

Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting

October 25,
2022

Keynote

About Those Amendments On The Ballot...



Steven Procopio, Ph.D. is President of Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR). He joined PAR as Policy Director in 2014 where he guided PAR's research agenda.

In 2021 Steven was chosen to continue to lead PAR as the organization's President. He had previously served as Chief of Staff of the Louisiana Division of Administration where he worked on a number of transparency and fiscal issues. Prior to working at the Division, Dr. Procopio was the Director of Research and Accountability for the Lt. Governor's office and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. In that role he was responsible for research on Louisiana's cultural economy and legislative initiatives.

Dr. Procopio is also the original Director of the Louisiana State University Public Policy Research Lab where he worked on a variety of policy issues for state agencies, nonprofits and academic researchers.

Steven is an Alexandria native with undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science from LSU. His doctorate in political science is from Indiana University. He has expertise in statistical techniques, mathematical modeling and survey analysis.

Steven is a former university instructor and lecturer who has produced a number of professional papers and publications in academic journals. For his work with the Student Government Association on hurricane response efforts, he earned the 2005-2006 LSU SGA Faculty of the Year Service Award.

Steven is a member of the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge.

**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

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

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

Rotarians Serving Others

Lunch James Adams
Money

Raffle Margaret
Tickets Wallace

Invocation Laurie Boswell

Zoom Candice
Operator Webber

Greeter - Katie
Scanner MacMurray

Music Ross Smith

New Paul Harris Fellowships

President Mark presented Rotarian **Mark Crews** with his Paul Harris Certificate and his lapel pin. Mark was born and raised in Shreveport and received his B.S. in business from LSUS.

He owned a portrait studio for a few years before joining Eastman Kodak Company to help them launch the original digital camera technology. After working in the Dallas and Colorado Springs areas he and his family returned home to Shreveport in 2015.

He now serves as the Business Development Manager for Trust Technology Consultants. An Honorary Commander for the 608AOC at BAFB he is also on the Board of Directors of Tech by 20, a coalition of companies that have a common need for technology-skilled talent in North Louisiana. He helped start the local CIO/CTO Roundtable organization.



Mark Crews (on left) and President Mark Snow.

Mark joined our club in 2017 and served as a Club Director in 2021-2022. He serves on several committees: Food Bank, Blood Drive, Common Ground, Greeting/Scanning and Foundation raffle.



Larry Evensky presented a surprise Paul Harris Fellowship to Walt Gaskins. Walt is a life-long resident of Shreveport. After graduating from Caddo Magnet High School, Walt attended the University of Central Arkansas where he received his Bachelor's degree.

Walt is a commercial lender with Community Bank of Louisiana with a specialty in commercial real estate transactions.

Currently he serves on the Board for Goodwill Industries. He is a 2022 Forty Under 40 Honoree and is a part of the 2022 Greater Shreveport Leadership Program. He previously served on the Young Professionals Initiative, the Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors and the Delta Waterfowl Northwest Louisiana Chapter.

Walt Gaskins (on left) was honored by Larry Evensky with a surprise Paul Harris Fellowship.

Walt joined our club in 2020.



1- (From Left) Paulette Freeman, Martha Marak and Steve Aiken.

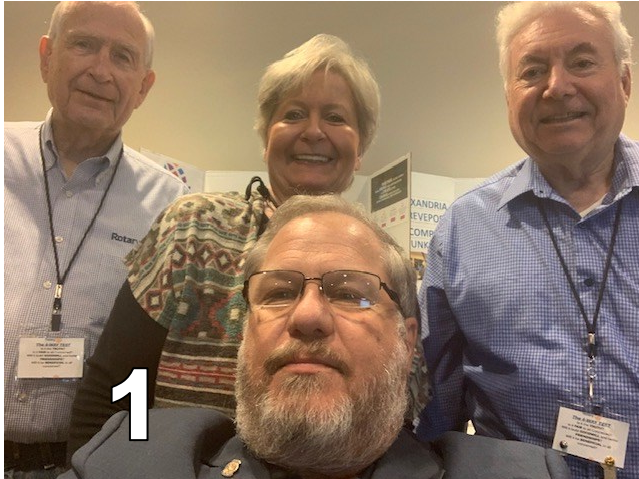
2—Verni Howard and Brent Latin.

3—Jon Lowe all decked out!

4—Andy Shehee was also decked out with his chicken tie.

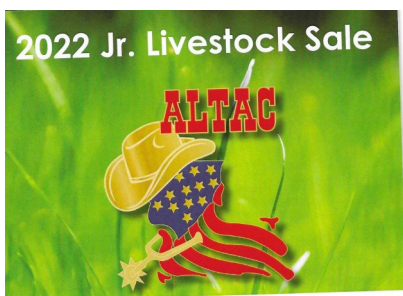
5—Lauren “LJ” Jones joined in the fun with her farmer clothes.

6—Melissa Ricou and LJ displayed the LSU blanket that is always the hit of the raffle! Linc Coleman was the winner of the blanket this year!



1—(From left) David Bellew, Judy Bellew, Rich Brontoli and Lawrence Calhoun—all attended the Rotary District Conference in Natchitoches.

2—Two past club presidents, Larry Evensky and Carol Barnes, ran across each other at an Ole Miss game. Carol relocated to Oxford, MS and is now a member of the Oxford club



The Ark-La-Tex Agricultural Council
Presents

86th Annual Jr. Livestock Sale
In Honor of Jon Lowe
State Fair of Louisiana Sale Arena

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Activities start @ 9:00 AM
The Sale starts @ 9:30 AM
Overall Grand & Reserve Champions will sell first

P.O. Box 53226 318.987.3769
Shreveport, LA 71135 www.altac.org

Junior Livestock Auction

At our auction last Tuesday at our meeting, we raised \$1,535.00 for the Junior Livestock Sale! That's more than we've received at our auction in the last couple of years! And, didn't we have fun with the auction!

Thanks to all of you who participated!

Check out the **Honoree** for this year's Livestock Sale!

Rotary Orientation

Want to know more about Rotary basics and our club? What's this about the 4-Way Test? What's the difference between The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation? If I'm in Timbuktu and see a notice that Rotary club there is having a meeting, can I go? How does that work? How do the Paul Harris Fellowships work? How can I become one? All these questions and more can be answered for you!!

There will be a Zoom orientation on Tuesday, November 1st from 6:30 pm. To 7:30 p.m. If you are a red badger and did not receive your "save the date" email or have never had an orientation, please contact Lawrence Calhoun at 318-288-1400 or lfcalhoun0357@gmail.com. If you are a blue badger and just want a refresher you are also welcome to attend. Just let Lawrence know so he can send you the Zoom link.



Rotary takes stage at Global Citizen Festival to pledge \$150 million toward ending polio

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones appeared on the main stage at the star-studded Global Citizen Festival on September 24th to highlight Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and announce an addition US\$150 million pledge.

Jones, who spoke in front of 60,000 people in New York City and many more viewers online and on TV, mentioned that New York state recently declared a state of emergency to combat a potential resurgence of polio in the region. She noted this as one more reason why it's critical for Rotary and its partners to remain committed to ending polio. [Read more about Rotary's announcement.](#)



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Joe Littlejohn
This will go toward your Paul Harris level

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—
Robert McGowen

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—
Merritt Chastain, Mike Ferrell & Mark Snow

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program
November 1 2022**

**Dr. Tim Magner
Shreveport Chamber of Commerce**



(Top photo) Judge Cecil Campbell (a Rotary Past District Governor) kept us hopping with his auctioneering talent.

Liz Swaine gave us the history of the State Fair and David Ogletree talked about the Junior Livestock Auction.

[You can watch \(or re-watch\) the video of the presentation at this Facebook link.](#)