



**Keynote**

**Bitcoin  
What is it? Should I care?**



Most of us are in the dark about the mysterious Bitcoin system. On Tuesday we can have answers to our questions when we hear from **David Ellis**.

From a user perspective, Bitcoin is nothing more than a mobile app or computer program that provides a personal Bitcoin wallet and allows a user to send and received bitcoins with them. But, what does this mean to you?

Mr. Ellis is an analyst assigned to the Shreveport office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has been with the FBI for eight years. Prior to his FBI career, Ellis served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Barksdale AFB in the early 1990's and has recently returned to the Shreveport/Bossier area.

As an analyst in a Federal law enforcement organization, Mr. Ellis is tasked with many aspects of an investigation to include social media exploitation, telephone analysis, interviewing subjects and many other parts of the case.

Prior to his assignment in Shreveport, Mr. Ellis was assigned to the Phoenix Division working Mexican drug cartel investigations. He is married and has one daughter.

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**Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon**

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

**Shreveport  
Convention  
Center**

**Rotarians  
Serving Others**

<i>Doug Bland</i>	<i>Money Table</i>
<i>Tom Arceneaux</i>	<i>Raffle</i>
<i>Karen Johnson</i>	<i>Scanner-Greeter-4Way Test</i>
<i>Rodney Crews</i>	<i>Invocation Inspiration</i>
<i>Jarrold Horton</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>And Kermit Poling</i>	



What a great gift that Rotarian Bob Neff shared with us last Tuesday. Many years ago on this date (December 26th) Pam Neff saw Bob off on a plane for New Orleans where he was to report to the Captain of the Port of New Orleans for two weeks of reserve active duty. He had just gotten off the plane when he received a message from his father-in-law that Pam had gone into labor. With the blessing of the Captain, Bob got back on a plane and returned to Shreveport and was present when his daughter Zama was born.

Bob said that about a year ago, he was inspired when Darrell Rebouche and his wife Claire honored their daughter Madeleine with a Paul Harris Fellowship and recognized her incredible work and how much it was in keeping with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation.

**Zama Neff** is the executive director of the children's rights division of the Human Rights Watch. She has conducted fact-finding investigations and is the author of reports and articles on a range of issues affecting children, including access to education, police violence, refugee protection, the worst forms of child labor and discrimination against women and girls. Zama has published several articles in major international and U.S. publications and has presented seminars at universities.

Zama has been recognized by her alma mater Davidson College of Davidson, NC as a "Game Changer".

Zama has presented programs to our Rotary club on two occasions. Bob and Pam were pleased to publicly honor their daughter on her birthday with a Paul Harris Fellowship. What a special time!



*(From left) Richard Brontoli, Bob Neff, Pam Neff and Zama Neff*

## Rotarian Stories Recap



### Rotary's International Impact



We had a wonderful program on Tuesday as four of our Rotarians shared stories with us.

**Laurie Boswell** shared pictures of her photo safari to Kenya in which she participated a couple of months ago. There were other Rotarians on the trip and they spotted a sign identifying a Rotary project.

**Alston Johnson** shared his family background with us and explained how he was an unlikely person to become an Episcopal priest. His grandfather Benjamin Zion Feibish was a Jewish Rabbi whose family escaped from the Moldova area of Russia during the Russian Revolution. They immigrated to America and arrived at Ellis Island in New York, eventually settling in Memphis, TN where they received their American citizenship. Alston traveled to Ellis Island and located his grandfather's signature on the ship's manifest. What a great story!



## More Rotarian stories...

**Denis and Davor Poljak** were born and raised in the industrial city of Zenica, about 40 miles north of Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina. For you history buffs, you'll recognize the name of Sarajevo in connection with World War I.

First there was one Poljak in the U.S.—Denis attended Centenary College on a tennis scholarship. Davor (2 years younger) came to Centenary two years later, also on a tennis scholarship. Now there are 10 Poljaks in our community. Their parents escaped their war torn area and also came to the U.S. Now, each of the Poljak brothers has a wife and two children.

Denis told how thankful they are for the freedoms in this country and the rule of law.



*(Above) Denis Poljak with his two children (9 year old Thomas and 7 year old Laura) and Davor Poljak.*



*(Right) Denis (on left, age 12) and Davor (age 10) at a tennis match in Slovenia in 1982.*

Time is getting short!

The BIG Project—We're Looking For Your Ideas!

Be sure to complete a proposal for a large community project. [Details here under The Present and Into The Future.](#) Submission deadline is January 31, 2018.



**Seen on Tuesday!**

*(Above, from left) David Ginsburg, Larry Evensky, Robert McGowen and Alston Johnson visit after the program.*



*(Right) Jim Graves with his guest, Clint Bartlett.*

**Civic Grants!**

Area non-profit organizations planning projects to benefit the Shreveport-Bossier community in the coming year may now apply for local funding to aid their efforts. The Rotary Club of Shreveport is now accepting civic grant applications, which must be postmarked no later than **February 16, 2018.**

Details and application are on our club website at [www.rotaryclubofshreveport.org](http://www.rotaryclubofshreveport.org).



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**Raffle Winners Last Week**

TRF Raffle—Laura Poljak (guest)  
Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—  
Larry Evensky  
Andy Shehee's hen eggs—Robert McGowen

**Program on January 9, 2018**

**Human Trafficking  
Clint Davis/HUB**

**Shreveport Convention Center**

**Birthdays**

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January 1	James Adams*, Grady Golden*
January 5	Bruce Willson*PDG
January 9	Doug Abington, Larry Clark*
January 14	David Ginsburg*, John David Stewart*, Reggie Abrams*+
January 17	Sam Voisin
January 18	Steve Roop
January 21	Vernon Chance*, Jimmy Gosslee*
January 24	Jerry Acree◆
January 26	Don Razinsky
January 28	Juan Watkins◆+, Merritt Chastain◆+, Henry Coutret*+
January 30	Connor Peterson
January 31	Leon Bain, Jr.*, Gene Richardson* Gene Nims*



*Seven year old Laura Poljak was holding the winning ticket for the raffle!*