

# Rotary



## Club of South Shreveport

### Club Meeting

South Shreveport  
Meets at Copeland's Restaurant  
1665 E. Bert Kouns Industrial  
Loop  
Shreveport, LA, LA 71106  
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

### Club Leaders



Rashida Dawson  
IPast President  
President



Whitney Weeks  
President-Elect



Judy R. Bellew  
Secretary



Michele Ball  
Treasurer



James Robert Molloy  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Philip M. Moon  
Membership Chair



Brigitte Rose  
Sergeant-at-Arms



John L. Albritton  
Club Program Chair

### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

### Club Member Anniversaries

Whitney Weeks  
05-06-2022  
2 Years

## Shreveport Opera XPress (SOX) Our Program for May 3, 2024



The Shreveport Opera XPress, a Resident Artist Program, allows professional singers and pianists the opportunity to receive training within a professional opera company. Each season, the Resident Artists (consisting of four singers and one pianist) perform and/or cover leading, supporting, comprimario and ensemble roles in main stage productions.

Perhaps the most important part of the program is the artists' interaction with the community by featuring programs for schools, senior centers and other groups.

The 2023-2024 artists are:

**Taylor See** - soprano; hometown Las Vegas, NV; bachelor's and master's degrees in Vocal Music from San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

**Miriam Mouawad** - mezzo-soprano; hometown Zahle, Lebanon; recent graduate of University of Houston with master of Music in Vocal Performance.

**Nathan Schafer** - tenor: has performed with prominent opera houses such as The Dallas Opera, Central City Opera, Tulsa Opera and Fort Worth Opera.

**Logan Dell'Acqua** - baritone, hometown Traverse City, Michigan; Master of Vocal Music from University of Michigan.

**Ah Young Kim** - home country: South Korea; Master's degree in Piano Performance from Indiana University and Doctor of Musical Arts from University of North Texas. She has participated in the SOX program for several years.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Friday, May 10 - Lori Moore, Ronald McDonald House - our check presentation!**

**Saturday, May 11 - RLI in Monroe**

**Friday, May 17 - Dr. Robert Smith, LSUS new Chancellor**

**Saturday, May 18 - District Assembly on Zoom - see Judy for registration**

**Friday, May 24 - NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**Friday, May 31 - Dr. Tim Vines, LSUS**

**Do you have a program idea for us? Give the suggestion to John Albritton!**

## Rotary Leadership Institute



**LAST RLI OF THIS ROTARY YEAR!!**

### **WHEN & WHERE?**

Saturday, May 11th  
8:00 – 3:00 PM  
Ouachita Senior Center  
2407 Ferrand St., Monroe, LA 71201

### **WHAT ELSE?**

Parts 1, 2, & 3 are offered.  
Each part needs at least 10 participants for it to be really great.  
A light breakfast & a good lunch are provided. (Last RLI event's lunch was bleh. We will do better.)

### **HOW MUCH?**

The fee is \$60 per Part. Our Rotary District pays for its members to attend RLI Part 1. *PLEASE, DO NOT PAY FOR PART 1. CHECK THE "PAY BY CHECK" OPTION.* For Parts 2 & 3, check with your club to see if it will pay the fee. If not, pony up. It's worth it.

### **SIGN ME UP!**

Click this link to register: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77737787>

**Registration closes on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

**Click "Reply" if you have some questions.**

### **CLUELESS ABOUT ALL THIS?**

**What** - RLI stands for Rotary Leadership Institute. It is a three-part program. The parts are taken sequentially and are offered concurrently at an RLI event. So, you take part one before part 2, and so on. Since each part is six hours long, it takes someone three RLI events to "graduate" from RLI.

**Why** - We can do amazing things in our communities and our world. From providing books for children to fighting disease and human trafficking, we make a difference. The great ideas and work of Rotary starts in clubs. RLI provides information about Rotary, leadership training for club members, and the ability to connect folks from many clubs with each other to generate ideas and share best practices.

## Common Ground Community, 6806 Southern Ave.

We had fun packing more goody bags for the students at Atkins School last Friday. Lisa Cronin with Common Ground had a well organized assembly line set up for us after we enjoyed sandwiches from Jason's Deli. Here are some of the pics. Students at Atkins School are in pre-K through 5th grade.

We'll have another opportunity to serve with our grant with our district grant money when we provide a breakfast for teachers and staff before school ends.



