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April 12, 2022

Keynote

U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy



Dr. Bill Cassidy grew up in Baton Rouge and attended LSU for undergraduate and medical school. In 1990 he joined LSU Medical School teaching medical students and residents at Earl K. Long Hospital, a hospital for the uninsured.

During this time, he co-founded the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic, a clinic providing free dental and health care to the working uninsued. He also created a private-public partnership to vaccinate 36,000 greater Baton rouge area children against Hepatitis B at no cost to the schools or parents. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Cassidy led a group of health care volunteers to convert an

abandoned K-Mart building into an emergency health care facility, proving basic health care to hurricane evacuees.

In 2006, Cassidy was elected to the Louisiana State Senate. In 2008, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent the State's 6th Congressional District.

In 2014, he was elected to the U.S. Senate. He serves on the Finance Committee, the Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Veterans Affairs committees. He was reelected in 2020 to his second term in the U.S. Senate.

Bill is married to Dr. Laura Cassidy and they have three children. Laura is a retired general surgeon specializing in breast cancer. Bill, Laura and their family reside in Baton Rouge and attend church at the Chapel on the Campus.



Tuesday, 12:00 Noon

Historical Start 12:13 p.m. In-Person at Hilton Hotel Restaurant & Zoom On-Line Option

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Invocation	Robert McGowen
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Greeter -	Scott
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1—Laurie Boswell and Melissa Ricou sign up volunteers for the Angel Run. Rotarians will work a water station in Greg Lott's yard (see page 5).

2—Chris Holoman with his two guests: Karen Soul and Latoya Pierce.

3—District Governor Karen Johnson issues the challenge during the Mudbugs game on April 16th (see page 4).

4—Kathy French introduced her two guests: Henry Burns and Randy Brown.

5—David Brainis shows the autographed baseball he won in the auction along with the dozen red roses his wife sent to him at Rotary to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.





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Returning Club Members

Two prior Rotarians in our club returned to membership last Tuesday and were welcomed back. Gard Wayt is the proposer for both members.

Steve Ferris is a third generation Shreveport native. While he was in high school, he began working for his dad Joe Ferris in the family business Ferris Office Furnishings. He and wife Lynn now own Ferris Office Smart LLC and moved the business from its long standing location on Milam St. to a more convenient location at 8855 Quimper Place near the automall in south Shreveport. Ferris Office Smart LLC supplies our community with office furniture, equipment and supplies.

Steve enjoys boating and fishing, is active in the Yacht Club, Holiday in Dixie and the Cotillion. He and Lynn attend St. Jude Catholic Church.

Steve was a member of our club from 2005 to 2012.



From left: Gard Wayt, Jack Sharp, Steve Ferris and President Lawrence Calhoun.

Jack Sharp has been involved in the non-profit arena during most of his professional life. He just recently was selected as the Executive Director of the Committee of 100. For 18 years, he was President/CEO of Biomedical Research Foundation. After he retired from BRF, he was a private consultant for several years for several organizations. He was a co-founder of the Robotics program at Southwood High School.

Jack and Carol have been married for 53 years and attend First United Methodist Church. He enjoys golf and yard work.

Jack was a member of out club from 1987 to 2018. He then retired and moved his membership to the Rotary Club of South Shreveport. He is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and Major Donor (level 1). He was our District's stewardship chair for a number of years.

Rotary



Appreciation Night at the Mudbugs Rotarians + Family + Friends

thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you

Saturday, April 16th 7:11 PM

No One Appreciates the Community like Rotary, so... We'd like to thank YOU; past, present, & future Rotarians with a night of appreciation and FUN!

Your \$15 ticket includes:

- A pre-game skate
- A game ticket
- A hamburger/hot dog tailgate
- * \$5 from every coded ticket goes back to Rotary

to purchase tickets visit <u>tickets.georgespond34.com</u> use code: <u>rotary</u> in the promo code box to receive the Rotary deal!

What a Deal!

District Governor Karen Johnson reported that if you attend the Mudbug event and bring a check payable to The Rotary Foundation to donate to the Polio Plus fund the District will match foundation points to your donation. You will receive Paul Harris credit for your donation <u>and</u> the points.

Congratulations!

Rotarian **Dinero Washington** has been named Chair of the Board of Directors for the South West Transit Association (SWTA). This Board includes representatives from all 8 states of the SWTA region. Led by Dinero, SporTran was selected as Region 6 "Transit System of the Year" in 2020 at the annual SWTA conference.

During Dinero's 8 year tenure with SportTran, the organization has built a new Intermodal terminal, upgraded internal and user technology, introduced SporTran OnDemand service, eliminated the cost of ridership via their "Zero Fare" program, and much more.



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Rotary Foundation Two Match Challenges

A few weeks ago we announced that we will have a match program that will run from now until <u>June 15th</u>. For every dollar donated to The Rotary Foundation we will match 1 recognition point to each \$1 in donation. So, for your \$500 the club will match 500 to that and you will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship or a PHF level up. The maximum match will be 500 and the campaign will continue until we exhaust 10,000 points.

The District match of 1 recognition point for every \$1.00 will expire on <u>April 15th</u>!! See the Mudbug game challenge that is good for only Rotarians who attend the Mudbugs game on Rotary Day April 16th. Run with the Angels! April 23, 2022 21st Annual David Rice Memorial ANGEL RUN & WALK

RACE DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START ON CAMPUS OF HOLY ANGELS AFTER PARTY UNTIL 11:30 A.M. PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE HOLY ANGELS CAMPUS WITH OVERFLOW PARKING AND SHUTTLE FROM ELLERBE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH.

To Volunteer: go to www.laholyangels.org

Click on Events, Angel Run & Walk 5K, Volunteer and sign up!

Please list that you are a Rotarian and indicate if you want to volunteer at the water station in front of Greg Lott's house (located on the race route) or if you would prefer to volunteer on campus.

On-Line Auction Results

Our recent on-line auction yielded <u>\$5,557</u> for our Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation. Proceeds from this auction will be used to support our annual civic grant projects and our scholarships that are awarded annually.

Thanks to our sponsors: Doug Bland Insurance Agency, Ron and Ann Stokes and Bill Walker of Walker-Alley & Associates, LLC.

Special thanks to our co-chairs of this event: Scott Wysong and Chris Stokes.



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Steve Aiken Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—Dianne Clark Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens: James Blewett, Deb Poore & Dianne Clark

Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program April 19, 2022

> Dr. Lamar Goree Caddo Parish School Superintendent

More Congratulations!



Rotarian **Jeffery Brasher** has been appointed to the advisory board of the LSUS Institute for Nonprofit Administration & Research (INAR). This Institute was established in 2001 to conduct research and disseminate knowledge about nonprofit organizations and social research. The INAR offers nonprofit education programs, professional development seminars and quality research and statistical analysis to clients.

Watch last week's video at this link!

