out area and pick up another client who has been waiting), gift wrappers needed. Clean-up shift volunteers are also needed.

Contact chairs Melissa Ricou mricou@laholyangels.org 318-423-0684

or Leslie Quinn lquinncecd@gmail.com or 318-572-3276

Volunteers so far: Verni and Don Howard, Gard Wayt, Chris Stokes, Dasha Peek, Jennifer Elliott

Spring-Market St. litter cleanup for Independence Bowl visitors

Saturday, December 17, 2022—9:00 a.m.-Noon

Join us on Saturday, December 17th to help clean-up downtown before the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl teams and fans come to town. We will be picking up light trash on Spring and Market Streets and all you have to do is show up. Shreveport Green (thank you Lauren Jones) is providing trash bags, etc. We will park and meet in the Convention Center parking garage, ground floor. To volunteer or if you have questions, please email Scott Wysong (swysong@udallas.edu). This is an easy way to show pride in our city and we hope to see you there. We'll be partnering with DDA and other downtown businesses.

Scott Wysong, Chair

Volunteers so far: Scott Wysong, Mark Snow, Lauren Jones, Gayle Flowers, Darrell & Claire Rebouche



1—Doug Bland with moose and jam from Rose-Neath Florist.
2—Steve Roop, Merrill Wautlet and Gayle Flowers.
3—Kylie Vail and Katie MacMurray.
4—Tori Thomas, Verni Howard and Africa Price.
5—James Blewett and his wife, Silvia Blewett.



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1—Greg Juneau is wearing a club vest and is getting ready for our bell-ringing project on December 17th.

2—Dana Wheeler (guest), Dayne Hassell and Bob Fitzgerald.

3—James Blewett, wife Silvia Blewett and Nancy Alexander.

4—Lawrence Calhoun and Mark Snow.

5—Emerie Gentry brought new gifts and wrapping paper to donate to Common Ground's Christmas Market.

Bring new unwrapped gifts (baby to adult!) for Common Ground to the Rotary meeting and we'll get them to Common Ground!



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Call Judy Bellew if you have any
questions about the club.

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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—James Blewett
This will go toward your Paul Harris level

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—
Cody White & Robert McGowen
Rose-Neath Florist moose puppet & jam
Doug Bland

Holy Angel's platter—James Blewett
Holy Angel's "Howdy" ice cream—Walter Lamb

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program
December 13, 2022**

**Rob Rubel
Independence Bowl**



Watch the meeting video at [this Facebook link](#).

Condolences

Condolences to the **Darrell Rebouche** family in the death of Claire's mother Martha Cooper who recently passed away. Services will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 3:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Cathedral.

December Meeting Presenters

December 13th—Rob Rubel, Independence Bowl
Menu: chicken/spaghetti, garlic bread, collard/turnip greens, salad, dessert or salad bar

December 20th—John Dean, early childhood initiatives
Menu: country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, squash medley, salad, dessert or salad bar

December 27th—Jarrod Horton, selection & care of oriental rugs

Menu: fried catfish, French fries, corn on the cob, salad, dessert or salad bar