



## Club Leaders



Melinda Anderson  
President



Michael Upton  
President-Elect



Judy Caplan Ginsburgh  
Secretary



Robert Ginsburgh  
Treasurer



Thomas David III  
President-Nominee



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Rotary Foundation Chair



Matthew Bruyninckx  
Board Member



Chris Daigrepoint  
Board Member  
Youth Services Chair



June Johnson Davis  
Board Member



Arlene Duos  
Board Member



Jason Hawk  
Board Member



Angie Johnson  
Board Member



Mikelle Kimsey  
Board Member



Bradley Kirzner  
Board Member



Scott Lucien Laliberte  
Board Member

## President's Message



Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to serving my year as president of this wonderful club! The Rotary theme for 2024/2025 is "The Magic of Rotary". We are going to make some magic happen in our community!

In May, Andy and I had the privilege and honor of attending the Rotary International Convention in Singapore. What a wonderful experience and WOW did we see how far and wide Rotary reaches. Over 15,000 Rotarians attended this convention and it was truly MAGIC. No politics or hidden agendas just the world coming together for one common interest Rotary.

My goal is for our club to continue to increase our outward engagement in our community and for us to be known for our service to our community. We have many worthy causes in our area, and we can help make the magic happen.

Thank you to **Katie Vanderlick** and the entire Board for your service and leadership this past year. I am excited to work with all of you as we continue to serve as Rotarians and make our community a better place.

Let the MAGIC begin!!  
Melinda



## New Rotary Officers and Board

Our Rotary year begins on July 1 of each year and with the new Rotary year comes a new set of officers and board members. Our new President for the 2024-2025 year is **Melinda Anderson**. President Elect is **Mike Upton** and President Nominee is **Thomas David III**. **Judy Ginsburgh** will continue to serve as Secretary and **Bob Ginsburgh** as Treasurer. Our Sergeant at Arms will be **Angie Johnson** and Foundation Chair is **Ed Caplan**.

Board members for the 2024-2025 Rotary year are: **Matt Bruyninckx, Chris Daigrepoint, Arlene Duos, Jason Hawk, Mikell Kimsey, Brad Kirzner, Scott Laliberte, Jennifer Nichols, Michelle Purl, and Larry Turner**.

If you are interested in taking a more active role in our Rotary Club by serving on a committee or being a Board member, please let President, Melinda Anderson know. We usually begin considering new members in the Fall for the next Rotary year.

(Pictured are **Katie Vanderlick** (Past President) receiving her Rotary President's pin from **Melinda Anderson** (President) as the gavel is passed.





**Jennifer Nichols**  
Board Member  
International  
Service Chair



**Michelle Purl**  
Board Member



**Larry Turner**  
Board Member



**Katie Vanderlick**  
iPast President

## Service Above Self



### Events

July 2nd

#### **Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Governor Jeff Landry

**Subject:** Updates on what is happening in the State

July 9th

#### **Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Adrienne Slack

**Subject:** Federal Reserve Update

July 16th

#### **Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Senator Jay Luneau

**Subject:** Senate Update

**Board Meeting** 1 pm,  
Bentley Hotel

July 23rd

#### **Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Mayor Derrick Johnson

**Subject:** Mayor of Cheneyville

July 30th

#### **Alexandria Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Melinda Anderson

**Subject:** Rotary International Convention

Each year, our Rotary Club selects someone from our community as our Service Above Self recipient. This person has gone above and beyond what their job requires to make a difference in our community and a difference to humanity. It is one of the highest honors our club bestows upon a resident of our community. The Service Above Self award was presented to **Michael Jenkins**, an honorary member of our Club.

It has been said, "No other person in these contemporary times has shown the vision and made the personal sacrifices, commitments and investments necessary to keep the city of Alexandria viable and active. The community is benefiting from his many businesses and properties. He has also set the example and been the catalyst to encourage much future growth and development in downtown Alexandria. His unselfish long-term commitment is driven by his sincere desire to improve and build a better community. His efforts go above and beyond any sense of personal gain."

Congratulations, Michael. (Pictured, **Mike Jenkins** receiving the Service Above Self Award surrounded by family and friends).

### Sidebar

Many thanks to **Thomas David III, Ed Caplan** and **June Johnson Davis** for planning our programs in July. If you have an idea for a program, please contact Thomas at [Thomas@paealex.com](mailto:Thomas@paealex.com)

### 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 12:00 PM

## Rotary Scholarship Recipients



Each year, our Rotary Club awards up to three scholarships to high school seniors who will be attending a local college or university. Our Scholarship awards were presented at our meeting on June 11. The recipients are:

Ayla Zeibo graduated from Bolton High School and is attending LSUA to study Accounting.

Faith Williams graduated from Bolton High School and is attending LSUA to study Nursing.

Isabella Rachal graduated from Alexandria Senior High School and is attending LCU to study Exercise Science

(Pictured are **Scott Laliberte**, chair of the Grants Committee, Faith Williams, Isabella Rachal and Club President, Katie Vanderlick)

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## Rotary Grants Awarded



On June 18, we presented checks to local non-profit organizations who received grants from our Club. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Alexandria Museum Of Art  
Food Bank Of Cenla  
Rapides Symphony Orchestra  
YWCA  
Central Louisiana Arts and Healthcare, Inc.  
Community HealthWorx  
Fostering Community  
Inner-city Revitalization  
Glass Act  
River Oaks Art Square

Congratulations to these local organizations.

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## July Programs

We have some great programs coming up in the month of July, and we kick it off on July 2 with Louisiana's Governor, Jeff Landry. We have over 200 people signed up to attend this meeting.

On July 9, we will welcome Adrienne Slack, Vice President of the New Orleans Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Senator, Jay Luneau will give us a Senate Update on July 16. On July 23, we will hear from Derrick Johnson, Mayor of Cheneyville. And, we will end the month on July 30 with a report from our Club President, **Melinda Anderson**, on her experiences at the Rotary International Convention in Singapore.

We hope you will join us for a great line-up of speakers, delicious food and the opportunity to connect with community leaders.

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## Do You Have the Rotary App on Your Phone?



# DACdb Mobile

## 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](http://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:



DACdb Mobile  
Productivity  
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Members and contact information  
Birthdays  
Club Newsletter  
Club Calendar  
and more...

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](mailto:Judy@judymusic.com)

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## New Members



**Byron McGee** is currently the Director of Development and Alumni at Louisiana Christian University (LCU). He was an active member of our club from 1998 to 2019 when he moved to Monroe. We are glad to have him back in our club. His sponsor is **David Jeffreys**.

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## Congratulations, June

**June Johnson Davis** will be serving our District as District Grants Chair for the coming year. It is always exciting when a member of our Club is asked to serve in a District position. Congratulations, June!

We encourage all members of our Club to get more involved in Rotary leadership. There are lots of opportunities to get involved on a Club committee or our Board. And, the District offers opportunities for advanced learning and leadership. If you want to find out more, please reach out to President, **Melinda Anderson** or Secretary, **Judy Ginsburgh**.

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## Club Anniversaries

Name	Start Date	Yrs. in Rotary
Buddy Lipsey	7/1/65 *	63
Lou Bangma	7/15/16 *	56
Charlie Weems	7/1/71	53
Nerine Day	7/1/90	34
Bob Bash	7/15/16 *	30
Chad Norton	7/2/02 *	25
Martin Johnson	7/17/01	23
Jeff Marien	7/8/08	16
Joel Swisher	7/15/14	10
Michelle Purl	7/1/21	3
Keith Adams	7/1/22	2
Chris Daigrepoint	7/1/22	2
Bill Davis	7/1/22	2
Liz Beard	7/10/23	1
Todd McKellar	7/1/23	1
Bill Shafer	7/21/23	1
Jonathan Stokes	7/10/23	1

\* = some time in another Club

## Birthdays

Wayne L Denley

July 1st

Wilbert Paul Fuselier

July 5th

Graham Kramer

July 10th

Mikelle Kimsey

July 14th

Jimmy R. Faircloth Jr.

July 18th

Lee Rubin

July 21st

Mary E. Palmer

July 24th

Connie Cooper

July 24th

Jennifer B. Scott

July 28th

Lana Gail Wilking

July 4th

Rachel E Honeycutt

July 7th

Douglas E. Nelson

July 13th

Eamon Halpin

July 16th

Elizabeth Beard

July 19th

Michael H Davis

July 21st

Deborah Randolph

July 24th

William Foster Bond

July 24th

Zebulon Winstead

July 28th

Thomas C. David Jr.

July 4th

Kelly Pepper

July 10th

Judy Caplan Ginsburgh

July 14th

Patrick R Cunningham

July 18th

Dallas Long Hixson Jr.

July 21st

Kody Walker

July 23rd

Gregory B. O'Quin

July 24th

Phillip Dwayne Harper

July 26th