



# Rotaripost

12:00 NOON  
ZOOM  
Meeting  
June 23,  
2020

**Keynote**

## Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce

**Rotary's 2020 Virtual International Convention begins January 20th!  
Show Your Rotary logo or colors—Theme For Tuesday's Zoom Meeting**

**Tim Magner, Ed.D.**, was selected as the President of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce in 2016. Prior to that, Tim was the Chief Information Officer at LSU Health Sciences Center and before that appointment he served as the Director of Training at LSUHSC.



Tim received his B.A. in government from William & Mary University, then his Masters in Education from Harvard University and finally his Doctor of Education from Pepperdine University.

A Rotarian in our club since 2017, he volunteers as the Vice President of Program for the Norwela Council-Boy Scouts of America. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors for Step Forward for several years.

Since our mandated "stay at home" Magner has led the Chamber is providing weekly webinars to assist area residents and businesses in staying on top of news about the pandemic which affect all of us.



**Please see page 6 for a special message regarding our face to face meetings to begin on June 30th!!**

**Tuesday,  
Noon**

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

**Shreveport  
Convention  
Center**

### Club Officers (Executive Board)

*Richard Brontoli*      *President*

*Laurie Boswell*      *President-Elect*

*Lawrence Calhoun*      *Vice-President*

*David Cromwell*      *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Joe Littlejohn*      *Immediate Past President*

Our Rotary Club of Shreveport will sponsor a team in each of two virtual walk/runs that will culminate on June 27, 2020. We have slots for 6 people in each of the teams. This can be a club member, family member, friend!

Let Judy Bellew know if you want to participate and she will get you registered.



**Holy Angels Run With The Angels**—The virtual walk/run will begin anytime and end on Saturday, June 27th. You can do this on a treadmill or a route of your choice near you.

**United Way Virtual Fun Run and 5k**—This virtual event will be on Saturday, June 27th with you again choosing how you wish to participate.

### Another Rotary Blood Drive



In case you missed our blood drive last Tuesday, you have another opportunity to donate during a multi-club Rotary blood drive:

**When: Saturday, July 4th, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Where: LifeShare Blood Center, 8910 Linwood Ave., Shreveport, LA.**

Donors will receive a unique patriotic t-shirt and other items from local businesses.

### Our deepest Sympathy...

We received word that Rotarian **Clovis Burch** passed away on June 18, 2020 after a brief illness. Visitation is Monday evening at Osborn Funeral Home with services on Tuesday beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Clovis joined our club in 1989 (31 years ago!). He was a former member of the East Shreveport club and was a PHF+1.

His son Paul Burch is a member of our club also.

Clovis will always be remembered for his wonderful smile that would light up a room.

## New Paul Harris Fellows

Last week on our Zoom meeting, President Rich Brontoli recognized his children as new Paul Harris Fellows. He had hand delivered the certificates and pins and they both attended the Zoom meeting.

Matt Brontoli went to Loyola College Prep, then graduated from LA Tech with a bachelor's degree in business and an MBA. He is currently working in the Topgolf corporate Dallas HQ in Human Resources. He got married last February to Katherine.

Lydia Brontoli Navo attended Airline High School and graduated from LSU Baton Rouge with an architecture degree. She is currently working for Action Coach in Houston, recently receiving her Coaching Certificate. She is married to Ben, an architect, and they have a one-year old son.



## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Matt Snyder

Rotarian since 2019

**Profession:** Owner of PinPoint Local Marketing which represents around 25 local businesses in their marketing strategy and community involvement.

**Hobbies:** Golf, traveling, exercising and spending time with my family.

**Background:** Native of Shreveport, graduated from Capt. Shreve High School and attended LA Tech.

**Things You Might Not Know:** Matt was instrumental in creating local events such as Shreveport Derby Day; Wheels in the Hills; Tinsel, Bourbon & Bowties; Crawfest. He and his wife Cathlean have five (count 'em) FIVE children. Cathlean is a school teacher. They drop off and pickup from 5 different schools every day when school is in session.

**Additional Community Involvement:** Matt was a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2016, serves on the Board for Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau.



(Top Left) Matt, Cathlean and their five children.



(Bottom Left) Matt recycling the old turf from the field at Independence Stadium getting the parking lot ready for the I-Bowl's official tail-gate party in 2019.

(Top Right) Matt in front of the Grambling Marching Band at the 2019 Crawfest at Betty Virginia Park.

## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Doug Bland

Rotarian since 2004

**Profession:** Owner of Bland Shelter Insurance Agency since 1989.

**Background/Education:** Shreveport native, graduate of Woodlawn High School; received B.S. in business administration from LSU Baton Rouge.

**Hobbies:** Golf and high school football officiating. I've been a high school football official for 27 years and am a member of the Louisiana High School Officials Association (LHSOA).

**Things You Probably Don't Know:** I played ball with Terry Bradshaw and Joe Ferguson at Woodlawn, but also ran track. I was on the Shreveport Time's All-City Team in 1966, played on the LSU Fighting Tigers team from 1967-1970 at the same time that Bert Jones was there.

**COVID-19 Activity:** I'm at my office every-day as I'm considered an essential business; staff has worked remotely.

(Top Left) Doug at an American Cancer Society fundraising event.

(Bottom Left) Doug with fellow Rotarian Lee Underwood at a Junior Achievement Mentoring Lunch.



### A Look at Past Selections

## Times' All-City in 25th Year

1966  
Offense.

Ends — Jim Whitten (Byrd) and Bill Smith (Woodlawn).  
Tackles — Steve Primos (Fair Park) and Leonard Richardson (Woodlawn).  
Guards — Tom Cascio (Jesuit) and Bobby Joe King (Fair Park).  
Center — Chubby Knight (Airline).  
Quarterback — John Miller (Fair Park).  
Backs — Eric Kilpatrick (Airline), Tony Rinaudo (Jesuit), Ross Oglesby (Woodlawn) and Wayne Haney (Fair Park).

Defense

Ends — Jim Harris (Bossier) and Jerry Simpson (Fair Park).  
Tackles — Roger McCoy (Woodlawn), Mike DeSadier (Bossier) and Richard Childress (Woodlawn).  
Linebackers — Louis Cascio (Jesuit) and Edwin Tubbs (Woodlawn).  
Cornerbacks — Jeston Alley (Airline) and Ronnie Alexander (Woodlawn).  
Safeties — James Cottrell (Fair Park) and Doug Bland (Woodlawn).  
1967

### **A Message From President Rich Brontoli**

Rotarian;

We are anxious to get back to “face to face” meetings!

The Shreveport Convention Center told us we could not meet until 28 July and then they would provide box lunches. This is not acceptable, so we have checked into other facilities that could handle 100, until the Convention Center can serve a buffet.

The Petroleum Club does not have Tuesday available and parking would be an issue. Sam’s Town is not taking any groups until mid-July.

East Ridge Country Club, Shreveport; and Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City; could both handle 100 participants, provide a buffet lunch on Tuesdays (staff will serve with gloves & masks behind protective plexiglass shielding) and they have adequate parking.

We had approximately 25% of our Club on our meeting today and had the following poll:

1. What day would you feel comfortable attending a face to face meeting?

30 June – 50%

7 July – 8%

14 July – 7%

21 July – 3 %

28 July – 32%

2. What location would you want to attend?

East Ridge Country Club – 59%

Hilton Garden Inn – 18%

Continue with Zoom Meetings – 23%

**\*\* We will start “face to face” meetings at East Ridge Country Club on Tuesday, 30 June, 12:13 pm.**

**NOTE: We will continue to have participation by Zoom at East Ridge Country Club. We understand it is up to each individual to know your underlining conditions and if you should be in groups at this time.**

This will be a good meeting to start since it is the Installation of New Officers.

**You will be receiving a survey asking if you will physically attend (for headcount) or join by Zoom.**

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. Stay "Safe" and look forward to being with you soon!

*Rich Brontoli, Club President*



#### 2020 VIRTUAL CONVENTION - REMINDER

The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention starts tomorrow,  
at 08:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)!

Be sure to go to the homepage of [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) and click on the JOIN button in the General Session Block, and make sure everything is working. Make sure to SIGN UP first!

In addition to attending the general sessions and breakouts, explore fun ways to engage with your fellow rotary members.

Join a friendly step goal competition amongst your peers. There will prizes for the winners. [Register and download the app](#) for the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention Walking Challenge.

Take a selfie and share your Rotary spirit on the [Facebook Event page](#) using #Rotary20.

Visit 24- hour exhibits at the [Virtual House of Friendship](#). Connect with Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, Partners, Projects, and Rotary International resources to learn more, ask questions, and interact virtually with fellow members.

#### GOOSE & GRIM





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Call Judy Bellew if you have any  
questions about the club.

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### Upcoming In-Person Program

June 30, 2020

Recognition of outgoing Board of  
Directors and installation of new  
Officers and Board of Directors

East Ridge Country Club  
Ballroom

Zoom will also be available for  
those who are not yet comfortable.

### Throw Back Tuesday Contest

*Thanks to Andy Shehee (well, his chickens) and  
to Rose-Neath Florist for the prizes!*

The Mystery Rotarian pictured in last week's Rotaripost  
was **John Tuggle**. Here are the winners of the quickest  
correct answers emailed to

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

1st place: Larry Evensky  
(\$50 Rose-Neath gift certificate)

2nd place: Tom Arceneaux  
(wins 30 count egg carton)

3rd place: George Nelson, Jr.  
(wins 12 count egg carton)

Email answer to [shreveportrotary@gmail.com](mailto:shreveportrotary@gmail.com)

The person in the picture is not eligible, of course.

Andy will either deliver the eggs to you or he can make  
arrangements for you to pick them up at Rose-Neath.

The Mystery Rotarian and the three winners will be iden-  
tified in the Rotaripost the following week



**There is a Rotarian in this group of three people.  
Who is it? This one is EASY!**