



The Rotaripost

January 3, 2017

Keynote *Food Bank of Northwest LA*



The Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana was selected by our 2015-2016 civic grant committee to receive a grant for \$4,052 to purchase replacement batteries for their forklift that is used in daily operations. This expense was an otherwise unfunded item for the Food Bank.

Rotarian **Martha Marak** is the executive director of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana which is the largest distributor of public and private emergency food for Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Red River and Desoto Parishes. In 2015 they provided over 9.2 million pounds of food valued at \$414 million to more than 75,000 low income and below poverty level households in their service area.

In addition to their food distribution program, the Food Bank distributed over \$250,000 of food, water and supplies to victims of the spring floods of 2015 and 2016. Their backpack program provides a 7-10 pound bag of food on the weekend and holiday to chronically hungry children. Their senior program is designed to deliver a monthly box of non-perishable groceries to home bound seniors 65 and older. Other programs offered by the Food Bank are summer food service program for children, mobile pantry, kids café after school meals and Kids in Distressed Situations program.

Our Rotarians participate in a service project by packing the senior boxes every third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Rotaract students from the new BPC Rotaract club have also incorporated this as an outgoing community service project. We hope that we will soon have these outstanding students join with our members for the third Tuesday service.

Martha Marak, a Paul Harris Fellow, has been a member of our club since 2009 and served as a club director in the 2012-2013 Rotary year. She is the past president of the Louisiana Food Bank Association. Prior to joining the Food Bank in 2008, Martha was the senior marketing manager for Pierre Bossier Mall and Mall St. Vincent for 17 years. She was a founding member of Dress for Success, served on the Board of Directors for the Shreveport Women's Commission, Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Junior League of Shreveport, Junior Achievement of North Louisiana and several others.

A native of New Orleans, she is married and has two children.

**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

**12:13 p.m.
Bell-Ringing**

**Shreveport
Convention
Center**

Rotarians Serving Others

Amanda Simpson *Money Table*

Paul Burch *Raffle*

Marshall Jones *Scanner-Greeter-4Way Test*

David Ginsburg *Invocation*

Steve Aiken & Kermit Poling *Music*

Paul Harris Fellowships!

President Jeb presented a PHF+5 pin to **Lawrence Calhoun** on Tuesday. Lawrence, a graduate of C.E. Byrd and Louisiana Tech, is the third generation owner of Interstate Insurance Underwriters. He now has two sons in the agency, making it a 4th generation firm.

Lawrence joined our club in 2001 and served as a club director in 2007-2008. He has served on many of our committees and has always been a tried and true sponsor of our fund raising events and a hands-on volunteer at the events.

A baseball and soccer coach for many years, Lawrence now umpires Little League baseball.

After accepting his pin, Lawrence shared that after becoming familiar with the good that The Rotary Foundation does around the world that he selected TRF as his charity of choice. Lawrence is also a member of the Paul Harris Society committed to donating a specific amount each year. Note that our Society members have an additional red ribbon on their badge.

Lawrence then further shared Rotary by surprising his wife Connie with a Paul Harris Fellowship.



(Above) Lawrence and Connie Calhoun

2016-2017 Grant Application Period Is Open

Let your favorite 501(c)(3) non-profit organization know that grant applications are being accepted until February 28, 2017. Grant applications are available on our club [website](#) or by sending an email to shreveportrotary@gmail.com.

Networking—Rotary Style!

We're having another Networking activity to get to know each other better!

Tuesday, January 17th; 11:00 – 11:45

Room 209, next door to our lunch room

Prepare your 2 minute talk about yourself, your work, your hobbies, or your dog!

More PHFs!



(Above) Madeleine and Darrell Rebouche

Darrell Rebouche received his PHF+1 pin on Tuesday. Darrell, a Jesuit (not Loyola he stressed) High School and LSUS graduate, Darrell spent 25 years as a TV sportscaster and then newsroom manager.

Since 2005 he has been with Willis Knighton as their marketing-visual arts coordinator. He developed their WKTV, a patient education TV channel programmed 24 hours a day. He produces and edits the WK videos for patients and staff.

Darrell joined the club in 2001 and served as club director in 2008-2009. He serves on the chaplaincy committee, has been announcing our birthdays for many years, serves on our fund raising event committee. Along with David Cromwell he is our “voice of Rotary” at the events.

After receiving his new pin, Darrell surprised his daughter Madeleine Rebouche with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Madeleine and mom Claire thought they were guests at the meeting simply to see Darrell receive his new pin.

The pride that they have in their daughter was evident as Darrell mentioned how Madeleine is such a great example of Service Above Self. Madeleine currently works for the Dale House Project, a non-profit organization in Colorado Springs that reaches out to delinquent, neglected and abused teenagers who cannot return to their families. Madeleine will be attending Duke Divinity School.

A tip from The Rotary Foundation

How can you honor someone special with a Paul Harris Fellowship?

Use your recognition points! Ask Judy what this means and find out how many of those you have!

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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Greg Juneau

Thanks for your contribution to The Rotary Foundation—this applies toward your next PHF

Rose-Neath Flower Shop—Robert McGowen

Andy Shehee's hen eggs—Margaret Wallace

Game of Life from Joe Littlejohn—Larry Evensky

Satsumas from Jon Lowe—Margaret Wallace

Duck eggs from Andy Shehee—Larry Evensky

Program on January 10, 2017

Holy Angels Residential Facility

Laurie Boswell

Shreveport Convention Center

Birthdays

* Paul Harris Fellow + Past President PDG Past District Governor

◆ Major Donor

January 1	James Adams*, Grady Golden*
January 5	Bruce Willson*PDG
January 9	Doug Abington, Larry Clark*
January 14	David Ginsburg*, Reggie Abrams*+, John David Stewart*
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, Jr.◆+, Henry Coutret, Jr.*+
January 30	Connor Peterson
January 31	Leon Bain, Jr.*, Gene Richardson*, Gene Nims*

New Roster Updates

Please update your new roster with these changes:

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