

# Rotaripost

**12:00 NOON  
Meeting  
August 11,  
2020**

**Keynote**

## **Louis Avallone 318 Forum Magazine**

**Louis Avallone** was born in Baton Rouge and raised in Shreveport. He earned a B.S. degree in political science and a B.A. degree in psychology from SMU in Dallas. Then he earned his J.D. degree from Loyola Law School in New Orleans.

He is a Shreveport businessman, attorney and author of "Bright Spots, Big Country, What Makes America Great". Louis' columns have appeared regularly in *318 Forum* since 2007.



*Louis Avallone*

As a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, as well as the Louisiana State Bar Association, he has served as a representative of the Shreveport area in the association's policymaking body, the House of Delegates.

Louis enjoys flying and spending time with his busy family. He, his wife Colleen and their two children are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church where Colleen is a second grade Sunday school teacher and Louis is vice-chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council.

### **Remember the Hybrid (Live & Virtual) meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

There are a few spots left in the 50 maximum allowed at the downtown Hilton Hotel restaurant on Tuesday. You must register at the Eventbrite link sent to you via email; you must wear a mask when entering, leaving, moving about and when not eating. Contact Judy Bellew at 318-294-8385 for the link and to confirm there is a spot available.

You also have the option of viewing the meeting on Zoom. The Zoom invitation will be distributed to everyone by email.

**Tuesday,  
Noon**

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

**Rotarians  
Serving Others**

*Club President Laurie Boswell*

*Club President-Elect Lawrence Calhoun*

*Club Vice-President David Cromwell*

*Club Secretary-Treasurer Mark Snow*

*Immediate Past Club President Rich Brontoli*



## Rotary Learning Bus Update

Even during the pandemic, the wheels of the Rotary Learning Bus continue to “go round and round” and to serve children and their families in Cedar Grove. Common Ground reports that the Rotary Learning Bus has been an essential component of meal and learning materials deliveries to families without transportation. Although the bus cannot schedule events at the library, schools or day cares, families continue to receive the benefit of food and brain building activities for children.

### Rotary Volunteers Needed to support Common Ground

1. A group of Rotarians are needed on Monday’s or Tuesday’s for a few hours each week to collate the Brain Building Learning bags that are distributed on Thursday night and on Friday’s during the drive through food pick up scheduled from 3 to 5 pm. Rotarians would meet in a room on campus and pack bags with Learning materials. Bags will include a cover that features the Rotary Club of Shreveport’s support of the Rotary Learning Bus. Bags will be distributed to children and families weekly and also 250 to 300 bags will be prepared for distribution to Atkins Elementary School in mid September.
2. Volunteers are needed to help on Friday’s from 3 to 5. This is an outside event. One volunteer will distribute age appropriate learning bags to children in the cars who come by to pick up food. Another volunteer is needed to lift 30 to 50 pound boxes of food and help load them in cars.

All volunteers must wear masks and gloves.

You may register for volunteer service with Judy Bellew at [shreveportrotary@gmail.com](mailto:shreveportrotary@gmail.com).



The Rotary Learning Bus in use during COVID-19.



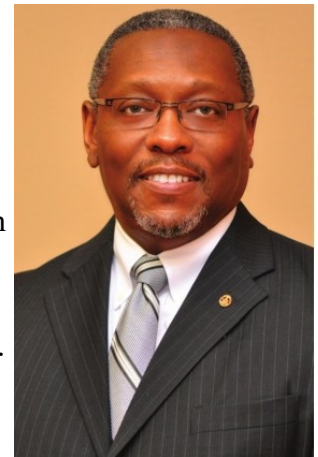
## Congratulations Rotarians!

The 2020 American Cancer Society's White Out Cancer honors individuals from our local community for their outstanding work in the medical field in advocating for cancer survival. Two of our Rotarians are recognized as Champions of Hope this year.

Rotarian **Willie White III** has served as the CEO for David Raines Community Health Centers since 1996. He has 40-plus years of experience in the healthcare industry in both for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

Willie is a recipient of the "Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award" from the City of Shreveport and the "Eric B. Taylor Leadership Award" from the Louisiana Primary Care Association. In 2019, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater Shreveport Chamber.

Willie has been a member of our club since 2012 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Rotarian **Garry Kim Green** is the administrator of Shriners Hospitals for Children. He came to the first Shriners Hospital in 2002 having previously served as senior assistant hospital administrator at LSU Health Sciences Center (now University Health). Kim is past president of the Northwest District of the Louisiana Hospital Association and past member of the Board of Trustees of the LHA.

Green began his battle against cancer in November 2017 and after three rounds of chemotherapy and 35 rounds of radiation, he was pronounced free of cancer in February 2018. Kim is currently recovering from surgery for a condition related to his exposure to radiation therapy.

Kim joined our club in 2003 and is a Paul Harris Fellow +1



## Zoom Virtual Themed Backgrounds



Now, you ask....why do David Brainis (left) and Robert McGowen (below) always get their pictures in the Rotaripost?

Answer-they always check the meeting notices when the theme of the day is given for the Zoom meeting. Last Tuesday's theme was National Coast Guard Day and Chocolate Chip Day!



Heads up for all you Zoomers for next Tuesday:  
August 11 is National Raspberry Tart Day, National Hip Hop Day and National Play in the Sand Day.



We will have a “Rotarians4Life” blood drive on **August 18, 2020** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meeting the goal of 11 donations is vital as hospitals are counting on it.

You may schedule blood drive appointments here:

[https://donor.lifeshare.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/210683](https://donor.lifeshare.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/210683)

The community blood supply would not be possible without volunteer blood drive organizers like our club.

### More Zoom Shots



Patrick Harrison



Chris Holoman



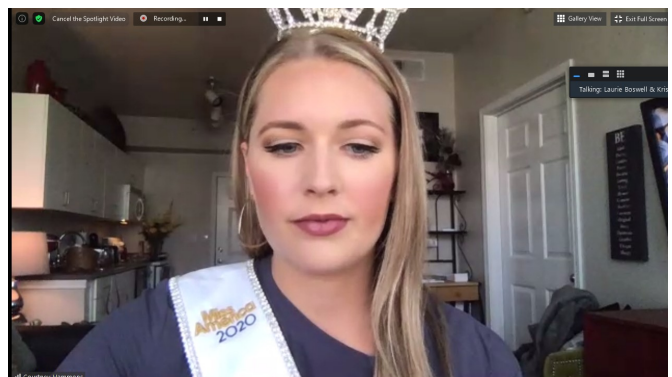
Debra Williams



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

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**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program August 18, 2020**

**Dianne Clark  
Sci-Port Discovery Center**

**Program Chair:  
Doug Bland**

**[dbland@shelterinsurance.com](mailto:dbland@shelterinsurance.com)**

**Or**

**318-868-1122**

**Our schedule is now filled to November. Let Doug know if you have a program suggestion.**

## Throw Back Tuesday Contest

Last week's Mystery Rotarian was

**PEYTON COLE**

1st place—Larry Evensky (\$50 gift certificate from Rose-Neath Flower Shop)

2nd place—Jim Graves (30 eggs)

3rd place—Reggie Abrams (12 eggs)

Who's this week's Mystery Rotarian?

Be the first to send your guess to

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



**WHO IS THIS ROTARIAN?**