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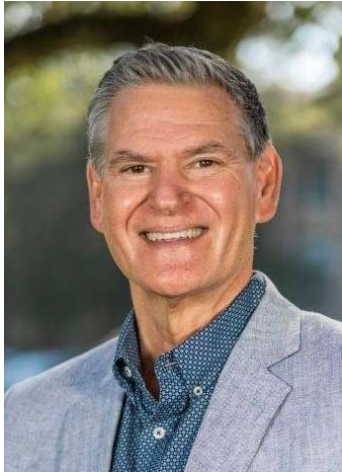
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Board Member

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Board Member

### President's Message



Dear Rotarians,

November has been a wonderful month for Rotary. Thanks to **Deborah Randolph** and the wonderful programs that we were able to have for the month. The Rotary Seafood Festival that was provided by our own caterer, John Ed Laborde and Panorama Foods was outstanding. We celebrated that day with Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser's visit along with the graduation of our Leadership CENLA Class. This event highlighted the quality of our community and the opportunity that we have to grow stronger as a Region in the upcoming year.

We could not be more excited for December! We were able to raise some significant money for Polio Plus by offering \$1000 Paul Harris Fellow awards for \$300 and we will award more than 8 of these awards at our first December meeting next week. We are very close to the worldwide eradication of Polio.

It's Party Time!!! Remember to invite your friends to the Holiday Party on December 13th. **Scott Laliberte** and his team are providing our Club with a fantastic opportunity to showcase the best of OUR Rotary while engaging in a

great meal, wonderful fellowship and amazing entertainment. And then, on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be sharing cheer with all the children in CENLA who are in need of additional joy during the Holidays. The Doll and Toy Day led by **Jim Smilie** provides a wonderful opportunity for our club to serve by inviting our children and grandchildren to serve by our sides to enjoy this great event.

It's hard to believe half of the Rotary year is almost done. We have so many more things to accomplish as a club. It is awesome to see the upcoming programs coming together for January and February under the leadership of **Patrick Moore** and **Mike Tudor**. We have so many outstanding leaders in our club who continue to enable the vision for our Rotary Club to enhance this incredible community that we serve.

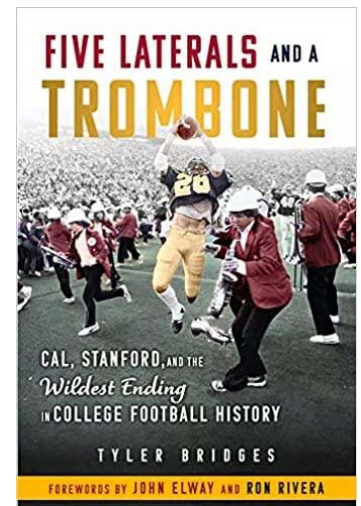
I can't wait to see what Rotary will do for CENLA in this upcoming year. If you can think of a GAME Changing project, DO NOT Hesitate to let Rotary know.

Service Above Self, One Profits Most Who Serves Best.

In Rotary,  
Robert Taylor

### Special Program Dec 6 featuring Author Tyler Bridges

Don't miss a very special speaker who will be here in Alexandria on Tuesday, Dec. 6 to talk about his two latest books - author and journalist, Tyler Bridges. He will tell about his father's adventures as an aviator during WWII and also about the 1982 football game between Stanford and Cal-Berkley that had a most unusual ending. Tyler will be glad to autograph books after the meeting.



**FIVE LATERALS AND A TROMBONE**

CAL, STANFORD, AND THE  
*Wildest Ending*  
IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HISTORY

TYLER BRIDGES

FOREWORDS BY JOHN ELWAY AND RON RIVERA



## CenLA Leadership Graduation at Rotary

On November 22, our Club hosted the graduates of Leadership CenLA at their weekly lunch. Club member, **Max Lakes**, was one of the graduates (see photo below). Over 160 people attended the meeting where Lt. Governor, Billy Nungesser spoke. The Lt. Governor also provided Louisiana seafood to our Caterer, John Ed Laborde, who prepared a delicious seafood buffet with crab, shrimp, crawfish and catfish. It was another great Tuesday at Rotary!



Patrick C. Moore  
Board Member



Jennifer Nichols  
Board Member



Erin Roes  
Board Member



James William Smilie Jr.  
Board Member



Randall Ponthie  
iPast President

## Rotary Holiday Party

You are invited to our annual Rotary Holiday Party on December 13 from 11:30 am - 1 pm at City Hall. **Scott Laliberte** and his committee have been working hard to make this a great program. We hope you will join us.

As always, our Rotary Holiday Party will celebrate the season as well as inspire service above self and holiday hope. The program will consist of a guest speaker with a great story of service and a performance by the Rapides Symphony Orchestra Quartet to get you into the holiday spirit. You can count on your "collectors edition Rotary Ornament" this year along with a great meal from Panorama Foods to hold you over until you feast with your family and friends this holiday season.

You may bring **one** guest at no charge. Additional guests will be \$25 each. Please let Judy know if you will be there and whether or not you are bringing a guest(s). We will have sign-up sheets at the check-in table.

Many thanks, in advance, to **Scott Laliberte, Glenda Stock Smith, Maggie Martin, Trish Leleux, Kelly Pepper** and **Melinda Anderson** for their hard work and contributions to this event.

The Murray Street Mini Park parking lot will be closed for Winter Fete, so please use the parking on the street or the lot across from the Museum if needed.

We will not meet on December 20 or 27. But we will see you back at Rotary on Tuesday, January 3.

## Events

### December 6th

**Speaker:** Tyler Bridges  
**Subject:** Tyler will discuss his two most recent books - Flight and Five Laterals and a Trombone and give an update on our local elections

**December 13th**  
Annual Holiday Party

**December 17th**  
Doll and Toy Fund Event

No Meeting December 20 or December 27

Happy Holidays! See you on January 3, 2023.

## Sidebar

Many thanks to **Mike Tudor** for setting up our Dec. 6 meeting with author, Tyler Bridges and to **Scott Laliberte** and his committee for the Holiday Party.

## Doll and Toy Event



Our annual Doll and Toy give away will be on Saturday, December 17 at City Hall from 7:30 am until noon. This is our major service project of the year. We need lots of people to help put out toys, act as greeters, help families find toys, give out batteries for toys, help clean up, etc. We like to have 100% participation from our Club for this event. If you can work on that day, please sign up at our regular Tuesday meetings (sheets will be on the tables) or email **Jim Smilie** to let him know you can help - [jwsmilie@gmail.com](mailto:jwsmilie@gmail.com). You can also participate by donating to the Doll and Toy Fund. You can drop-off a check at a regular meeting or mail a check to: Doll and Toy Fund, PO Box 12306, Alexandria, LA 71315. Thank you for helping others in our community.

## Club Meeting

Alexandria  
Meets at Alexandria City  
Hall Convention Center  
[www.alexandriarotary.com](http://www.alexandriarotary.com)  
915 Third St  
Alexandria, LA 71301  
Time: Tuesday at noon

## Rotary Scholarship for International Students



At our October Board Meeting, we voted to donate \$1,000 toward a scholarship to an International Student attending LSUA. Since our Club has developed a relationship with the International Students at LSUA providing them with welcome bags and bedding each year, we felt this was a wonderful way to encourage and support international students attending LSUA. Currently, there are 61 international students from 20 countries attending school at LSUA.

On November 14, **Jennifer Nichols**, International Committee Chair, spoke at the LSUA International Appreciation Week Banquet. In addition, Nichols shared beneficial experiences of studying abroad and improving international relations through service. The Club presented a \$1,000 donation to fund the LSUA International Student Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. Established in 2018 by the LSUA Foundation, the scholarship is awarded to a full-time International student at LSUA and the award is based on merit, including academic achievement, leadership, extracurricular activities, awards and honors, employment, volunteerism and community service. We hope to be able to continue offering this scholarship in the future.

(Pictured are LSUA Chancellor, **Paul Coreil**; **Jennifer Nichols** and LSUA Foundation Chair, **Kelly Pepper**)

## Rotaract Club Forms at LCU

Club member, **Meredith Rennie**, has recently formed a Rotaract Club at Louisiana Christian University. The group met for the first time on November 14 and Club President, **Robert Taylor** spoke and shared information about Rotary and "Service Above Self." We are looking forward to hosting these students at a future meeting to show them first-hand what Rotary is all about.

## New Members



**Will Whisenant** is a graduate of Bolton High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering Technologies and was educated via the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program where he spent time on a submarine. He is currently enrolled in LSU's School of Business for an MBA. He is a Financial Advisor at Oestriecher Financial. Will and his wife, Liesl have one daughter. He is an advocate for personal fitness, a weightlifter, a runner and an avid reader. He also likes to spend time with his family. Will says that Rotary offers a unique opportunity for fellowship and friendship, and an opportunity to develop leadership skills by learning from the area's strongest leaders. Will's sponsor is **Chris Daigrepoint**.

**John Broderick** is the Dean of Academics at CLTCC. He holds a PhD in Psychology and is a graduate of the Leadership CenLA Class of 2022. He and his wife, Michelle have two children, Lily and Kole. He enjoys being with family, writing and is an "ultra-runner." John is dedicated to serving those areas of life that touch the home, community and our great state of

Louisiana. He joined Rotary because he knew it embodied his principled purpose modeled on truth, fairness, friendship and mutual benefit. His sponsor is **Heather Poole**.



## Club Anniversaries

Name	Start Date	Yrs. in Club
Pat Moore	1/1/83	40
Paul Price	12/1/82	40
Sally Foster	1/1/89	34
Sue Bolton	12/20/05	17
Jack Hodges	12/21/06	16
Bill Wallace	1/2/07	16
Shannon Gremillion	12/7/10	12
Kristine Antoon	12/6/16	6
Matt Bruyninckx	1/1/17	6
Andree Leddy	12/6/16	6
Eric Lord	12/6/16	6
Jim Smilie	12/6/16	6
Bill Bond	12/12/17	5
Mary Fowler	12/12/17	5
Eamon Halpin	12/12/17	5
Sheila Hudson	12/12/17	5
Glen Turner	12/11/18	4
Catherine Davidson	12/10/19	3
Gail Wilking	1/1/20	3
Judy Ginsburgh	12/14/20	2
Tammy Magnano	12/1/20 *	2
Grace Semones	12/14/20	2
John Benjamin	1/1/22	1
Arlene Duos	1/1/22	1
Stephen Katz	1/1/22	1

\* some years on another Club

## Birthdays

Larry R. Turner  
December 1st  
Sue Bolton  
December 18th  
Angie M Millies  
December 24th  
Jeffrey Hall  
December 26th  
Nycole Johnson  
December 29th

William E. Hixson  
December 6th  
Shannon James Gremillion  
December 18th  
Angela Chustz  
December 24th  
Amarjit Pillarisetti  
December 28th  
Nicholas Chatelain  
December 30th

William Bridges  
December 11th  
Michael T. Upton  
December 21st  
La Sharron J. Wenslow  
December 25th  
June Johnson Davis  
December 29th