



Rotaripost

December
3, 2019

Keynote

Centenary College Choir

**Buffet Opens 11:30 a.m.
Meeting Starts 12:00 noon
Choir Performs 12:05 p.m.**

Hailed early in its history as “America’s Singing Ambassadors”, the Centenary College Choir has performed in 32 countries on every inhabited continent of the world.

Dr. David Hobson began directorship of the choir in 2007 becoming only the fourth conductor in the choir’s history. He is a 1998 alumnus of Centenary College and the Choir.

For many years it has been a tradition that the Choir has performed for the Rotary Club of Shreveport at the beginning of the holiday season. This has always been a special time for our members and a time that we share with our family and friends. Please bring a guest to share this wonderful experience.



2020 Civic Grant Cycle Now Open

[Get information here](#) or ask Judy Bellew for the documents.

**Tuesday,
Noon**

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

**Shreveport
Convention
Center**

**Rotarians
Serving
Others**

*Dick Money
Bremer Table*

*Mark Raffle
Crews*

*Elton Greeter-
Richey Scanner-4Way
Test*

*Need A Invocation
Volunteer Inspiration*

*Jarrold
Horton Music
&
Kermit
Poling*

Events and Service Opportunities

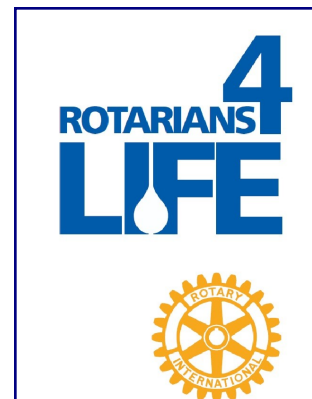
Rescue Mission Food Service—4:45 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
 Thursday, December 5 and Thursday, December 12
 Space Is Limited—Contact [Zelda Tucker](#) to reserve your spot!



Blood Drive

December 10th—10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Room 209, Shreveport Convention Center

Sign up with [Kathy French](#) or [George Carroll](#)



December 14, 2019

Rotary Learning Bus

7th Annual Common Ground Christmas Market

Volunteer Opportunities—Hourly Shifts Available from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Contact [Laurie Boswell](#), [Martha Marak](#) or [David Wimberly](#) to volunteer.

Level Up And New Paul Harris Fellows

President **Rich Brontoli** was presented with his PHF+5 lapel pin last Tuesday by Jerry Boughton who sponsored him in the club in 1994.

A 20 year Army veteran, Rich retired in 1993 and relocated to our area when he was hired as the executive director of the Red River Valley Association. Jerry Boughton was president of the RRVA Board at that time and he encouraged Rich to join Rotary.

Rich has served on most of the committees during his Rotary service years and received the Service Above Self Award in the Rotary year 2014-2015.



(Right photo) Rich Brontoli and Jerry Boughton.



(Above) Katy Merriman and Rich Brontoli.

Katy Merriman was presented with her Paul Harris Fellowship certificate and pin. She is the owner of Merriman Consulting and serves as the practice administrator for Surgical Specialists of Shreveport.

A bachelor's and master's graduate from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Katy serves on the Board of Directors for LSU Health Foundation and on the Board of the Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (CADA).

She was formerly on the boards at Southfield School Foundation, Loyola College Prep and Shreveport Medical Society Alliance.

Sponsored by Larry Evensky she joined our club in 2013.



1—(From left) Karen Johnson, Dick Bremer, Kim Green and Mark Medicus.

2—Joe Littlejohn and guest Bobby Carney.

3—Reggie Abrams led the singing.

4—Laurie Boswell updated us on the Rotary Learning Bus volunteer opportunities.



Rotary Volunteer Opportunity - 7th Annual Common Ground Christmas Market

Help create a wonderful Christmas for Families in Cedar Grove

SUPPORT THE ROTARY LEARNING BUS!

THIS PROJECT OFFERS FAMILIES PRIDE, HOPE AND DIGNITY

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, Common Ground's Community Center transforms into a Christmas Market! The Christmas Market will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Volunteers will have priced donated items so that nothing costs more than \$5. Our friends from Cedar Grove will come and purchase nice presents at affordable prices for their families. By using this style of market, our friends provide for their families themselves, which in turns gives pride, hope and dignity.

Last year families began to line up at Common Ground as early as 6:00 a.m. This year, if weather permits, the Rotary Learning Bus and the Shreveport Memorial Mobile Library will be there on sight to entertain children and adults while they wait.

Volunteer Opportunities for Rotarians

Donate Toys: Donate toys and items for children, teens and adults of all ages with no single item that costs more than \$25. **Donations can be dropped at Rotary Meetings on December 3 and 10th** or at Common Ground's Community Center at 6806 Southern Avenue on Monday- Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Suggestions for donations are on the back of this flyer. We also need gift bags, tissue paper, bows and tape. We also can use gift cards or monetary donations to purchase items that we need more of after all the donations come in.

Rotary Learning Bus Stations on Saturday December 14th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Assignment: Welcome Children to Talk, Read, Sing, Eat, Play. Work alongside Common Ground and Shreve Memorial Mobile Library to distribute snacks, books and help with a craft ideas. Staff will be there to coordinate activities.

Market Set Up on Friday, December 13th between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Assignment: Help organize and price items.

Personal Shopper on Saturday, December 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Assignment: Act as personal shoppers, guiding our friends through the market, wrapping presents, and serving snacks and drinks while folks wait their turn to go through the market.

Please let us know if you plan to volunteer on Saturday so we can schedule your time slot.

To Volunteer:

- Sign Up with Rotary – **Volunteer Assignment Sheet**
- Contact Lisa Cronin; marklisacronin@comcast.net; 318-210-9907.
- Contact Sarah Shoup; sarah@commongroundshreveport.com; 318-606-5024



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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—Lawrence Calhoun

*Thanks for your donation to The Rotary Foundation.
This applies to your PHF.*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Elton Richey

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—

Elton Richey

Program on December 10, 2019

Rotary International Convention

Cruise & Tour

Hawaii—June 2020

Shreveport Convention Center

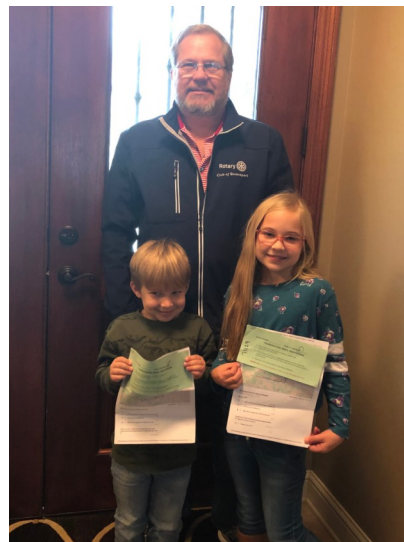
Rooms 206-208

Birthdays

* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

◆ Major Donor

- December 1 Debra Williams*
- December 2 Greg Juneau*, Jim Hill*
- December 6 Teri Haynes◆+, Kandi Moore*,
Tori Thomas*
- December 7 Ken Krueger*,
Anna Maria Sparks Keele
- December 13 Jim Echterhoff
- December 16 Tricia Grayson*, Elton Richey
- December 18 Lindy Broderick*, Gard Wayt*+
- December 25 Jeb Breithaupt*+, Bridges Hall
- December 26 Linc Coleman*, Jim Kihneman*
- December 29 Matt Snyder
- December 31 Craig Spohn



(Above) Lawrence Calhoun with grandchildren Lily and Nicholas delivered Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels. They delivered 14 meals to 7 families!!