



# Rotaripost

12:00 NOON  
ZOOM  
Meeting  
April 21,  
2020

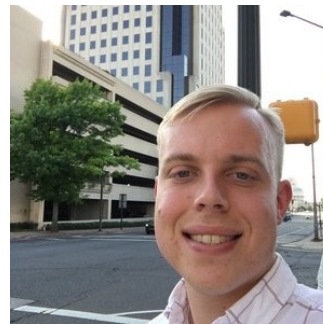
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## Re:Form Shreveport

### Mask Theme For Tuesday's Zoom Meeting Wear Your Favorite COVID-19 Mask

Since its founding in 1836, Shreveport's built environment has been formed by a variety of economic and social forces. Built environments are the physical structures—buildings, roads, public spaces and service infrastructure that provide the foundation on which our city's business and social interactions stand. Today, the built environment in our community is in need of re-forming to suit the needs of a 21st century economy and to create a fiscally sustainable and prosperous city.

**Tim Wright** is the director and founder of Re:Form Shreveport. He is a civil engineer and downtown enthusiast, passionate about connecting people who see Shreveport's potential. He enjoys a good bike ride, cocktail, coffee or conversation.



*Tim Wright*

Moving from Dallas just a few short years ago, he was pleasantly surprised to enjoy every minute of our smaller city and the tight connections running through the people. He became involved through writing and exploring and sharing ideas about what works for cities and learn how to apply them to Shreveport.



Re:Form Shreveport exists to bring people together in conversations and action to find and implement solutions to improve Shreveport's built environment. We do this by instigating dialogue and providing real world exercises in the community to illustrate the methods of meaningful communication between all stakeholders of land use (everybody).

Another founding member **Chris Lyon** will also be with us. He is a film producer living in Shreveport and works with the Prize Foundation on the Louisiana Film, Music, Food and Startup Prizes. Other founding members of the Re:Form Shreveport Team are LeVette Fuller and Luke Lee.



*Chris Lyon*

**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*

## New Member

Last Tuesday our newest member has the distinction of being the first member to ever be introduced to our club through video conferencing!

**Shannon Floyd** is a native of Shreveport. She graduated from Capt. Shreve High School and continued her education at LSU Shreveport. She graduated from LSU-S with a bachelor's degree in business and was a member of the ZTA sorority.

After college, Shannon pursued a career in advertising and communications. Most of her career has been based in Nashville, TN. For many years, she worked in advertising for Gannett newspapers, including the Tennessean, the Nashville daily newspaper. She also has had advertising responsibilities for national organizations, including National Public Radio and Clear Channel. Currently, Shannon is the Digital Director for The Smith Group Advertising Agency, where she prepares comprehensive advertising and communication programs primarily for companies in the automotive and furniture businesses.

After some 23 years away from Shreveport, she has returned to our city. Shannon is looking forward to becoming involved with various community activities, such as her assisting with adult education for those with literacy challenges at Literacy Volunteers at Centenary College.

She is also the proud new mom to Jack, a 12 week old goldendoodle. Shannon is excited to become an active member of our club. She has already volunteered with our Rotary group at the Food Bank prior to COVID-19 mandates. Shannon and Curtis Joseph attended Capt. Shreve together and were glad to get re-acquainted. She will be the co-chair of our Interact Committee as she works with Curtis who is chairing that committee.

Shannon's sponsor is Curtis Joseph and her classification is Advertising & Public Relations.



## Next Tuesday's Theme Creative COVID-19 Masks!

Does anyone know where Robert McGowen got the item for his mask?

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL PROCESS

### SATISFY MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

From Constitution of the Rotary Club of Shreveport, Louisiana, Article VI, Section 3, "Adult persons of good character and good business and professional reputation, (a) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession, or (b) hold an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority, or (c) having retired from any position listed in (a) or (b) ...

### INVITE TO A MEETING (first guest meeting is free for qualified potential new member)

By attending a meeting, the potential new member will have a better understanding of our club, what we do and the obligations.

### SUBMIT PROPOSAL (Obtain from Executive Director)

Send completed proposal form to Rotary office or give to Executive Director.

### CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE APPROVES

Classification Committee reviews proposal for qualification for membership. If approved, committee determines proposed member's classification and submits to the Board for final approval.

### ROTARY BOARD APPROVES

Proposals are submitted to the Board via email for email vote that is ratified at monthly Board meeting.

### PUBLISHED IN ROTARIPOST

The name of the proposed member and proposed classification is published to the club members in the Rotaripost.

### PAYMENT OF INITIATION FEE AND DUES

If no written objection is received by the Board of Directors within 7 days following publication, the proposed new member and proposer are notified and an invoice for appropriate fees is issued.

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SESSION

Upon payment of fees, a date is selected for an orientation and introduction to the club. The new member attends an indoctrination with a Past President prior to introduction.

## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Willard “Billy” Washburne, M.D.

Rotarian since 1981

**Profession:** Retired physician, board certified Allergist-Immunologist.

**Fun Fact:** Won a jitterbug dance contest with his future wife Frances, now married 50+ years.

**Things You May Not Know:** Grew up in Delhi (same small town as Juan Watkins), played football, basketball, baseball and track and was a drummer in the school band (in a small school, you got to do everything!).

**Education:** B.S. in Pharmacy from ULM, then entered the first class of the LSU School of Medicine and obtained my M.D. degree.

**Hobbies:** Walking, gardening, reading, LSU football, fishing and taking cruises (Mediterranean, Alaska, Danube River, Disney cruises with grandchildren).



**COVID-19 Activities:** Following the guidelines by wearing my mask, helping around the house including cooking, big outing is going to the grocery store.

**Most Memorable Rotary Experience:** Receiving my Paul Harris Fellowship.



## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Juan Watkins, M.D.

Rotarian since 1970

**Profession:** Retired physician, board certified otolaryngology.

**Background:** Grew up in Delhi (same town as Billy Washburne); dad owned a restaurant and I worked there as part of my chores; played football in high school on state champion team; was an Eagle Scout.

**Education:** Attended Centenary College living in Rotary Hall; roomed with Wishy Nolan (also one of our Rotarians) for a year.

**Uncle Sam Came Knocking:** While in ENT residency program at the old Confederate Hospital was drafted into the Army during height of Vietnam War; completed residency and served as ENT physician at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, GA; no base housing was available so Bonnie and I stayed in an Alamo Plaza Motel with 4 children for the duration. After discharge, returned to Shreveport and joined private practice with Drs. Pou and Quinn.

**Something You Probably Don't Know:** First ambition was to be a minister; Bonnie and I were Centenary Lady and Centenary Gent together; Bonnie asked me out on our first date and we went to a Sadie Hawkins dance; during medical school I worked for two summers as roustabout on offshore rigs and would have to hitchhike home to see Bonnie and children; have 5 children, 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

**Rotary Memories:** Attended the Rotary International Convention in 2000 in Buenos Aires, Argentina; club president in 2000-2001; chartered the River-Bend Rotary Club during my presidency.



## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Akmal Mikhail, M.D.

Rotarian since 2020

**Profession:** Staff Anesthesiologist at the VA Hospital, assistant professor at LSUHSC.

**Background:** Born in Fayoum, Egypt (small town 60 miles south of the Great Pyramids); I'm of the Coptic (Egyptian Christian) faith.

**Education:** Pre-med studies at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon; developed a real interest in moving to America as I spent 4 years studying and interacting with American students and professors; immigrated to the U.S. and continued medical training at multiple great medical institutions including the Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Multiple medical missions in Central America, Africa and Southeast Asia as part of Doctors Without Borders, Orbis International and Cure International; was on the Emergency Relief Medical Team to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake.

**Hobbies:** Traveling the world; international soccer (favorite team-Liverpool), scuba diving, table tennis and riding my motorcycle.

**Highlights:** I was on our varsity's soccer team and one day I played on the same field with the best player to ever play the game (Brazilian soccer player Pelé).

**Rotary connection:** My brother is an active Rotarian in his club in Nasr City, Egypt serving as president of his club and attending Rotary international conventions. He's encouraged me for years to join Rotary—my first American Rotary connection was when I met several local Rotarians who were volunteering at the Red River Clean-up last November.



## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Leslie H. Quinn

Rotarian since 2000 (plus 6 years in Monroe club)

**Profession:** Retired March 31, 2020 as Director of Constituent Services and Special Projects for Congressman Mike Johnson; served as Community Liaison from U.S. Senator David Vitter from 2007-2016.

**Background/Education:** Born and spent most of youth in Ringgold; ancestors were first settlers in Bienville Parish; graduated Valedictorian, was a majorette and voted Most Likely to Succeed and Most Intellectual; graduated Magna Cum Laude from ULM and MBA from LSU-S.

**Things You Might Not Know:** Met husband Tim in the 7th grade; I was a reporter, anchor and producer for KTAL News; freelance writer for various publications; as a member of the Young Republicans Club at NLU, I met Ronald Reagan when he was campaigning for president—still have his autograph on my yearbook appointment card.

**Hobbies:** Have been a member of a monthly book club for 15 years, taking barre classes and traveling in Europe with Tim.

**COVID-19 Activities:** Trying to figure out this retirement thing which was planned way before COVID-19; volunteering at Common Ground (Lisa Cronin and I were high school friends and suitemates all through college, she was in my wedding party); reading; binge-watching British murder mysteries; working crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

(Left) At Washington Mardi Gras in 2019.



(Top Right) Leslie and Tim in Canada





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questions about the club.

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## Upcoming Programs

**April 28, 2020**

**Col. Robert Hilliard, US Army  
Corps of Engineers**

**ZOOM On-Line Meetings**

**If you have a suggestion for a program with a presenter you would like to see on Zoom, let Jesse Gilmore know.**

**This is a great opportunity to have presenters from out of our area who can join us on Tuesdays without the need for travel!**

## Masks Are Coming!

Through a grant our Rotary District has purchased 5000+ masks for distribution throughout our District. These are NOT the N95 masks but they are the 3 ply type typically used by surgeons. President Richard Brontoli has been coordinating the distribution of these masks to meet the needs identified by all of our local Rotary clubs.

Next week we will be able to identify how these masks were dispersed.

## Our Rotarian News

Rotarian James Blewett was able to join us for the zoom meeting last Tuesday. He suffered a heart attack at home during the bad weather we had on Easter Sunday morning.

He had a heart cath and 2 stints on Monday and was released from the hospital on Tuesday morning to recover at home (just in time to join our meeting by cell phone).

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Remember your favorite non-profits during this event! Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation is registered!!