



Rotaripost

February 11,
2020

Keynote

Red River Navigation



Richard Brontoli

Richard Frank Brontoli was born in New York City, NY. His father worked for oil companies so he grew up in Indonesia, Somalia and upstate New York.

Rich received his BS degree in civil engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, and then his MS degree from the University of Florida in civil engineering construction management.

He served 20 years in the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer and retired in 1993. His last assignment was four years as Deputy Commander for the St. Louis Engineer District. Prior assignment include Ft. Carson, Colorado; Baumholder, Germany; El Salvador, Central America and Fort Knox, KY.

Upon retiring in 1993 to present, Rich has been the Executive Director for the Red River Valley Association in Shreveport-Bossier. This is a member supported, advocate organization to develop the water resources through civil works and agriculture projects throughout the four-state Red River region of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

Not only is he our current club president, he is also the president of the NW Louisiana Square & Round Dance Association, who operate and maintain Promenade Hall on Benton Rd in Bossier City.

His interests include square and round dancing as well as backyard birding. He and his wife Silvia have two children: Matthew and Lydia. He attends St. Jude Catholic Church.



Red River Valley Association

**Tuesday,
Noon**

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

**Shreveport
Convention
Center**

**Rotarians
Serving
Others**

*Kim Money
Green Table*

*Mark Raffle
Crews*

*Bill Greeter-
Franklin Scanner-4Way
Test*

*Tom Invocation
Arceneaux Inspiration*

*Tom
Arceneaux
& Music
Kermit
Poling*

Events and Service Opportunities

Rescue Mission Food Service—4:45 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

March service days: Thursday, March 5th and 12th

Thanks to our February volunteers:

Bob Neff, Delbert Chumley, Curtis Joseph, Dayne Hassell

Space Is Limited—Contact [Zelda Tucker](#) to reserve your spot for March!!

2019-2020 Civic Grant Cycle

Our grant cycle for this year is still open! Please alert your favorite non-profit so they can review the application and amended criteria.

Information available on the club's [website](#) or you can ask Judy Bellew to email this to you.

Application deadline is February 18, 2020.

Disaster Aid Training and Certification

Saturday, February 22, 2020 in Ruston, LA

Would you be interested in participating in any local disaster aid cleanup? Did you know that our Rotary District has a fully equipped trailer ready to roll?

Join Gene Richardson and Jon Keith at this training session!

See Judy Bellew to get registered!

FREE FREE FREE





(Left) Johnathon Goff and his guest, Daniel Wiebracht, a Rotarian from the Longview, TX club.

(Above) Bobbie Brasher with her guests, her daughter Tracy and her husband Felipe Martinez.

Paul Harris Level Up

President Rich presented **Charles Grubb** with his PHF+2 lapel pin last Tuesday. Charles, a Centenary College and Tulane Law School graduate, maintains his private law practice after serving for many years as the Caddo Parish Attorney.

One of our veterans, Charles served for 35 years in the U.S. Army Reserves retiring as Command Sgt Major.

He has been in our club for 30 years and served as club director in 2012-2013. For many years he has been on the civic grants committee as well as other committees, in addition to serving monthly at the Rescue Mission.



(From Left) Charles Grubb and Richard Brontoli.





(Top Left) Darrell Rebouche announced our February birthdays and shared a thought about the death of a friend, Bob Griffin.

(Top Right) Trio on the registration table—David Ginsburg, Johnathon Goff and Charlie Henington.



(Left) Laurel Brightwell with her daughter Piper Brightwell.

(Right) Lawrence Brandon (in yellow shirt) was visiting family in Salida, California and happened across the local Rotary Club meeting that was being held in the hotel where he was staying.

He saw Rotarians going in and he inquired about the meeting. He was immediately invited to join them. Welcoming Rotarians like this are everywhere in the world!

Next time you're traveling look for a Rotary club meeting to attend! There's an app for that!



“Free On A Fender” Project

Over the last three Tuesdays, our current Red Badge Committee (aka “The Courageous”) collected cold weather gear to give to the homeless. This past Saturday morning was the distribution time.

What started out as a “Free On A Tree” project turned into a “Free On A Fender” project. The committee members partnered with [Feed The Homeless-Shreveport](#) project that has been going strong for six years. The project was started by Candy Jett and involves various community partners.

Free meals and healthy snacks are provided by this group every Saturday morning at 9:00 at the rear parking lot to First United Methodist Church. Our Courageous Rotarians were there to provide the cold weather gear to the homeless in the area. It was a huge success and our Rotarians are pumped with the success! Thanks to all of our members who provided donations!

They’ll give us a report on Tuesday!



Rotarians pictured above are Johnathon Goff, Judy Bellew, Jon Ellis, Robby Latham and Bill Franklin. Others shown are Robby Latham’s son, Candy Jett and her daughter and one of the recipients.



Foundation Banquet



(Top Left) Johnathon Goff visited with Past District Governor Bob Molloy from the South Shreveport club.

(Top Right) Connie Calhoun and Rich Brontoli.

(Bottom Left) Lawrence Calhoun

(Bottom Right) Wishy Nolan with Past District Governor Pamela Stewart from the Lincoln club.



(Top Left) Karen Johnson with Christopher Steinsholt from the Bossier City club and Feico Kempff from the Red River club.

(Top Right) President Rich Brontoli gave an overview of our district grant benefiting MLK Health Center.

(Bottom Left) Lawrence Calhoun, Sarah Collier and Rich Brontoli are recognized by Past District Governor Jerry Wall.

Also attending but not shown were Rotarian Joe Littlejohn and his wife Annette Littlejohn and Rotarian Judy Bellew..



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Joe Littlejohn

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

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

Greg Juneau

\$50 Rose-Neath Florist gift certificates—

James Blewett & Charlie Henington

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—

Debra Williams

Program on February 18, 2020

**Christin Voor, Major USAF
Division Commander, Test Pilot**

**Capt. Shreve Ballroom B
Convention Center**

February Club Anniversaries

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

27 years	James Blewett*
26 years	Rich Brontoli*
19 years	Vance Bailes*, Dayne Hassell*
18 years	Carlton Golden* PS
15 years	Mark Snow*
13 years	Kermit Poling*
11 years	Martha Marak*
8 years	Brian Crawford* PS
6 years	Lamar Goree*
4 years	Verni Howard*, Amanda Simpson

Board Minutes

Minutes from our club's Board meetings are available for any of our members to review.

Log in to our member management program [DACdb](#) (District And Club data-base) and follow these steps:

Club Files icon—>Secure Files Tab—>Board meeting packets beginning July 2019.

If you need any help with your log in information please let [Judy Bellew](#) know.