



**Keynote**

**Heart of Hope  
Civic Grant Recipient**



*Oliver Page*

**Heart of Hope** is a sanctuary for women that is located in the Grawood Community in Keithville. In 2007 renovations started on an unused school building and it became an 8,200 square foot home for young ladies between 11-23 years of age who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

The mission of Heart of Hope is to provide a safe haven where residents can center their efforts on the decisions that are before them—being a single-parent or choosing adoption. This is the only maternity home in North Louisiana.

Our 2017-2018 civic grant committee awarded this organization a \$4,000 grant to be used to assist Heart of Hope to implement their Nutrition Program for their residents. Many teens in crisis pregnancies come from food insecure households and pregnant teens have increased nutritional needs.

Our grant money was used to provide an onsite seasonal vegetable garden and items needed for their food preservation system.

**Oliver Page** and his wife serve as Houseparents at Heart of Hope. Oliver is a native of Phoenix, Arizona. After a tour of duty in the Coast Guard and a short stay in Mississippi, Oliver and his family came to Heart of Hope in 2017. Page is enrolled at a seminary majoring in Christian Ministries.



**2018-2018 Civic Grant Cycle Opens**

Our grant cycle for this Rotary year is now open. [Applications and information are on our website and linked here.](#)

Because of the popularity of our grants, we have initiated new criteria this year: beginning with this 2018-2019 grant cycle an organization that wins a Major award will only be considered for a Minor award for the next two award cycles.

**Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon**

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

**Shreveport  
Convention  
Center**

**Rotarians  
Serving Others**

*James Adams & Taylor Brown*      *Money Table*

*Kim Green*      *Raffle*

*Garrett Hill*      *Scanner-Greeter-4Way Test*

*Pat Day*      *Invocation Inspiration*

*Steve Aiken And Kermit Poling*      *Music*



*Part of the litter chain-gang!*

## Renzi Education and Art Center

The Renzi Center received a \$4,000 grant (\$2,000 from our Rotary district and \$2,000 from our club) to purchase essential office equipment and supplies. Our BPCC Rotaract club adopted Renzi as one of their ongoing projects when the club was first established. On Saturday, December 1st we met with the Renzi staff, the Rotaract students and some of the neighborhood children and participated in a neighborhood litter clean-up. This was a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. We even benefitted from a bit of walking exercise!

These words from Omari Ho-Sang, Renzi's executive director:

*Hello Shreveport Rotary!*

*We really enjoyed you all today for the NIP- Renzi Neighborhood Clean Up! We were able to fill 16 bags of trash, and remove unsightly garbage from neighborhood sidewalks and vacant lots. Thanks to you and the entire Downtown Shreveport Rotary for your interest and involvement in the Renzi Education and Art Center. We look forward to continuing collaboration into the future. Have a wonderful weekend!*

*PS- The invitation is still open to every Rotary Club member to call us and schedule a tour of our amazing center! See you soon.*

Let Joe Littlejohn or Judy Bellew know if you'd like to participate in the next litter project!

**Reminder About Required Minimum Distributions**

If you are over 70 1/2, you are required by federal law to take distributions known as Required Minimum Distributions (or RMDs) from your retirement account.

These distributions may be made tax-free if they are directed to a qualified 501c3 not-for-profit organization. RMD donations may be made directly to the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation, The Rotary Foundation or to other qualified not-for-profit organizations.

See Judy Bellew for the Rotary addresses.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Unless written objection is received within seven days, there will be added to the membership of the **Rotary Club of Shreveport** the following:

**Jennifer Elliott**

Capital One Bank  
Northwest LA Market President  
Shreveport, LA

**Classification**

Banking

**Proposed by**

Gard Wayt

Janitorial Supplier



**Blood Drive Next Tuesday!**

These volunteers so far:

George Carroll  
David Ginsburg  
Greg Juneau  
Robert McGowen  
Tom Mee  
Mike Ferrell  
Mary Winchell  
Ken Kruger  
Gard Wayt  
Margaret Wallace

LifeShare will be in room 209 from  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



(Above left) Darrell Rebouche announced the December birthdays.

(Above right) Jon Keith with his guest Evan Dowden

(Below left) Mark Crews visited with BPC Rotaract students Anahi Mijares and Leslie Williams

(Below right) Anna Maria Sparke led us in song: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"





**Why not?**



**November Food Bank Volunteers**

(Above left) - Mike Ferrell

(Above right) - Ken Krueger and Amanda Simpson

(Left) Amanda Simpson with her husband Will and their son.

(Not Shown) The ever faithful David Ginsburg and Margaret Wallace!

Next Food Bank Opportunity  
Tuesday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m.

**Family Involvement!  
Introduce Youth To Community Service!**



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

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### Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Margaret Wallace

*Thank you for your contribution to The Rotary Foundation—This applies to your PHF*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Fred Kent

\$50 Rose-Neath gift certificate from Andy Shehee

Margaret Wallace

### Program on December 18, 2018

**Erich Ponti**  
**LA Coalition to FIX OUR**  
**ROADS (LCFOR)**

**Shreveport Convention Center**  
**Rooms 206-208**

## ELECTIONS

Election of Rotary officers and directors for the Rotary year 2019-2020 will be held next Tuesday. Be there to vote!

Recommendations from the Past Presidents Nominating Committee:

2019-2020 Recommendations

President—Richard Brontoli

President-Elect—Laurie Boswell

Vice President—Lawrence Calhoun

Secretary-Treasurer—David Cromwell

Directors:

James Blewett

Rob Eppers

Jesse Gilmore

Curtis Joseph

Stephanie Sievers

Jeffrey Thomas

John Tuggle

Voting Next Tuesday for our club leaders for 2019-2020! Be sure to be there!



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