



## Club Leaders



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## President's Message



**Whirlwind.** That is the only word I can find to describe the last few weeks; metaphorically and literally! It seemed as if things were starting to get back to normal with kids back in school and COVID-19 numbers beginning to drop then Hurricane Laura decided she would roll through and devastate Southern and Central Louisiana the likes of which I've never seen in this part of the state. I hope and pray that each of you fared OK and I know we will all be in recovery mode for a while.

As you hopefully read in my email last Monday, we did decide to cancel last Tuesday's meeting due to the chaos and the fact that most of us were without Internet capabilities. I spoke to Deborah Randolph, who was to be our featured speaker and she agreed that we should postpone and she will join us again soon with an update from the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

I look forward to continuing our weekly Rotary Zoom meetings, at least until we can all be together again. This week we will hear from Gary Perkins and LeAnne Murphy as they discuss entrepreneurship & business coaching. Next week we'll hear from President & CEO of CLEDA, Jim Clinton. Later in the month Jason DeCuir with LAER and Eric Gilmore with the Red River Waterway Commission will share their insights with our club.

Let us all be in the spirit of service over the next few weeks as we help our neighbors and our communities recover.

*◆ We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. ◆ Winston Churchill*

Dustin Matthews  
President, Rotary Club of Alexandria

## Hurricane Laura Recovery

Club member, **David Britt** is coordinating some efforts to help others during Hurricane Laura recovery through the United Way. If you would like to volunteer to help out, you can visit the United Way website at [www.uwcl.org](http://www.uwcl.org). Please click on the Volunteer button to volunteer. Right now, people are in need of diapers, wipes, water, toiletries. Clothing is not needed. They also need people to help with cooking and delivering meals. For more information, please contact the United Way. Of course, donations are always appreciated.



Shortly after the Hurricane hit, the Rotary District 6190 Disaster Aid Trailer was sent to Alexandria to help with clean up efforts in Central Louisiana. Thanks, District 6190 for your help and support.

## Logging in to the Rotary Database

Now, more than ever, we need to use the internet to stay in touch with one another. We want to make sure you know how to log in to the Rotary database where you can view our Club directory.

The easiest way to do this is to go to our Club website - [www.alexandriarotary.com](http://www.alexandriarotary.com). Once at the site, you will see "Dacdb Log in" in the upper right hand corner. Click on this link and it will bring up a log in box. (Do not click on "Member log-in" -- this link does not work at this time)

If this is the first time you are logging in to the site and you do not know your password, please follow these steps:

Your user name should be the email that you gave us as your preferred email for Rotary. Enter this email for your user name. Then select "forgot password." An email will be sent to your preferred email address with instructions to create a new password. Follow those instructions, and then return



Board Member



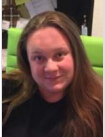
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## Events

September 1st  
**Meeting Canceled Due to Hurricane**

September 8th  
**Entrepreneurship & Coaching Through COVID**

**Speaker:** Gary Perkins and Leanne Murphy

September 15th  
**Speaker:** Jim Clinton  
**Subject:** Rural Development Taskforce of the Resilient Louisiana Commission

September 21st  
**Rotary Club Board Meeting**

September 22nd  
**Louisiana Economic Recovery Task Force Report**

**Speaker:** Jason DeCuir

September 29th  
**Speaker:** Eric Gilmore  
**Subject:** Report on the Red River Waterway Commission

## Sidebar

Thanks to **Larkin Simpson** for helping to plan our programs for the month of September.

to the login screen. Enter your username and new password, and the system should open.

If you are unsure of your username, contact [judy@judymusic.com](mailto:judy@judymusic.com) and she will send you your username for the Rotary site.

Also, please check our Rotary Club website at [www.alexandriarotary.com](http://www.alexandriarotary.com) and Club Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rotaryalexandria](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryalexandria) for the latest information about our Club and its activities.

## Welcoming International Students



On August 25, members of our Club participated in the Orientation for International Students at LSUA. Club President **Dustin Matthews** and Rotary District Governor, **Zeb Winstead** spoke to the students about Rotary and told them about our Rotaract Club which is active on the LSUA campus. Names of Club members who are Rotarians and affiliated with LSUA were shared and some were introduced to the students. Our Club assembled over 30 Welcome Bags for the students which included bedding-pillow-packs and other goodies from Central Louisiana

businesses funded with a grant from Rotary District 6190 and our Club. There are 35 new and returning international students from twenty different countries at LSUA this Fall.

Pictured are District Governor and Past President/member of our Club, **Zeb Winstead** with some of the International students and their welcome bags.

## New Members



**Toby Brazzel** has owned Allstate Financial Services in Alexandria for 24 years. He is a 2018 inductee into Allstate Hall of Fame. In the previous 83 years there have been less than 100 inductee. He is a founding member of Allstate's National Advisory Board and a member of Allstate's Regional Board. Toby was born in Alexandria and grew up on Cane River near Melrose Plantation. He is a graduate of Cloutierville High School and received a BS from Northwestern State University in Business Finance and Aviation Science. He became a licensed pilot at age 18. Toby loves to travel and has visited 60 countries so far. He currently serves as President of the Board for the LSUA Generals Athletic Association. He is married to Kelli who is also a new member of our Club. Toby's sponsor is **Adam Jonson**.

**Kelli Brazzel** is the General Manager at Robbie G's Restaurant in Alexandria. She was born and raised in Natchitoches graduated from St. Mary's and attended NSU and ULL for psychology. She has been in the restaurant business for 28 years serving as GM for TGI Friday's in San Diego for fourteen years. In 2009, Kelli moved back home with her three sons and began working for Raising Cane's as a GM. While in Natchitoches, she served as a Chamber of Commerce Board Member and also a Board Member for the Boys and Girls Club. She is married to fellow new Rotarian, Toby. Kelli's sponsor is **Adam Jonson**.



## Did You Know...?

The Baton Rouge, Louisiana Rotary Club is the 5th largest Rotary Club in the world. What other two (2) Louisiana Clubs are in the Top 100 of the 35,000 Rotary Clubs in the world?  
(Find the answer in the Club Anniversaries List at the end of the newsletter)



## Club Meeting

Alexandria  
Meets at Alexandria City Hall  
Convention Center  
www.alexandriarotary.com  
915 Third St  
Alexandria, LA 71301  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

## Club Anniversaries

Member Name	Date Joined	Yrs. in Rotary
Dorman Clayton	9/1/78	42 years
Tom David	9/1/87	33 years
Jay Lynch	9/20/94	26 years
Robert Hughes	9/9/97	23 years
Dwayne Harper	9/28/04	16 years
Mike Johnson	9/28/04	16 years
Alice Scarborough	9/20/11 *	16 years
Haywood Joiner	9/12/06	14 years
Wilton Guillory	9/29/14*	10 years
Kent Roberts	9/25/12	8 years
Rob Wright	9/25/12	8 years
Scott Laliberte	9/2/14	6 years
Wally Fall	9/5/17	3 years
Jermaine Harris	9/11/18	2 years
Rachel Honeycutt	9/11/18	2 years
Jimmy Whittle	9/17/19	1 year

\* some years in another Rotary Club  
Answer to Did You Know? - Alexandria and Shreveport

## Birthdays

Lori Ardoin September 2nd	Donna L Vilar September 4th	Michael Eric Lord September 5th
W. Brent Pearson September 7th	Chris Karam September 8th	Jody Filasek September 9th
Julie Henry September 9th	Judy P Miller September 9th	Paul D Coreil September 9th
Kyle Downs September 10th	Joe Lipsey Jr. September 12th	Nerine C. Day September 12th
Michael Chatelain September 16th	Annie Billingsley September 16th	Sherry Ellington September 17th
Julie Broadwater Morris September 17th	Christie Phillips September 17th	Aaron S. Mangum September 21st
Carly Long September 22nd	Charles Stovall Weems III September 23rd	John Dexter Ryland September 24th
Sandra S. McQuain September 28th	Robert S Savage September 28th	Melinda Anderson September 29th
Jack Brame September 29th	Robert H Ginsburgh September 30th	Julius W. Crump III September 30th