



# Rotaripost

12:00 NOON  
ZOOM  
Meeting  
June 2, 2020

**Keynote**

## Civic Grants

### Show Off Your Favorite Pet—Theme For Tuesday’s Zoom Meeting

For many years our club has been awarding civic grants to local non-profit organizations to assist with a particular project that they have. This year our grant committee began soliciting grant applications in December 2019.

The results of our committee’s selection were announced several weeks ago. \$22,800 was available for the awards this year.

These awards are funded through our dues structure with assistance from the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation, our 501 (c)(3) organization. We received a total of 25 grant applications for a total request of \$99,346.00.

The top ranked applicants and their awards are these:

\$5,000—The Arc of Caddo Bossier GREAT Program

\$4,000—David Raines Community Health Center

\$4,000—Heart of Hope

\$4,000—Sci-Port Discovery Center

\$4,000—Community Renewal

Receiving \$300 speaker honorariums are these organizations: Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission, Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana, United Way of Northwest Louisiana, Girls on the Run-Shreveport, AMIKids Caddo and Renzi Education and Arts Center.

Thanks to our committee members: Mike Ferrell (chair), Doug Bland, Jerry Boughton, Rich Brontoli, Kristen Brown, Lawrence Calhoun, Merritt Chastain, Charles Grubb, Miles Hitchcock, Chris Holoman, Milton Hutchinson, Charlotte Jones, Greg Lott, Renee Petree, Darrell Rebouche, Elton Richey, Gil Shanley, Graham Thompson and Merrill Wautlet.

Since 1999, our club has invested \$328,443 in civil grants supporting our local non-profit partners.



**Tuesday,  
Noon**

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

**Shreveport  
Convention  
Center**

### Club Officers (Executive Board)

*Richard Brontoli*      *President*

*Laurie Boswell*      *President-Elect*

*Lawrence Calhoun*      *Vice-President*

*David Cromwell*      *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Joe Littlejohn*      *Immediate Past President*

## Birthdays

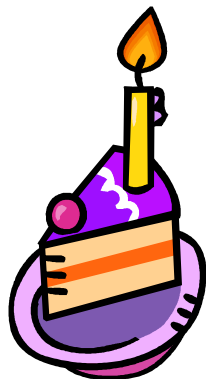
\* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

◆ Major Donor

June 6	Kathy French*
June 10	Tim Magner
June 11	A.J. Maranto
June 12	Dick Bremer, Carlton Golden*
June 13	Margaret Wallace*
June 14	Taylor Brown*
June 15	Kim Green*
June 19	Wade Sample*
June 20	K.C.Kilpatrick
June 21	Charlotte Jones*
June 22	Terry Moore
June 23	Peyton LaBorde*, Sherwood Bailey, Sid Potts*+, Willie White*
June 24	Charlotta Nordyke*+, Francesca Moreland*+
June 25	Emily Mott
June 26	Laura Hargis*
June 27	Stacy Brown
June 29	Robert Smith*

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## Messages from President Rich Brontoli

Our Rotary District 6190 is giving away 3 additional grants, to be used for club projects in our local communities. The club with the largest per capita dollar increase from 5/22 until the end of June will get a \$3000 grant, second largest dollar increase will get a \$2000 grant and third largest dollar increase will get a \$1000 grant.

To encourage our members to donate the District has 30,000 points available to match one point for each new dollar members give to the Rotary Foundation between 5/22 and June 19, up to a maximum of 500 points per member.

This can make a new Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) for \$500 or if you are close to your first PHF or looking to get to the next level, get there twice as fast. This offer is only good until June 19<sup>th</sup>, so we can get credit for this Rotary year.

Our Shreveport Club will also use our points; EXAMPLE: If a member, who between now and June 19, donates \$335, we will match that with 330 club points, district will match with 335 points and you get a PHF or a level up.

We will take any amount and match it, i.e. - you give \$100, Club gives 100 and District 100.

You must send a check to Judy before June 19, payable to "The Rotary Foundation".  
If you are Interested in this match contact Judy for details; [shreveportrotary@gmail.com](mailto:shreveportrotary@gmail.com), Cell: (318) 294-8385.

**EVERY DOLLAR HELPS NO MATTER HOW SMALL!**

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### **Return to Shreveport Convention Center and our face-to-face meetings**

We remain in touch with Erika Wysong, the general manager of the Shreveport Convention Center. There has been no date set for our return to the Convention Center. We are all awaiting Governor Edwards announcement next week along with the guidelines.

Rest assured that we are all anxious to return to normalcy but we plan to do it safely. Please contact President Rich or Judy Bellew if you have questions.

## A Rotarian You Should Know: Tricia Grayson

Rotarian since 2016 plus 6 years in West Shreveport (now Red River) Rotary

**Profession:** Director of Marketing & Communications at [AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana](#); owner of Grayson Communications, LLC.

**Background/Education:** Caddo Magnet High School; B.A. public relations LSUS; Accreditation in Public Relations (APR).

**Hobbies:** Avid trail runner, cyclist and outdoor recreation advocate; I completed my first ultra trail marathon (26+ miles) in 2019 and will soon be training for a fall 50K.

**Something We Probably Don't Know:** I was a news reporter for several years before moving into PR. My first—and probably favorite—job was at historic KWKH Radio.

**COVID-19 Activities:** I was already a teleworker prior to COVID, so I've been very fortunate to continue working from home. It's been challenging to juggle an increased work load with having both kids at home. My son just graduated from Parkway High School and missed out on the last few months of his senior year. But, we've been grateful for our health and the opportunity for quality time together.

*(From Left counter-clockwise)*

*-Tricia and family*

*-Tricia ready to ride*

*-Tricia as a youngster*

*-Tricia as an elegant woman*

*-Tricia in the snow.*



## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Jennifer Elliott

Rotarian since 2019

**Profession:** North Louisiana Market President and Commercial Relationship Manager for [Capital One Bank](#).

**Background:** Native of Natchitoches; graduate of Northwestern State University with business/finance degree.

**Hobbies:** Spending time on the lake, watching baseball, watching movies and spending time with family.

**Some Things You Probably Don't Know:** I've raised two left handed baseball players (Taylor and Trevor). Jennifer is also a southpaw! Both sons are pitchers—Taylor played in the minor league for the Mets and is now coaching at Centenary while Trevor is playing baseball for LSU (well, hopefully once the world starts playing baseball again!). Lovable and smart family pet is Harvey, a retired bomb dog that worked for the BCFD where my husband (a District Chief) was his handler. I also care for my 85 year old dad who lives alone after my mother passed away— I buy his groceries, cook meals and visit him daily.

**COVID-19 Activities:** Working from home and constantly using Zoom; also having fun playing cards, bocce ball and board games; going out in the boat in the evenings and camping on Mount Magazine in Arkansas.

*(Clockwise from top right)*

*-Harvey, our retired bomb dog*

*-Jennifer with sons Taylor and Trevor*

*- Parasailing with son Taylor in Hawaii*

*-Jennifer and husband Dwayne at Christmas in the Sky*





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

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### Zoom Meeting Attendance

April 7, 2020—68 Attending  
April 14, 2020—64 Attending  
April 21, 2020—59 Attending  
April 28, 2020—71 Attending  
May 5, 2020—61 Attending  
May 12, 2020—56 Attending  
May 19, 2020—67 Attending  
May 26, 2020—59 attending

We enjoy having guests, Rotarians from  
local clubs as well as Texas and Missis-  
sippi clubs!

### Upcoming Programs

June 9, 2020

United Way

Financial Empowerment Center

**ZOOM On-Line Meeting**

### Throw Back Tuesday Contest

*Thanks to Andy Shehee (well, his chickens) and  
to Rose-Neath Florist for the prizes!*

The Mystery Rotarian pictured in last week's Rotaripost  
was **Kathy French!** Here are the winners of the quick-  
est correct answers emailed to

[shreveportrotary@gmail.com](mailto:shreveportrotary@gmail.com):

1st place: Francesca Moreland  
(\$50 Rose-Neath gift certificate)

2nd place: George Nelson, Jr.  
(wins 30 count egg carton)

3rd place: Graham Thompson  
(wins 12 count egg carton)

Email answer to [shreveportrotary@gmail.com](mailto:shreveportrotary@gmail.com)

The person in the picture is not eligible, of course.

Andy will either deliver the eggs to you or he can make  
arrangements for you to pick them up at Rose-Neath.

The Mystery Rotarian and the three winners will be iden-  
tified in the Rotaripost the following week



**Who is the Rotarian circled in red? Hurry with the  
answer!**