



# Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00  
Meeting

January 18,  
2022

**Keynote**

## Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana



*Martha Marak*

**Martha Marak** is the Executive Director of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, the largest non-profit food distributor for Caddo, Bossier, Red River, DeSoto, Webster, Claiborne and Bienville Parishes in Louisiana.

In 2021 the Food Bank distributed 15 million pounds of food and supplies with a retail value of \$18 million to over 75,000 individuals in the 7 parish area. Martha's leadership has increased food distribution over 200% since joining the Food Bank in 2008.

The Food Bank received a \$3,100 civic grant from our club last year. The funds were used to purchase large wired bins for use in their food box packing

area. Prior to the purchase of these bins, the Food Bank had to use large cardboard containers which were not long-lasting.

Prior to joining the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, Martha was the Senior Marketing Manager for Pierre Bossier Mall and Mall St. Vincent for 17 years. She has held numerous volunteer leadership positions in the Shreveport area such as the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Junior League of Shreveport, Junior Achievement of North Louisiana, Christian Services and several others. She was a founding member of Dress for Success. Martha is the Past President of the state food bank association, Feeding Louisiana.

Martha joined our club in 2009 and is a Paul Harris Fellow. She has served on several of our club committees, was a Club Director in 2012-2013 and is currently our Club Vice-President. She will serve as Club President in the Rotary year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

Next Rotary "Pack the Boxes" project at the Food Bank is Tuesday, February 15 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Let Katherine Dorroh or Judy Bellew know if you want to be there. Registration is needed.

**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*                      *John*  
*Tickets*                      *Tuggle*

*Invocation*              *Gard Wayt*

*Zoom*                      *Rich*  
*Operator*                      *Brontoli*

*Greeter -*                      *Need A*  
*Scanner*                      *Volunteer*



Please sign up for the JA Empower: Student & Mentor Lunch on Thursday, February 17th using the Sign Up Genius Link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49AFAB2CA6FA7-jaempower>

To sign up for training, after selecting RSVP Now, select Contact JA NLA in the bottom right corner as pictured below.



Thank you! You will receive information about time slots available for training on Zoom. Please call or email Elizabeth Martinez or Nita Cook (318.588.2911) with an questions.

## **Last Week's Program**

### **Shreveport's New Real Time Crime Center**

The video from last week's program has been uploaded to our Facebook page. [Use this link to see the video.](#)

[Use this link to find out how to register cameras](#) that you have at your business or residence. You'll find answers to your questions there.





1—James Adams, Mark Crews and Kim Green.

2—Walter Lamb and Meg Goorley.

3—Brent Upshaw with his guests: Grant Rogers, Tom Barnett and Oren Welborn.

4—Jesse Gilmore, guest Madison Poche and Cody White.



*Seen on Tuesday*  
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And more...



1—Meg Goorley and Nita Cook.

2—Madison Poche (guest) and Cody White.

3—Walt Gaskins.

4—Gard Wayt with guest David Callecod.

5—Kim Green.

## New Member Introduced

Our newest club member is **Ross E. Smith**. He is originally from Denver but spent time as a child in five states. Much later he spent a year in London and two years in Italy where he met his wife Luisa.

Ross obtained his Bachelor of Music degree from Brigham Young University in piano performance and his Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan also in piano performance,

Ross is a registered representative with New York Life and NYLIFE Securities and has his AARP certification and most recently his Financial Services Certified Professional designation. He qualified for Executive Council during his first year with New York Life. Prior to New York Life, Ross was a 23 year tenured professor of music at Centenary College teaching piano classes and lessons, music theory, music appreciation, film music and led two freshmen classes in Paris, France.

In addition to his professional career, Ross is the new Director of the River Cities Jubilee Chorus, a men's barbershop chorus that has been singing in Shreveport for over 70 years.

Ross' classification is Insurance, Life and Financial Services and his proposer and endorser are Gard Wayt and Martha Marak.



*(From left) Ross Smith, Gard Wayt and President Lawrence Calhoun.*



Our own Rotarian Rich Brontoli has been unanimously selected by the district nominating committee to be Rotary 6190's District Governor for the Rotary year 2024-2025!



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questions about the club.

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## Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Maggie Malone

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

Plant from Rose-Neath Florist—

Mark Crews

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens:

Peyton Cole and Deb Poore

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton  
Restaurant) and  
Zoom Program  
January 25, 2022**

**The Rotary Foundation  
Rich Brontoli & David Ginsburg**

## Leadership Opportunities



Be a mentor at the J.A. Lunch on Thursday,  
February 17th at the Convention Center.  
You'll team up with a couple more profes-  
sionals to discuss business etiquette, re-  
sumes, conduct mock interviews with 3-4  
high school students.

Contact [Nita Cook](#) or ask Judy Bellew for a  
brochure with more information.

OR



How about gathering some Rotary  
friends/family members and leading a team  
to help Shreveport Green with a litter clean-  
up project?

**But Wait! There's more....**



Would you like to take the lead on a committee  
to get a group together for a Paint Your Heart  
Out project on Saturday, May 14, 2022?

**Contact Judy Bellew, Lawrence Calhoun,  
Mark Snow or Katherine Dorroh**