



Rotaripost

12:00 NOON
ZOOM
Meeting
April 28,
2020

Keynote

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Red River and Mississippi River

Theme For Tuesday's Zoom Meeting
Camouflage: hat, shirt, scarf, mask, etc.

Colonel Robert A. Hilliard assumed the duties of Commander, Vicksburg District in June, 2019. He came to the district after serving as the deputy commander for the Mississippi Valley Division.

A native of Georgia, Hilliard graduated from Auburn University where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering and his commission in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He then received his masters degree in engineering management from the University of Missouri and his masters degree in civil engineering from Montana State University.

His military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Missouri.

Previous assignments include deputy commander, Mississippi Valley Division; secretary of the Mississippi River Commission; senior engineer/controller at the U.S. Army's National Training Center; earlier assignments were at Fort Carson, Joint Base Lewis, McChord, Fort Riley, Baumholder, Germany.

Col. Hilliard served two tours supporting operations in the Balkans, two tours in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and two tours in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

He and his wife Donna Davenport have been married for 23 years and have two children.



Col. Robert A. Hilliard



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**
Vicksburg District

**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*

Message From Club President Richard Brontoli

E-mailed To All Members On April 20, 2020

TO: Rotary Club of Shreveport Members.

Subject: Rotary Budget & Missed Meal Funds

Dear Rotarian;

We are experiencing a pandemic of major proportions and Louisiana has been one of the hardest hit states. Not unlike many other non-profit organizations we are experiencing budget issues as a direct result. Despite those issues our Club is committed to continuing our community support through our grants and projects. Now more than ever, we live by our credo "Service Above Self".

The Club Executive Committee and Board have met to discuss our Club financial situation and want to share this information with you.

When we raised dues – to include meals, an objective was to cover our annual civic grants, scholarships, livestock sale, etc. I assure you all our traditional service projects have been fully funded with dues.

Currently we have an annual income v. expense shortfall of \$30,000. We knew this would be the case, over two years ago, when we decided to take on the Rotary Learning Bus, a \$25,000 annual commitment. Currently we have total financial assets of \$155,405 in our checking account, savings account and CD; however, we cannot sustain this shortfall for too many years.

This is why we have been researching fund raising options and decided on the "Raffle". It is a great idea and should address the budget shortfall we expect to have annually, while we support the current and future big projects that members choose. However, due to the COVID-19 situation and resulting financial condition of companies and individuals we will not pursue sponsors or sell many tickets this budget cycle, ending 30 June.

Our Rotary Learning Bus partner, Common Ground, has only received \$14,400 this year. There has not been and there will not be opportunities to have Learning Bus events, indefinitely during this crisis. Common Ground has been providing food to the needy from their food pantry and has requested support. Even though this is not the exact mission for the Learning Bus project, the Board agreed the remaining \$10,600 should be used to support the Common Ground food pantry community they serve, rather than be applied to our budget shortfall.

As you know, we have had to cancel lunch meetings due to National and State orders. This means that members who pay full dues of \$1,200 per year will have paid \$20 per week for lunches during meetings that did not and will not occur (does not apply to Rule of 85 members; age plus years of Rotary service, who have opted out of our meal plan). Exact amount will depend on when we can physically meet again.

This is primarily why I am writing you. We understand that these are trying times for families and businesses alike. As such, we are able to issue you a credit for meal fees for the Club meetings that are cancelled. If you want a credit I ask that you make that request for a credit by 31 May. Otherwise, we will use your unused meal fees to support our community grants and projects. Please notify Judy, shreveportrotary@gmail.com, only if you request a credit. Adjustments will be made on your July dues statement.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for being a Rotarian and we hope you and your family are remaining safe and healthy!

Rich Brontoli
President

A Rotarian You Should Know:

Dayne D. Hassell, Jr., M.D.

Rotarian since 2001

Early Beginnings: Was delivered in a farmhouse with no running water or electricity by my grandfather, a country doctor in Rosebud, Arkansas. Father was a farmer and mother was a housewife—typical post-depression rural family. The house still stands! (see photo below)

Education: Graduated from Mabelvale (Arkansas) High School; Hendrix College in Conway (Arkansas) and University of Arkansas Medical School; Internship and residency at Parkland Hospital, Dallas.

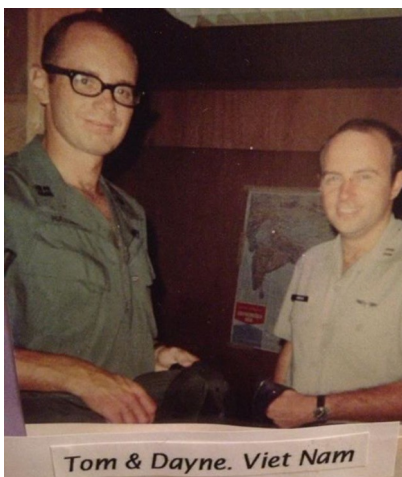
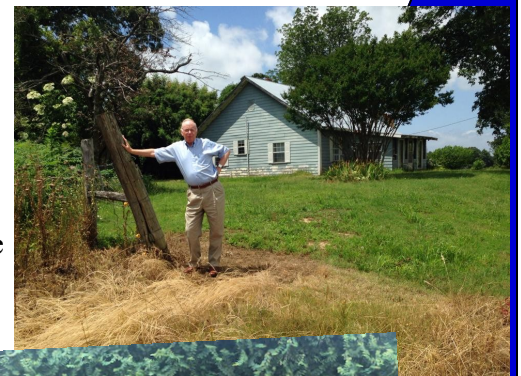
Military: U.S. Army Medical Corps; served at Ft. Carson and at 93rd Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, South Vietnam; did volunteer work in the Vietnam jungle villages (I'll never get on a helicopter again!)

Medical Practice: Anesthesiology; practiced at Schumpert for 30 years, Shriners Hospital for Children for 14 years; short term stints at Green Clinic Hospital (Ruston), Doctors Hospital and Shreveport Surgery Center. "Every place I worked was my favorite place and the people I worked with were always my favorite people."

Family: Kathy, wife of 24 years; five children (one, a physician, deceased); 12 grandchildren—all "tall, good lookin' and above average".

Hobbies: Music, opera, theater, reading, working in the yard, working out and most of all spending time with family and friends.

Rotary: From the beginning, in awe of the incredible talent, service and outright goodness of our members; loves serving at the Rescue Mission; "I have come to deeply appreciate the power and wisdom of the Rotary 4-Way Test as a tool for daily living. It's a gem!"



A Rotarian You Should Know:

Robert A. "Bobby" Madison

Rotarian since 2003 (plus 10 years in 3 other clubs)

Profession: Retired after 31 year career with Boy Scouts of America-last position was CEO of the Norwela Council BSA; currently serving as COO of Peaceful Rest Missionary Baptist Church.

Background/Education: Born in Omaha, NE and raised in Alexandria, LA; B.A. in law enforcement from ULM; LA National Guard for four years and graduate of U.S. Military Police Academy in Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

Things You May Not Know: I'm a Bison Herd enthusiast, having visited major herds in S. Dakota, New Mexico, Yellowstone, Wyoming, Arizona and Colorado.



Hobbies: Traveling in the U.S. and Internationally with wife Judy; we've visited 43 U.S. states, France, England, Germany, Mexico and Canada.

Most Memorable Rotary Experience: Receiving my Paul Harris Fellowship from Mrs. Virginia Shehee.

COVID-19 Activities: Bird watching red tail hawks, red cardinals and especially hummingbirds.

(Top Left) - Bobby with hummingbird feeders.

(Bottom Left) In Juneau, Alaska

(Bottom Middle) With Judy in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

(Bottom Right) In Maui, Hawaii



A Rotarian You Should Know:

Garry "Kim" Green

Rotarian since 2003

Profession: CEO of Shriners Hospital (the ORIGINAL and FIRST Shriners Hospital in the world!)

Background: Worked in administration at LSUHSC for over 15 years; was a friend of Tom Schneider (a Rotarian in our club) who was CEO of Shriners and had been trying for some time to get me to come to work at Shriners; when Tom was transferred to another location, I was recruited to take his position in 2002.

Hobbies: Have played acoustic and electric guitars since junior high-still play a 1961 Gibson bass guitar, a 6-string and 12-string guitars; never had a guitar lesson! Still play guitar at church and with friends at hospitals. Love to cook and do most of the cooking on weekends and holidays; love to hunt ducks and deer, fishing; die hard St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan!

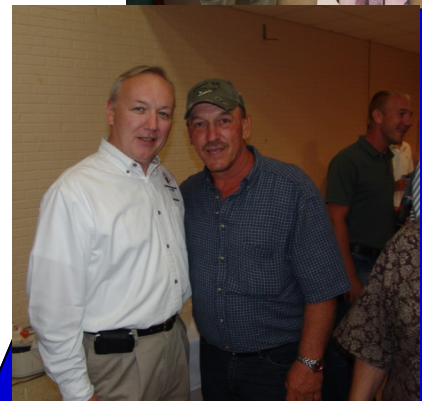
Something You Probably Don't Know: Love to listen to old radio programs-have the entire 5+ year, 1,500 episode collection of the CBS Radio Mystery Theatre broadcasts; by the end of this Summer, I will have heard them all!

Rotary Memories: Working the Dragon Boat Races by cooking and selling hot dogs and hamburgers with Rotary friends like Jon Lowe and Peyton Cole.



COVID-19 Activities: Working every day at the hospital!

(Bottom right) At a Morgan City Shriner's annual wild game feast, I get to visit with my great friend Troy Landry. I asked him one year what was in a certain Cajun dish-he told me "It ain't as important to know what it is, as to know what it was."





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

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Our deepest Sympathy...

Condolences to Rotarian Jeff
Clark whose brother David Clark
passed away at home in Bossier
City on April 17, 2020.

A memorial service will be held
at a later date.

Upcoming Programs

May 5, 2020
TBA

ZOOM On-Line Meetings

ZOOM Meeting Attendance

Our virtual Tuesday meetings have been very well received. Several members have expressed how much they enjoy seeing everyone and how well the meetings are being conducted.

We have had local Rotarian visitors and some from Monroe, Ruston, Oxford (MS), Victoria (TX) and Marshall (TX).

Our average face-to-face attendance is 100. Here are our attendance figures for the Zoom meetings we've had so far:

May 7, 2020—68 Attending

May 14, 2020—64 Attending

May 21, 2020—59 Attending

If you have not attended one of the virtual meetings and would like to have some instruction on how they work, let Judy Bellew or Rich Brontoli know and we will have a one-on-one session with you so that you are comfortable with it.

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Community Foundation

May 5, 2020

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