



Club Leaders



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Board Member



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President's Message



Dear Rotarians,

What a great first month! You have all been wonderful to work with and spend every Tuesday with! I look forward to working with all of you to spread the Magic of Rotary throughout our community. My goals for our club this year are simple - continue to build membership and to get out into our community and serve. I want our community to know that we are more than a lunch meeting - to serve from our hearts and to help those in our community who are not as fortunate as we are. We can share the "Magic of Rotary" with our friends and neighbors.

What I learned at Rotary International is something I already knew... we have an incredible club. When I was asked "how big is your club?", I answered "we have about 225 members and a solid 100 that attend the weekly meetings" - the response was "WOW - you are a SUPER Club". That is really a term - because of the size of the club. I can't wait to share more about our trip to Singapore on Tuesday! It was a trip of a lifetime and really showed me the power of Rotary - on a worldwide stage.

Our calendar is booking up with some phenomenal speakers, so be certain to attend our meetings. If it's Tuesday at noon - I know where I will be.

Have a great day and I hope to see you all EVERY Tuesday!

Melinda

August Programs

We have a great line-up of programs for the month of August beginning on August 6 where William Albritton will tell us about Solar Panels. On August 13, we will hear the State of the City report from Pineville Mayor Rich Dupree. Our Rotary District Governor, Rich Bertoli will visit us on August 20 to share what is going on in our Rotary District. And, we will end the month on August 27 with our Annual Pigskin Preview put together each year by **Vic Sooter** where we will hear from local high school and college football coaches about their plans for the upcoming season. Please join us for another month of great programs, delicious food and a chance to network with other leaders in our community.

Special Event August 29

OakWing Golf Club will host a "Catering & Menu Reveal by Chef Dean Kennedy", on August 29 at 5:30pm, to benefit The Rotary Club of Alexandria's Doll & Toy Fund.

With years of culinary expertise, and a deep passion for exceptional dining, OakWing's legendary executive chef, Dean Kennedy, promises to delight the taste buds and showcase his impeccable service through this entertaining introduction of OakWing's newest catering and menu items.

"We are excited about the prospect of collaborating with the esteemed members of the Rotary Club of Alexandria to further the missions of both of our organizations and contribute positively to our community," says Brady Noland, OakWing General Manager. "We believe that a partnership between OakWing and the Rotary Club, will not only raise awareness for our respective causes, it will also make a meaningful impact on the community we both serve."

Chef Dean has served families and events in Central Louisiana and beyond for many years, and he says he is excited to share his culinary skills with OakWing members, guests and event attendees in the coming years.

The cost for the event is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 318-561-0260, scanning the QR code, or visiting visualconceptsanddesigns.com/oakwingreveal.

In 2023, The Rotary Club of Alexandria was able to serve more than 1,000 children representing 300 families at their Doll and Toy event. All ticket proceeds will help increase funding for families served in Central Louisiana.

"We look forward to celebrating and experiencing Chef Dean Kennedy's culinary magic together," says Noland. "It's an opportunity to savor delicious food while supporting a meaningful initiative."

We certainly hope you will support this event. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Nichols.





Jennifer Nichols
Board Member
International
Service Chair

New Members



Michelle Purl
Board Member



Larry Turner
Board Member

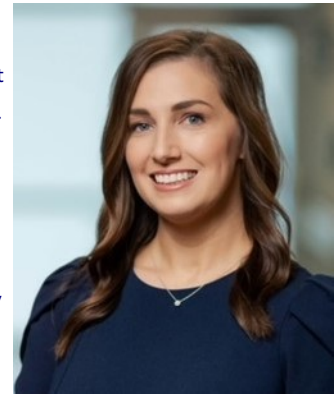


Katie Vanderlick
iPast President



Patrick Shelvin is the owner and founder of Southern Quality Event Services, established in 2005. Born and raised in Abbeville, Patrick continued his education by attending Northwestern State University, where he studied Business Administration with a concentration in Management. Patrick loves spending time with his family and friends; specifically his 4 daughters, 1 son, and their dog, cleverly named Brisket. He's also an extraordinary chef, specializing in, you guessed it... smoked brisket! As a cradle Catholic, Patrick's continued thirst for Christ is at the forefront of his life, his family, and his businesses! He joined Rotary in hopes of being of service and contributing to community affairs, networking, and presenting opportunities that will promote diversity and inclusion. Patrick is honored to be among other prominent leaders that represent servanthood and support throughout the community! His sponsor is **June Johnson Davis**.

Mandi Guillory is the Director of Marketing and Business Development at Alexandria Emergency Hospital. She holds a Master's degree in Marketing and Communications from Loyola University New Orleans. As a lifelong resident of Central Louisiana, Mandi is deeply passionate about serving the community she grew up in and loves. In addition to her various volunteer experiences, she currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hope House and YWCA. After seven years of active service, she recently became a Sustainer of the Junior League of Alexandria. At this stage in her life, she felt that Rotary was an excellent place to invest the time and effort she previously dedicated to the Junior League. In her free time, Mandi enjoys activities with her children and socializing with her wonderful group of friends. As a mom of two teenagers and a toddler, managing her professional, volunteer, and family life is busy, but incredibly rewarding! Mandi's sponsor is **Katie Vanderlick**.



Events

August 6th
Rotary Orientation for New Members - 11 am,
City Council Chambers

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: William

Albritton

Subject: Solar Panels

August 13th

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Mayor Rich

Dupree

Subject: State of the

City of Pineville

August 20th

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Rich Brontoli

Subject: Rotary District

6190 Update

Board Meeting - 1 pm,

Hotel Bentley

August 27th

Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting

Subject: Annual Pigskin

Preview Featuring area

Football Teams

Paul Harris Honors



At our July 23 meeting, Club member, **Bill Tudor** received his Paul Harris +2 pin. Members receive a Paul Harris recognition whenever they donate 1000 points or \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations, Bill.

(Pictured: Club President, **Melinda Anderson** presenting **Bill Tudor** his pin)

Sidebar

Many thanks to **Thomas David III and Vic Sooter** for planning our programs in August. If you have an idea for a program, please contact Thomas at Thomas@paealex.com

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 members speak at Bunkie Club

Recently, two of our club members spoke at the Bunkie Rotary Club. Dr. **Paul Coreil**, Chancellor of LSUA spoke about the amazing growth in their student body in the past few years - from 3,000 students in 2019 to almost 6,000 today. They have recently added Pre-Med and Dental Hygiene with cooperative agreements with both Cabrini and Rapides for nurses to offset college expenses by working with the hospitals. Dr. Coreil's father was the sales manager for Guaranty Seed Company in Bunkie.

Pat Moore also spoke to the members of the Bunkie Club. He shared information about the Early Childhood Development Grant supported by the Rapides Foundation and our Club.

Thanks, Paul and Pat for sharing your knowledge and service with others. Pictured: Paul and Pat with Bunkie club President, Pat Ryan.



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Productivity



Do you want a convenient way to find members of our Club with all their information? Do you want to see our monthly calendar, our monthly newsletter and more? Now you can have all this information at your fingertips on your smart phone. There is an app called **DacdbMobile** that you can download from the app store.

You will need to make sure you know your User ID (the email you gave us when you joined Rotary) and Password in order to log in. Most of you probably do not know your password, so you will need to create a password **on your computer** before being able to log in on your phone for the first time.

The easiest way to do this is to go to www.dacdb.com and log in. Put your email in the User ID box and then click on **Forgot Password**. You will then generate a new password that has to be 12 characters long. The password must contain both capital and small letters, numbers and special characters. Once you have established that you can log in to the database, you are ready to install the app on your smart phone.

Go to the app store on your phone and find the DacdbMobile app. This is what it looks like:

Once the app has been downloaded, you can open it on your phone. If you expand the **My Club** Tab, you will find:

Members and contact information
Birthdays
Club Newsletter
Club Calendar
and more...



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This is a convenient way to have your Club information with you at all times. There is a Club Locator tab where you can search to find Rotary anywhere in the world, you can find information about what is happening around our Rotary District under the My District Tab and you check your own data to make sure it is correct under the My Data Tab. **Always remember to notify us when something in your personal information has changed so we can update your files.**

If you need help with this, please contact Club Secretary, Judy Ginsburgh for assistance - Judy@judymusic.com

New Interact Club Forming



With the new school year in August, Pineville High School will begin an Interact Club. Interact involves high school students in the principles of Rotary and the 4-way test. Lauren Bailey, a teacher at Pineville High, be the sponsor, and they will elect officers when the new school year begins. We are excited about having Interact as part of our Club. If any other high schools would like to start an Interact Club in the Fall, please let us know and we will get the materials to you.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Each year, our Rotary District sponsors Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). This is a series of 3 different leadership workshops where members of Rotary can develop leadership skills. A few of our members have attended in the past and have said they are really worth attending. The next RLI (Parts 1 and 2) is scheduled for **FRIDAY August 9 @ Sheriff's Safety Town in Shreveport**. Details & registration info coming soon.

If you are interested in attending, please let President, **Melinda Anderson** know.

Club Anniversaries

Name	Start Date	Yrs. in Club
Ed Caplan	8/16/55	69
Graham Kramer	8/1/67	57
John Murphy	8/1/78	46
Bruce Wallace	8/1/83	41
Christie Phillips	8/1/90	34
Mike Upton	8/1/95	29
Greg Gormanous	8/25/98	26
Randy Ponthie	8/31/04	20
Corey Lair	8/26/08	16
Dustin Matthews	8/26/08	16
Mike Chatelain	8/4/09	15
Jennifer Nichols	8/11/15	9
Judy Miller	8/1/17	7
Dan Cohn	8/7/18	6
Jimmy Sawtelle	8/20/19	5
Kara Edwards	8/17/21	3
Mikelle Kimsey	8/17/21	3
Kelly Pepper	8/2/22	2
David Brooks	8/8/23	1
Gerald Huffman	8/8/23	1
Sarita James	8/8/23	1
Sharon Neal	8/22/23	1
Mark Pritchard	8/8/23	1
Celise Reech-Harper	8/8/23	1
Adam Rhoads	8/22/23	1

Birthdays

Glenda Stock Smith
August 9th

Robert Louis Royer
August 9th

Katie Vanderlick
August 12th

Sharon Neal
August 14th
Jeremy Dean Duncan
August 17th
Karl Carpenter
August 28th
Randall Dupont
August 31st

Charla Hawthorne Ducote
August 16th
Faye Flanagan
August 21st
Cynthia A. Cespiva
August 29th

William E O'Neal
August 17th
Taylor Courville
August 25th
Kevin R. Broussard
August 30th