



# Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00  
Meeting

January 31,  
2023

**Keynote**

## Economic Update

**Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon**

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

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

**Rotarians  
Serving Others**

*Lunch Money*      *James Adams*

*Raffle Tickets*      *Margaret Wallace*

*Invocation*      *Jeffrey Kerst*

*Zoom Operator*      *Lawrence Calhoun*

*Greeter - Scanner*      *Brent Latin*

*Music*      *Ross Smith*



**Rick Wedell** is the Chief Investment Officer for RFG Advisory Group located in Birmingham. He is directly responsible for the direction and management of RFG's investment strategies, setting the vision for their research capabilities and managing a turn-key investment platform engineered to help advisors and clients with their most pressing investment needs.

Previously Wedell spent over a decade at Bain Capital Credit where he was the head of the Consumer Group. While there he played an instrumental role in helping Bain grow to become a global investment powerhouse, serving client assets in excess of \$30 billion.

Named a 2021 LUMINARY by ThinkAdvisor for Thought-Leadership & Education, Rick conducts client events, seminars and workshops around the country and a bi-weekly series called *Market Commentary with Rick Wedell* on You Tube.

Under Rick's leadership, RFG Advisory was named a Finalist for the Investment News Innovation Awards 2021 and Best Places to Work for Financial Advisors in 2021 and 2022, in addition to other industry accolades from Barron's, Financial Times, Money Management Institute and WealthManagement.com.

Rick has an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, where he was awarded the Henry Ford II Scholar. He earned a B.A. in applied mathematics and economics from Harvard University, Magna Cum Laude.

Wedell has been an annual presenter to our club for a number of years to provide his economic outlook in today's marketplace.

## District Rotary Foundation Banquet

Saturday, February 25th—Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City—6:00 P.M.

\$65 per person (\$67 credit card at door)

Our Board decided that our club will pay for the member's registration (with the member paying for his/her guest). Limited offer due to budgeting.

Advise Judy Bellew if you are interested and want her to register you!

## Our Club's Executive Director Position

In response to Judy Bellew's planned retirement at the end of March 2023, the club's Executive Committee has posted the job opportunity at the Indeed link below.

<https://www.indeed.com/job/executive-director-c1ccd9a9ec1aea35?ga=2.46893479.1689946659.1672686756-1133684561.1619129182>



Empower Student and Mentor Lunch—Thursday, February 16, 2023

10:45-1:30 p.m.

Shreveport Convention Center

Sign up to be a mentor—[Use this link!](#)



- 1—Marla Simmons (guest) with Merrill Wautlet.
- 2—Kim Green with his guest Susan Bryant.
- 3—Christine Wasner (guest) with Greg Juneau.
- 4—Meg Goorley with her guest, Carranza Pryor.
- 5—Allen Organick with his guest, Kenneth Brown.

**Guests!**

## Another Paul Harris Fellowship Level Up



Last Tuesday President **Mark Snow** presented Rotarian Charles Grubb with his PHF+3 lapel pin.

Charles received his Bachelors degree from Centenary and his J.D. degree from Tulane Law School. In 2017 Charles received the Centenary Alumni Loyalty Award.

He was in private practice early in his career, then was an attorney for Caddo Parish, then back to private practice. Charles is now retired and enjoying traveling the country in his motor home with his wife Maureen.

After serving in the U.S. Army Reserves for 35 years, Charles retired as Command Sgt Major.

A member of our club for 33 years, Charles served as Club Director in 2012-2013 and has served on many of our club committees.

Thank you, Charles, for supporting The Rotary Foundation!

*Charles Grubb and President Mark*

## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)



We were well represented at the recent RLI session in Winnsboro.

Seen here from left to right: John Tuggle, Mark Snow, Cynthia Franklin, Meg Goorley, Heather Carpenter, David Brainis, Teri Haynes, Verni Howard and Linda Thomas. Linda Thomas is a member of the Rotary Club of Leesville and is our District's 2023-2024 District Governor.



1—John George with his guest Stephen Lokitz.

2—Larry Evensky with his guest Lane Rosen.

3—Kevin Murnane (guest) with his host Tommy Williams.

4—(From left) Kevin Flood (visiting Rotarian), Evans Knight (guest of Jesse Gilmore), Lisa Babin (LSU Health), Dr. David Guzick (presenter), Jesse Gilmore and Brigitte Rose (visiting Rotarian).



Seen on Tuesday

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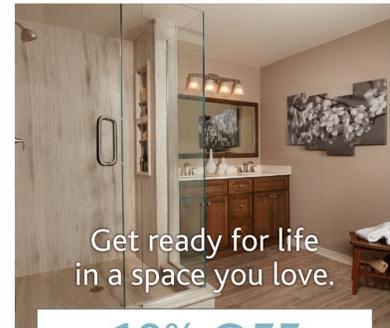
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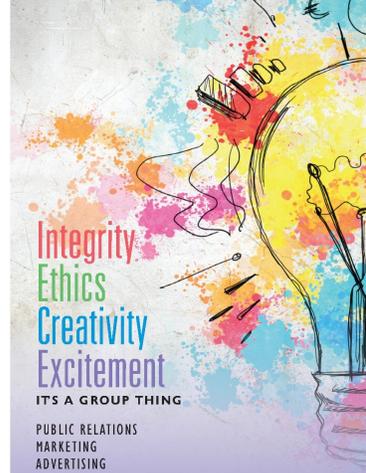
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Holy Angels—Laurie Boswell (Past Club President) and Melissa Ricou  
 Manpower/Bellevue Place/Sarsh Technologies—Sarah Collier (Past Club President)  
 Re-Bath—Jeb Breithaupt (Past Club President)  
 Poljak Group Wealth Management—Denis Poljak and Davor Poljak  
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**Thank you Rotarians for supporting this club project!!**

### 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:

**Susan S. Bryant**

**Shriners Children's Shreveport**  
**Clinic Director**

#### Classification

Hospital & Healthcare Services

#### Proposer & Endorser

Garry Kim Green & Dayne Hassell

### 1st Annual Rotary Valentine Day at The Glen

**Tuesday, February 14th – 9:45 a.m.**  
**Deliver carnations to all the residents at  
The Glen.**

**Finish in time to head to Rotary!**

**Many have already volunteered. Join  
your Rotarian friends!**

**Contact Greg Lott or Debra Williams to  
sign up.**





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[www.rotaryclubofshreveport.org](http://www.rotaryclubofshreveport.org), Grady

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

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### Raffle Winners Last Week

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

Rose-Neath flowers—Walter Lamb

Eggs from Andy Shehee’s hens—  
David Ginsburg, Maggie Malone,  
Lawrence Calhoun

Book donated by Dr. David Guzick  
Rich Brontoli

### Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program

**February 7, 2023**  
**The Rotary Foundation**  
**PDG Karen Johnson & others**

## January Club Anniversaries

\*PHF +Past President ♦Major Donor  
(includes *PS* prior service in this or other clubs)

55 years	Grady Golden♦
42 years	Billy Washburne*
40 years	Tom Mee* <i>PS</i>
39 years	Sid Potts*+
37 years	Fred Ratzburg*
36 years	Gene Nims*, Robert Grand*+
35 years	Jack Lamb*
34 years	Robert McGowen♦+
33 years	Sherwood Bailey
29 years	Brad Graff*
20 years	Kim Green*
11 years	Gayle Flowers*, Erica Thomas, Ken Krueger* <i>PS</i>
10 years	Debra Williams* <i>PS</i>
8 years	Jesse Gilmore* <i>PS</i>
7 years	Jeff Brasher* <i>PS</i>
6 years	Tim Magner
4 years	Jennifer Elliott
3 years	Walt Gaskins*
1 year	Ross Smith, Justyn Dixon

Watch last week’s meeting video on our Facebook page at [this link](#).

