



**Keynote**

**Finding Fun In A Cave**



*Brad Graff*

A lifelong resident of Shreveport, **Brad Graff** graduated from Southwood High School. He then attended Louisiana Tech and graduated with a BS in civil engineering (cum laude). He later received his MS in engineering management from Tech.

He first worked as a draftsman while still in high school. He has been employed at Cothren Graff Smoak Engineering, Inc. for 43 years and now serves as the senior principal. He serves on the Board of Governors of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana for 11 years in capacities from chapter president to national director.

Brad met his wife Sally while he was teaching scuba diving. They married in an underwater ceremony at the Christ of the Deep statue in Key Largo, Florida.

They have 2 daughters and five grandchildren.

He has been an active member of the Krewe of Gemini since 1998 where he has served as Duke, King and Captain. His hobbies include travel, fishing and, of course, scuba diving. Brad is also an instrument rated pilot.

After receiving various diving certifications over the years, Brad fell to the allure of cave diving and became certified in basic cave diving in 2002.

He also has conducted several underwater engineering inspections, including a local casino river boat and the Shreveport Amiss Plant water intake structure. Since his start in diving, Brad has logged over 1,000 open water dives and more than 120 cave dives.



**Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon**

**12:13 p.m.  
Historical Start**

**Municipal  
Auditorium**

**Rotarians  
Serving Others**

*John Money  
Tuggle Table*

*Charles Raffle  
Henington*

*Garrett Scanner-  
Hill Greeter-4Way  
Test*

*Tom Invocation  
Arceneaux Inspiration*

*Need A  
Volunteer*

*And Music  
Kermit  
Poling*

**TUESDAY'S MEETING—MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM  
SEE PAGE 2 FOR ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT!**



**WHO:** City of Shreveport & Rotary Club of Shreveport

**WHAT:** Donation Ceremony for new Centennial Umbrella installation in RiverView Park

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 17, 10:45 a.m.

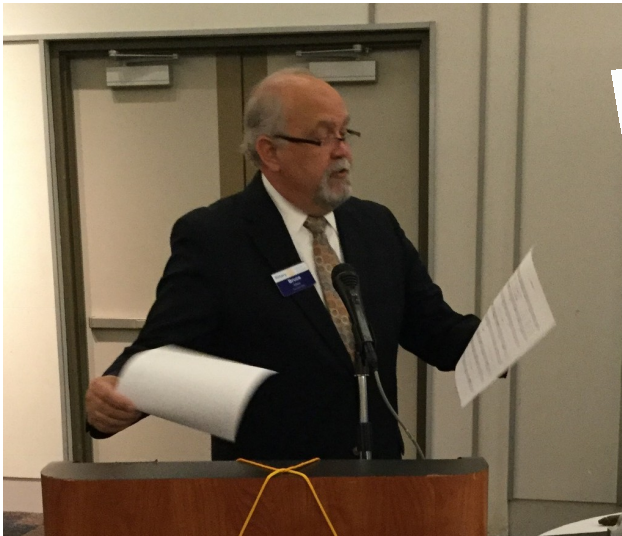
**WHERE:** RiverView Park, Downtown Shreveport Riverfront

*In support of the City of Shreveport's downtown beautification initiatives, Rotary Club of Shreveport is donating a trio of umbrellas, 11-foot tall and 17-foot in diameter, for use in RiverView Park by the general public.*

*The umbrellas and a bronze plaque permanently displayed on a nearby column in the Park are a permanent installation and visually stunning addition to RiverView Park, commemorating Rotary Club of Shreveport's more than 100 years in downtown Shreveport. The Club was established and chartered with the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1914.*

*Shreveport Mayor Ollie Tyler will accept the donation on behalf of the Shreveport Community. Rotarians Francesca Benten Moreland and Mark Snow from Rotary Club of Shreveport will be available for questions.*





You just never know what's going to happen at Rotary. Bruce Willson led us in the Goober Peas song on Tuesday. Really?



We had a great program last Tuesday when students from Songbook South performed for us. What a wonderful group of talented young people. Arianne Graves, daughter of Rotarian Jim Graves, is fifth from the left.

### Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
<b>April</b>			
Thu Apr 17, 18	10:45A	Umbrella Dedication	Riverfront Plaza at water feature
Tue Apr 17, 18	12:13P	Program - Finding Fun in a Cave	VENUE CHANGE - Municipal Auditorium
Tue Apr 17, 18	01:00P	By-Laws Committee	Municipal Auditorium
Tue Apr 17, 18	05:00P	Food Bank Service Project	Food Bank, Texas Ave., Shreveport, LA
Thu Apr 19, 18	03:30P	BPCC Rotaract Meeting	BPCC campus Building F, Room 220
Tue Apr 24, 18	12:13P	Program - CADA, civic grant recipient	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
<b>May</b>			
Tue May 01, 18	12:13P	Program - The Audubon Society	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
Tue May 01, 18	01:15P	Board Meeting	Room 209, Shreveport Convention Center
Thu May 03, 18	04:45P	Rescue Mission Service Project	Rescue Mission, McNeil St., Shreveport
Tue May 08, 18	12:13P	Program - The Plane Crash of 1954	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
Tue May 08, 18	01:00P	Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation Board Meeting	Room 209, Shreveport Convention Center
Thu May 10, 18	04:45P	Rescue Mission Service Project	McNeil St., Shreveport, LA
Tue May 15, 18	12:13P	Program - Cyber Security Protection	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
Tue May 15, 18	05:00P	Food Bank Service Project	Food Bank, Texas Ave., Shreveport, LA
Sat May 19, 18	08:00A	District 6190 ASSEMBLY (see Judy for registration)	BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE Buildings G & F
Tue May 22, 18	12:13P	Program - Food Bank, civic grant recipient	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
Tue May 29, 18	12:13P	Program - Civic grant presentations	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
Tue May 29, 18	01:00P	Big Project Presentations to Committee	Room 209, SCC
<b>June</b>			
Tue Jun 05, 18	12:13P	Program - Big Project presentations	VENUE CHANGE - Municipal Auditorium
Thu Jun 07, 18	04:45P	Rescue Mission Service Project	Rescue Mission, McNeil St., Shreveport
Tue Jun 12, 18	10:00A	Rotarians 4 Life blood drive	Room 209, SCC
Tue Jun 12, 18	12:13P	Program - Re-entry Initiatives	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
Thu Jun 14, 18	04:45P	Rescue Mission Service Project	McNeil St., Shreveport, LA
Tue Jun 19, 18	12:13P	Program - Red Badge Graduation	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center
Tue Jun 19, 18	05:00P	Food Bank Service Project	Food Bank, Texas Ave., Shreveport, LA
Sat Jun 23, 18 thru Wed Jun 27, 18	09:00A	Rotary International Convention	Toronto, Canada
Sun Jun 24, 18 thru Sat Jun 30, 18	03:00P	Camp RYLA	Outdoor Wilderness Learning (OWL) Center Dubach, Louisiana
Tue Jun 26, 18	12:13P	Program - Northwest LA Veteran Cemetary	Rooms 206-208, Shreveport Convention Center



### **Food Bank “Pack the Senior Boxes” - April 17th**

Show up any time around 5:00 p.m. at the Food Bank location on Texas Ave. to pack senior citizen boxes. It takes only 30-45 minutes and is great fun to do this with our own Rotarians as well as Rotarians from other clubs.

This is a great project to introduce your children/grandchildren to community service!

### **Rescue Mission “May Supper Service Dates”**

Always 1st and 2nd Thursdays of each month (May 3rd and May 10th)

4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

April dates are already filled

Limited spots—contact [Zelda Tucker](#) or [Judy Bellew](#) to get on the rotation list



*With  
Sympathy*

Our condolences go to two Rotary families:

Delbert Chumley’s sister Bette June Chumley Southerland passed away on April 6, 2018. Graveside services were April 11, 2018.

Former Rotarian Chris Demopoulos, father of Rotarian Paul Demopoulos, died several days ago. His services will be Monday, April 16, 2018.



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Call Judy Bellew if you have any questions about the club.

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### Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Robert McGowen

*Thanks for donating to TRF—this goes toward your next PHF*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Lionel Eltis

Andy Shehee's hen eggs—Clint Bartlett

### Program on April 24, 2018

**CADA**

**Bill Rose**

**Civic Grant Recipient,**

**2016-2017**

**Rooms 206-208**

**Convention Center**

