



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting
December 28,
2021

Keynote

Stories By Rotarians



One of our favorite programs is when we have members who share stories with us.

Next Tuesday, we are going to hear from Rotarians Darrell Rebouche and Jon Lowe who will share some of their life experiences with us.

Darrell Rebouche has served as the Visual Arts Coordinator for Willis Knighton Health System for almost 17 years. Prior to that, he spent 25 years as a television sportscaster and a newsroom manager. He occasionally works part time as a freelance play by play broadcaster and talk show host. For 31 years he has been a Lay Eucharistic Minister at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral.

Darrell received his B.A. in communications and political science from LSUS. He joined our club in 2001 and has served on several committees, chaired our recognition committee for a number of years, served as club director in 2008-2009 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Jon Lowe joined our club in 1981, is also a Paul Harris Fellow and served as club director in 1987-1988. Jon served in the Navy during the Vietnam Era. He retired as Caddo's Agricultural Extension Agent, is a retired 4-H agent and 4-H Parish Chair.

He has served on the Ark-La-Tex Ag Council, Caddo Parish Farm Bureau and the State Fair's Board of Directors. Each year he emcees and organizes our local Junior Livestock Sale auction and program which we have before the Sale associated with the State Fair. An avid LSU

football fan, Jon also shares his fresh vegetables with the club. Our raffle ticket sales soar when members sport the fresh vegetables at the raffle table.

Tuesday,
12:00 Noon

Historical Start
12:13 p.m.

In-Person at
Hilton Hotel
Restaurant &
Zoom On-Line
Option

Rotarians Serving Others

Lunch James
Money Adams

Raffle Margaret
Tickets Wallace

Invocation David
 Ginsburg

Zoom Rich
Operator Brontoli

Greeter -
Scanner

Hybrid Meetings

We will continue to offer hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom). Here is the Zoom recurring invite that can be used for meetings. If you are unable to use the link, simply sign into your free Zoom account, click on the option to Join a Meeting and use the Meeting ID and Password. The waiting room will be used to monitor admittance and avoid any “Zoom bombing”.

Topic: Rotary Club of Shreveport Weekly Meeting

Time: December 28, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VGlxbUFFL0ILSGIwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051

Passcode: 870740

Last Week's Program

Last week we heard all about the Caddo Career & Technology Center and the scholarships that the CCTC Foundation provides to students each year.

Our club has furnished a scholarship each year since 2014 when we established the “Sam Mason/Rotary Club of Shreveport Centennial Scholarship” which was created as an annual \$2,000 scholarship to provide financial support to students who choose to attend local technical schools and/or colleges in Caddo or Bossier Parish. The scholarship is named in honor of our first club president.

The video of the program can be viewed on our Facebook page [using this link](#). There were audio issues at the beginning of the meeting but the audio clears when the presentation begins.



(From left) Gard Woyt, CCTC principal Kenneth Berg, scholarship recipient Raegan Hall and teacher Laci Stokes.



Sign Up For This Spot

Rotarian **Bruce Willson** was born in 1956 at the American Hospital in Paris, France.

S His father was a pilot of a C-119 plane. When Bruce was six months old his family returned to the U.S. and lived in College Station, TX; Seagraves, TX; Franklin, LA; Santos, Brazil; Morgan City, LA; and eventually Monroe, LA.

O Bruce landed in Monroe in the 7th grade where he met his future wife KK. While Bruce was always aware of KK, she did not become aware of him until their last year at Neville High School when Neville played Southwood High School at the State Fair stadium. KK was a cheer leader and noticed Neville no. 73 was having a tough time blocking any Southwood player. That's when someone told her that no. 73 was Bruce Willson. Bruce and KK have now been married for 45 years and have three adult children. KK is his "greatest inspiration".

t Bruce holds a B.S. degree in education from Louisiana Tech, a Master of Theology degree in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Reformed Theological Seminary. He is a Certified Fund Raising Professional and, in 2008, he accepted an offer to become the Executive Director of the United Way of Northwest Louisiana. He is an active member of the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement, the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.



For many years, Bruce has served as pastor for several churches with his last position at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Ruston.

A Rotarian since 1993, Bruce was a prior member of the Rotary Club of Ruston before moving his membership to our club in 2008. He served as our District 6190's District Governor in the Rotary year 2008-2009.

Bruce is retiring as President and CEO of United Way of Northwest Louisiana. He and KK will be relocating to Savannah, Georgia where his grandchildren live. Club President Lawrence Calhoun presented him with a club banner for him to present to a new Rotary club in Savannah. Finding that new Rotary home is one of his first priorities.

One of Bruce's personal mottos is "If not me, then who? And, if not now, then when?"

Congratulations!

Rotarian Tori Thomas will become the next President and CEO of United Way of Northwest Louisiana. She was chosen by a selection committee made up of five United Way board members. She currently serves as Vice President of Community Investments & Operations and has been with the organization since 2018.

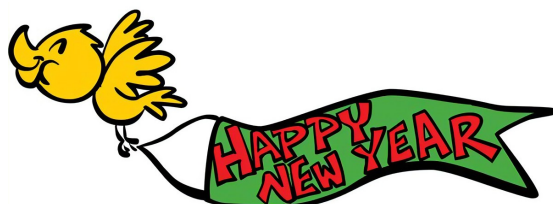
Tori will be stepping into the position vacated by another Rotarian, Bruce Willson, who is retiring and moving out of our area.

Tori joined our Rotary club in 2019 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



(Left photo) James Adams and Debra Williams worked the registration table.

(Right photo) Allen Organick and Graham Thompson visited before the meeting.



CIVIC GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

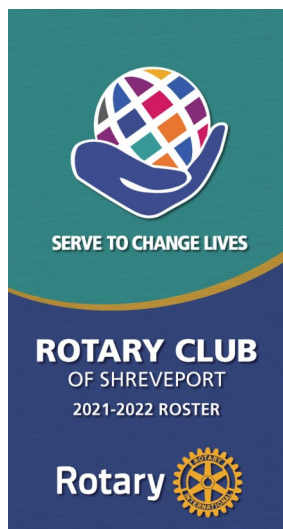
***Rotary Club of Shreveport calls for application submissions due
February 18, 2022***

Shreveport, LA — Area non-profit organizations planning projects to benefit the Shreveport-Bossier community in the coming year may now apply for local funding from Rotary Club of Shreveport to aid their efforts. The Rotary Club is now accepting civic grant applications, which must be post-marked no later than February 18, 2022.

The maximum amount for any one grant awarded will be \$5,000. Each year our club awards a limited number of grants. This year's recipients of the grant awards will be announced no later than May 31, 2022.

To request an application, please e-mail shreveportrotary@gmail.com or call the Rotary Club of Shreveport at (318) 294-8385. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 18, 2022. Preferred submission is e-mail to shreveportrotary@gmail.com, but can be mailed to Rotary Club of Shreveport, P.O. Box 380, Shreveport, LA 71162.

Rotary Club of Shreveport supports the community through funding of select projects that benefit local area residents and provide opportunities for members of the club to actively participate and provide recognition of Rotary. Priorities for civic projects supported by the club include education, social services and community development.



YAY! New rosters have arrived! See Judy Bellew on Tuesday to get your copy!

1
2
3



Rotaripost

Judy Bellew
Executive Director
P.O. Box 380
Shreveport, LA 71162



Cell Phone: 318-294-8385
shreveportrotary@gmail.com
www.rotaryclubofshreveport.org

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

Follow us on Facebook



Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Robert Touchstone

Thanks for your donation. This applies toward your Paul Harris level with The Rotary Foundation.

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Melissa Ricou

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens:

RaShad Bristo, Reggie Abrams and

Margaret Wallace

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton Restaurant) and Zoom Program
January 4, 2022**

**Dr. John Wyble
The Center for Literacy and Learning**

With Sympathy

Condolences to Verni Howard in the death of her mother, Leola Dunn Williams, who passed away December 20th. Services were held on December 23rd.



Pretty! →

December Club Anniversaries

*PHF +Past President ♦Major Donor
(includes *PS* prior service in this or other clubs)

54 years	Gene Richardson♦
35 years	Linc Coleman*
33 years	Lindy Broderick*
32 years	Charles Grubb*
24 years	Walter Lamb*
23 years	Pete Bratlie*
21 years	Charlie Henington*
17 years	Kirk Davis*