



Rotaripost

12:00 NOON
Meeting
July 21,
2020
Zoom

Keynote

Police Chief Ben Raymond Shreveport Police Department

Ben Raymond began his career with the Shreveport Police Department in February 2000. After graduating from the Shreveport Police Regional Training Academy in June of that year, he worked in the Uniform Services Division as a patrol officer.

He was selected to be a member of the Street Level Interdiction Unit (narcotics) in June of 2002 and was assigned a dual role as an operator with the Special Response Team. He served in this capacity until September 2005 when he was transferred to the Mid-Level Investigations Unit (narcotics) and continued in his duties as an operator with the Special Response Team. As he progressed in his career he was ultimately appointed as the Special Response Team training coordinator and was responsible for ensuring the team was properly trained and equipped.



Chief Ben Raymond

He was transferred to the Shreveport Police Regional Training Academy as an instructor in 2016. During his tenure as an instructor, he was promoted to the rank of police sergeant.

In 2017 he was appointed chief administrative assistant where he was primarily responsible for the creation, implementation and management of the police budget. He was appointed chief of police by Mayor Adrian Perkins in September 2019 after accepting a substitute appointment as chief of police in 2018.

Chief Raymond received his B.A. in criminal justice, summa cum laude and was the top graduate during the 1999 commencement for ULM in Monroe. He holds numerous certifications in firearms, battle safety and other tactical certifications.

He considers his greatest accomplishment and most important role is being a loving father for his two daughters.



**Tuesday,
Noon**

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

**Zoom On-Line
Meetings**

Rotarians Serving Others

Club President Laurie Boswell

Club President-Elect Lawrence Calhoun

Club Vice-President David Cromwell

Club Secretary-Treasurer Mark Snow

Immediate Past Club President Rich Brontoli

Zoom Backgrounds!

Rotarian David Brainis has become quite creative with his Zoom virtual backgrounds. Our executive director has reminded the members what the celebrations of the day are for our Tuesday meetings. David has taken that to heart and created a virtual background in response.

Thank you, David, for the fun!!



(Above) Patriotic Theme Day



(Above) Pecan Sandies Cookie Day



(Left) Strawberry Sundae Day

(Right) Bastille Day, National Nude Day and Grand Marnier Day. David wasn't deterred as he was somehow able to combine all three



HEADS UP—Tuesday, July 21st is National Junk Food Day

Presentations

Two of our members received awards via Zoom presentations. The awards were later hand-delivered to them .



Mike McSwain was personally presented with his Paul Harris Fellowship certificate and lapel pin at his office. He expressed his gratitude to Teri Haynes for sharing Rotary with him in this way.

Mike was commissioned by immediate past president Rich Brontoli to provide sketches of various Shreveport landmarks for Rich to present as Board gifts. The Board members were all very pleased to receive such personalized recognitions.



Libby Murphy was selected by immediate past club president Richard Brontoli to receive the "Al Kessler Thank You, Thank You, Thank You Rotarian of the Year" Award for 2019-2020.

Libby reported that she used to work with Al Kessler and he was a wonderful person to know. She was very honored to have been selected for this award.

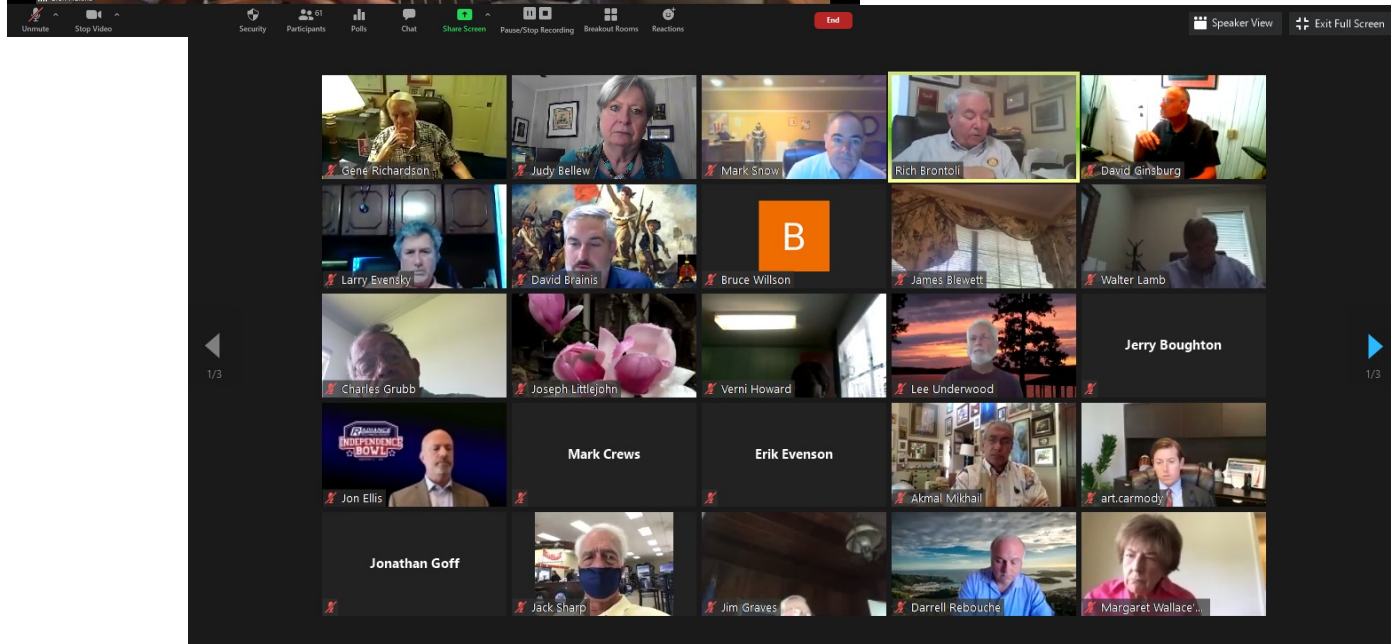


Zoom Scenes

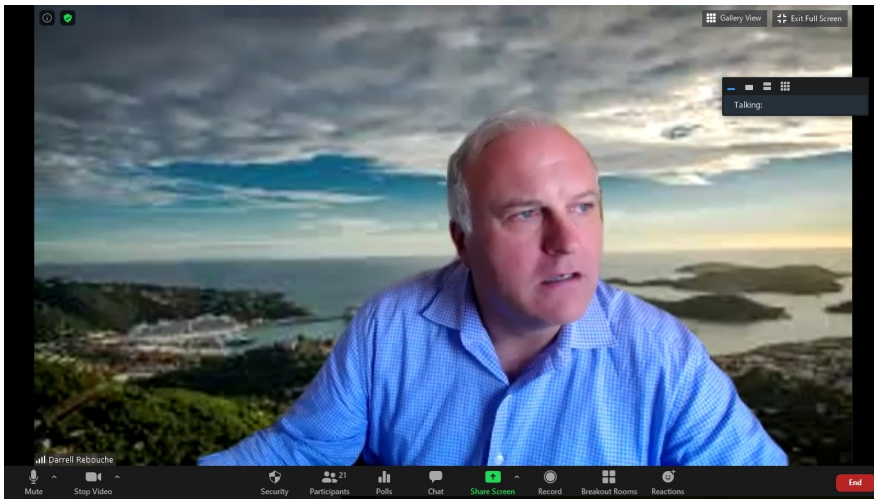


(Left) Glen Adkins sang and played the guitar for us,

(Below) Part of the group in attendance.



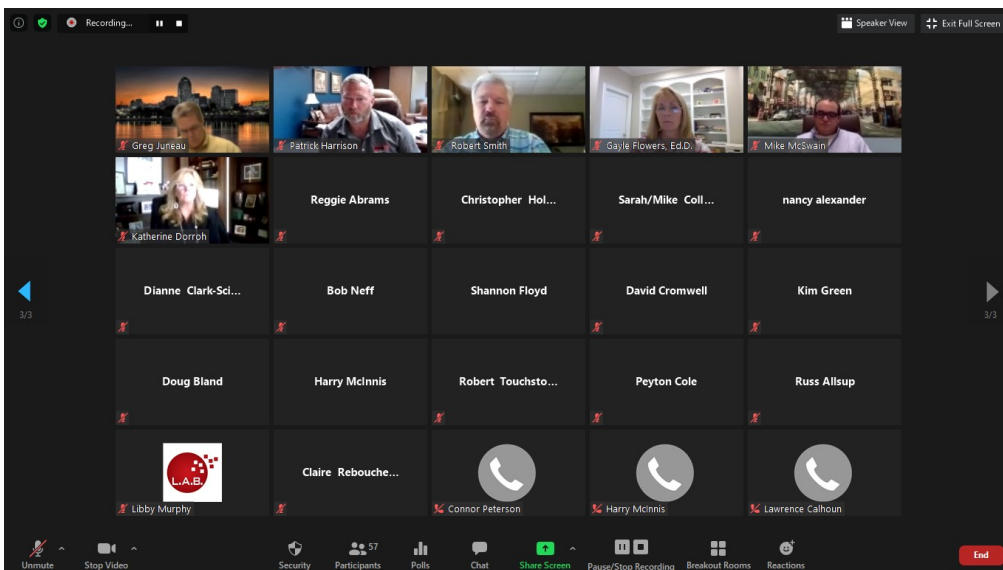
(Left) Art Carmody with the Independence Bowl Foundation spoke with us about this year's Bowl and the numerous activities leading up to game day.



(Left) Darrell Rebouche with a nice background.



(Below) Jon Ellis with Radiance Technologies gave us a bit of information about Radiance and why they chose to sponsor the Independence Bowl.



(Left) Here are more of the meeting attendees.



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Upcoming Zoom Program

July 28, 2020

Kelly Wells
Shreveport Bossier Sports
Commission

Program Chair:

Doug Bland

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Or

318-868-1122

**Our schedule is already filled to
October. Let Doug know if you
have a program suggestion.**

Throw Back Tuesday Contest

Last week's Rotarian in the Judson Jetts 5th grade football picture was Brad Graff. Winners were:

1st place—Merritt Chastain (\$50 gift certificate from
Rose-Neath Flower Shop)

2nd place—Jesse Gilmore (30 eggs)

3rd place—Pete Bratlie (12 eggs)

Our members seem to really enjoy this “contest” each week. I have pictures for the next 3 weeks but if you would like to participate, send me a mystery picture for a future Rotaripost.

Who's this week's Mystery Rotarian?

Be the first to send your guess to

[shreveportrotary@gmail.com!](mailto:shreveportrotary@gmail.com)

