



# Rotaripost

January 21,  
2020

## Keynote

### A Lesson In Civil Rights



James Graves  
Maj. Gen. retired

Next Tuesday USAF Maj. Gen. retired James Graves will present a program on civil rights which he presented several times as the Air Force Civil Rights Chief.

Jim has been a member of our club since 2012.

Due to the importance of this program, we will start at 12:00 noon next Tuesday.

### “The Courageous” have arrived!

Our Red Badge Committee (“The Courageous”) have developed a community service project they are calling FREE ON A TREE. This is a warm clothing collection and distribution program modeled after a similar project launched by a 10 year old boy in Australia in 2018. See this FaceBook [link](#).

The intent is to gather as many gently worn coats, scarves, gloves, etc as we can for a February 1st distribution.

See more information about this on page 3 of the Rotaripost.



**Please check your closets and bring items for this project!**

Tuesday,  
Noon

12:13 p.m.  
Historical Start

Shreveport  
Convention  
Center

Rotarians  
Serving  
Others

Hardy Money  
Foreman Table

Margaret Raffle  
Wallace

Joe Greeter-  
Littlejohn Scanner-4Way  
Test

John Invocation  
Tuggle Inspiration

Bruce  
Willson Music  
&  
Kermit  
Poling

## **Events and Service Opportunities**

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

February service days: Thursday, February 6th and 13th!

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

### **2019-2020 Civic Grant Cycle**

Our grant cycle for this year is now 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.

### ***Food Bank Pack The Senior Boxes***

January 21st —5:00 p.m.

No need to sign up.

Just bring a youth or family member and show up!



### **District 6190 Foundation Banquet**

**Saturday, February 8, 2020—6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

**Cordaro's Event Center, 3055 Knight St., Shreveport**

Club will pay the \$25 registration for our Rotarians. Great fun event with silent and live auctions. Each high bid on an item is submitted to The Rotary Foundation in the high bidder's name and will apply toward your Paul Harris Fellowship account. Let Judy Bellew know if you would like to go so she can register you.

**Current Red Badge Committee**  
**(hereinafter referred to as “The Courageous”**

Members of the current Red Badge Committee are:

[Jon Ellis](#) (Group Leader)      [Jeff Brasher](#)      [Bill Franklin](#)  
[Walt Gaskins](#)      [Johnathon Goff](#)      [Robby Latham](#)  
[Akmal Mikhail](#)      [Libby Murphy](#) (Group Advisor)

**This committee has started off with a bang!**

Please bring any articles you'd care to donate to the January 21st or January 28th meetings where “The Courageous” will collect them. We will examine whether the club wants to grow this into a standing committee.

If you are a recent red badge member (or even a seasoned Rotarian) and would like to work with this committee, let Libby Murphy ([lmurphy@lablind.com](mailto:lmurphy@lablind.com)) know. If you have any questions about the project, please reach out to any of The Courageous for more details.

Don't forget to bring winter gear on Tuesday that can be used for their first project!

Our deepest Sympathy...

Our deepest condolences to Rotarian Anna Maria Sparke-Keele for the death of her dad Richard W. Sparke on January 8th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 8th at Rose Park Baptist Church.

RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute)  
 Next session is February 1, 2020  
 in Monroe

Register at [hoa-rli.org](http://hoa-rli.org). Club pays your registration fee.



## New Paul Harris Fellow and a PHF Level Up

On Tuesday, President Rich presented Rotarian **Libby Murphy** with her new Paul Harris Fellow certificate and her lapel pin. Libby is president and CEO of Louisiana Association for the Blind. She received her undergraduate degree from LSU Baton Rouge and her masters degree in management from New England College.

She serves on the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council and the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs.

Libby joined our club in 2018 but was a previous member of the RiverBend Rotary Club. She has been instrumental in helping our red badge committees to develop service projects.

*(Right) President Rich Brontoli presented Libby Murphy with her new PHF certificate and pin.*



*Denis Poljak*

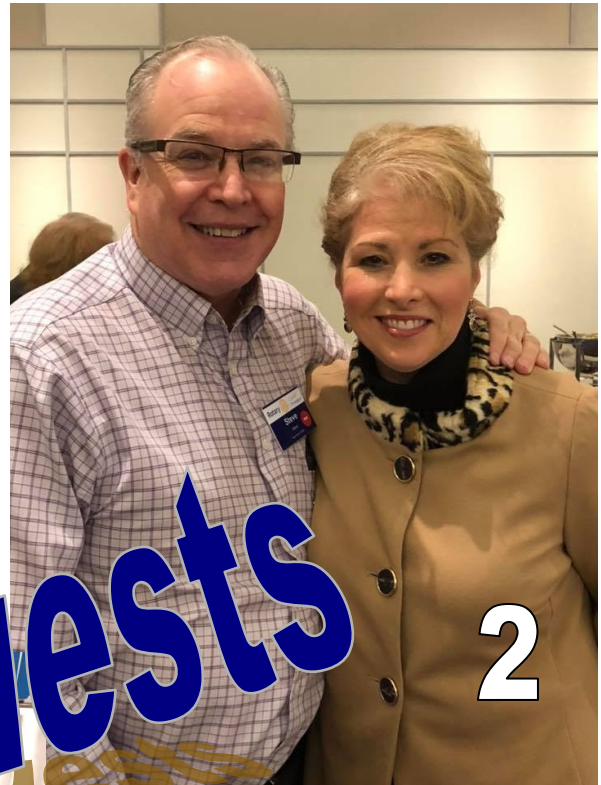
**Denis Poljak** received his PHF+5 pin with five sapphires. Denis is senior vice president with the Poljak Group at Morgan Stanley. He received his degrees in accounting and business administration from Centenary, his MBA from Louisiana Tech University and his PhD in economics from the University of Sarajevo.

After growing up in Zenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina he came to the U.S. to attend Centenary College on a full tennis scholarship. In the years after that, Denis' brother (fellow Rotarian Davor Poljak) and their parents moved to the United States to live here in the Shreveport area where they have become very involved in the community.

Denis joined our club in 2012 after previous membership in the Rotary Club of South Shreveport. He served as a club director in the 2015-2016 Rotary year.







# Guests

- 1—Dianne Clark with her guest, Bonne Summers.
- 2—Steve Aiken with his guest Holly Hart.
- 3—Francesca Benten-Moreland with her guest, Jeffrey Goodman.
- 4—Libby Murphy with her guest Alison Young.



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questions about the club.

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### Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—John Parsons

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

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

James Blewett

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—

Libby Murphy

### Program on January 21 2020

**Michael Bertaut  
Healthcare 2020**

**Shreveport Convention Center  
Rooms 206-208**

### Bossier Chamber of Commerce Nominations

Congratulations to Rotarian **Mark Crews** of Allegiance, LLC for being one of the nominees for the Bossier Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year.

and

**Bossier Parish Community College** (home of our Rotaract Club and also affiliated with several of our members) is a nominee for Business of the Year.

The award ceremony is January 21, 2020.

### A Red Badge Graduate

**Jim Malsch** graduated to his blue badge on Tuesday! He joined our club in 2019. Jim retired from Enterprise Computing Services, a company that he founded in 1994 in the early days of business computing.

He is now the managing partner of JRM Ventures LLC and is a visionary for the development of local businesses. He is the president and director of the Cohabitat Foundation. He has plans for the Andress building in downtown Shreveport which he purchased in 2019. He is also part-owner in Shreveport Music and Red River Brewing.

Jim was sponsored in the club by Jeb Breithaupt.

