

# ROTARIPOST

OCTOBER 17, 2023



## DR. CHRIS KEVIL

Dr. Chris Kevil assumed leadership for research development and management at LSU Health Shreveport as the Vice Chancellor for Research in December 2016. In September 2017, he was named Dean for the School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Kevil has established an internationally recognized cardiovascular research program through numerous National Institutes of Health grant awards, including the NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (CoBRE) for Redox Biology and Cardiovascular Disease, the second CoBRE grant for LSU Health Shreveport. Under Dr. Kevil's leadership, extramural research grant funding awarded to LSUHS has increased by more than 300%, with \$23.3 million awarded in FY23. There are currently two active NIH CoBRE centers at LSUHS with the most recent CoBRE grant being awarded in 2021 to establish the Center for Applied Immunology and Pathological Processes. Since 2016, LSU Board of Supervisors and Louisiana Board of Regents have approved the establishment of three new research centers at LSUHS that focus on addiction, neuroscience, and virology.

Dr. Kevil earned his PhD from LSU Health Shreveport in Molecular and Cellular Physiology, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in Pathobiology and Functional Genomics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Returning to LSU Health Shreveport in the Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, he rapidly established cutting-edge research programs regarding cardiovascular disease leading to numerous National Institutes of Health (NIH), American Heart Association (AHA), and American Diabetes Association (ADA) grant awards, along with new discoveries resulting in many patents. Technologies and innovations discovered in the Kevil Lab have advanced through clinical trials and contributed to various companies including Theravasc, Inc., JanOne Inc., and Innolyzer, LLC.

Dr. Kevil is a member and Fellow of the Society for Redox Biology and Medicine, a member and Fellow of the American Physiological Society Cardiovascular Section, and a member of the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association. He serves on numerous journal editorial boards for numerous journals including Free Radical Biology and Medicine, Nitric Oxide-Biology & Chemistry, American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology, American Journal of Pathology, Cardiovascular Research, and Frontiers in Oxidant Physiology. He is also the co-Editor in Chief for Redox Biology. Dr. Kevil performs expert research peer review for numerous groups including the National Institutes of Health, American Heart Association, and the American Diabetes Association.

# Upcoming Program: October 24, 2023

## LECTURE SERIES PART II: DR. OREN RAM

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Kylie Vail**- October 25th- 1 year
- Katie MacMurray**- October 11th- 1 year
- Greg Morrison**- October 27th- 2 years
- Deb Poore**- October 27th- 3 years
- Jennifer Lawrence**- October 9th- 7 years
- Steve Roop**- October 28th- 9 years
- Brian Crawford**- October 26th- 9 years
- Kristen Brown**- October 9th- 11 years
- Roy Griggs**- October 3rd- 17 years
- Greg Juneau**- October 1st- 18 years
- James Adams**- October 10th- 27 years

### Upcoming Rotary Events:

- District Conference in Alexandria, LA October 21st
- Large Club Conference in Baton Rouge, LA October 23-25th

### Volunteer Opportunity:

Louisiana Film Prize- various dates- contact Leigh Anne for details!



1. Our Global Grant check has been cut! A total of \$80,599.00 went to The Arc Caddo-Bossier to fund the Goldman School. Thank you David Brainis and team for your hard work accomplishing our first ever Global Grant! Pictured: Martha Marak, David Brainis, and Kristen Powers



2. Laura Crawford, Founder and Director of the Centenary Suzuki School.  
3. Some of the amazing Suzuki School students who played for us this week!



**Leigh Anne Evensky**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

# APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Waynette Ballengee  
Chairman**

**Ballengee Family Foundation**

**Shreveport, LA**

**Classification**

**Associations, Charitable**

**Proposed by**

**Mark Snow and Joe Littlejohn**

**Edward Taylor**

**Managing Partner**

**Fairfield Property Management**

**Shreveport, LA**

**Classification**

**Property Management**

**Proposed by**

**Merritt Chastain and Laurie Boswell**

**Susanna Thomas**

**Business Development Manager**

**Brown Pelicans, LLC**

**Shreveport, LA**

**Classification**

**Pending**

**Proposed by**

**Merritt Chastain and Laurie Boswell**