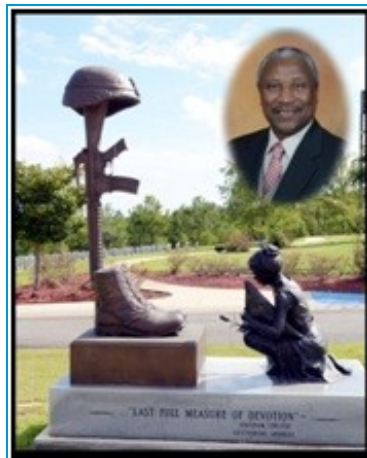




**Keynote Northwest LA Veterans Cemetery**



**Kenneth R. Epperson**, a native of Winn Parish, joined the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era after he graduated from a local Shreveport high school.

Upon his discharge after his term of enlistment, he utilized the GI bill and earned his degree from Grambling State University.

Ken was first elected to the Caddo Parish Commission in 1992. He served for 12 years until he was term limited. After being off the Commission for four years he was again elected to serve in 2008. He states that his most significant accomplishment as a Commissioner was being a strong advocate to get a

new Veterans Cemetery located in Caddo Parish.

In addition to many professional and government related organizations, Ken serves as the chair of the Veterans Celebration Committee, working with Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Bossier City and Shreveport, which has sponsored the largest Veterans Parade and Honor Ceremony for our military veterans in the state of Louisiana since 2011.

During his time of public service, Ken was also employed by Pennzoil-Quaker State Company and ASA-ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. He retired from both of those positions.

He resigned his position on the Caddo Parish Commission to become the Director of the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery. Our club, through efforts of our late Rotarian Ernest Lampkins, was also involved in the development of this Cemetery.

Epperson is married and the father of 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 11 great

**Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon**  
  
**12:13 p.m.  
Historical Start**

**Shreveport  
Convention  
Center**

**Rotarians  
Serving Others**

*Doug Bland*      *Money  
Table*

*Dick Bremer*      *Raffle*

*John Tuggle*      *Scanner-  
Greeter-4Way  
Test*

*Miles Hitchcock*      *Invocation  
Inspiration*

*Tom Arceneaux*      *Music*  
*And*  
*Kermit Poling*

**AND THE WINNER IS.....**



*See page 3 for more information*



**Ken Krueger** received his PHF+4 pin last Tuesday. He is a native of Texas who received his bachelor's degree in finance from Texas A&M and a further degree from the Southwest Graduate School of Banking.

Ken has had a banking career for almost 35 years. He relocated to Shreveport from Houston. While in Houston, Ken was involved with many community organizations including the Rotary Club of Houston where he was committed to that club's Camp Enterprise which is similar to our Camp RYLA.

After relocating here in 2015, Ken joined our club and quickly got involved in several committees. He has served as a club director in 2017-2018 and is set to chair our Food Bank committee for the Rotary year 2018-2019. He is a regular blood donor for our Rotarians 4 Life Blood drives.

Ken also has been active with the Junior Achievement Board of Directors.



(Above) Part of the planning committee for The Rotary Learning Bus project

(Right) Jack Sharp won the raffle for the first batch of tomatoes from Jon Lowe



## THE ROTARY LEARNING BUS!



The **Rotary Learning Bus** will provide early child development support to children and care givers in the Cedar Grove neighborhood, an area in critical need of support. The Bus will anchor a group of partnering organizations to create a roving hub which will bring services to the door step of the caregivers of young children, including brain building exercises, limited health screenings and referrals as needed.

This project was proposed by chairs Laurie Boswell and Martha Marak after review of a needs assessment research conducted by the Community Foundation of North Louisiana and the Step Forward organization.

In addition to the Community Foundation of North Louisiana, our partners in this project will be:

Common Ground—has maintained active programs in the Cedar Grove area for over 20 years (free community meals, food pantry, clothes closet, afterschool tutoring for children at Atkins Elementary, other youth programs).

Step Forward—will provide a neutral platform to track and report outcomes, utilize social media.

Shreve Memorial Library—will provide their Bookmobile and set up a “pop-up” library, provide its “Every Child Ready to Read” program and resources.

Food Bank of NW Louisiana—food for participants.

Martin Luther King Health Center—health screenings.

Nurse Family Partnerships—home visits for health needs.

Holy Angels—prepare handouts and informational pamphlets.

Bossier Parish Community College—classes to caregivers for HSET classes.

Caddo Parish School System—provides location for services.

Williams Creative Graphics—has already produced materials for project.

These Rotarians have been involved with the planning of this project: Laurie Boswell, Martha Marak, John Tuggle, Gayle Flowers, Steve Aiken, Bruce Willson, Rob Eppers, David Wimberly, Merrill Wautlet, Francesca Moreland, Michael Hicks, Jeffrey Thomas, Janet Mentasane (member, RiverBend Rotary)

There will be a committee established to handle this project, its sustainability and the volunteer opportunities that we are going to have. Let Rich Brontoli know if you would like to be included in this key committee.





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### Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Carol Barnes

*Thanks for your donation to The Rotary Foundation—This applies to your next PHF level*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—

George Bakowski

Andy Shehee's hen eggs—Robert McGowen and Mark Snow

Tomatoes from Jon Lowe—Jack Sharp

### Program on July 3, 2018

### Officer and Board Installation

### Shreveport Convention Center

**Rooms 206-208**



**“King Rocket 88”  
WHO IS THIS IN THE RED CROWN &  
ROYAL ATTIRE?**



**Larry Evensky at the Rotary Club Roma in Italy!  
The Rotary wheel can be seen around the world!**