



Rotaripost

June 11,
2019

Keynote

Audubon Louisiana

Meeting on June 11th—Our Regular Room!

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Karen Profita

In her role as the Executive Director of Audubon Louisiana, **Karen Profita** leads all of Audubon Louisiana's administration and programming. This includes large-scale coastal conservation and land-owner engagement through the Mississippi River Delta Restoration Campaign.

In addition, she and her team lead the management of the Paul J. Rainey Sanctuary, Audubon's oldest and largest sanctuary and steward the protection of Louisiana's 23 Important Bird Areas throughout the State.

Karen has spent most of her career in leadership and fundraising for non-profits. Prior to joining Audubon Louisiana in 2017, she served as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Seaford Promotion and Marketing Board under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Prior to that, Karen served as the CEO of Capitol Area United Way in Baton Rouge where she was recognized by the *Baton Rouge Business Report* as one of the "10 Most Influential Women in Business".

She earned a B.S. in marketing from Louisiana State University and a Masters of health service administration from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois.

Karen has been a member of the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge since 2009.



**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

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

**Shreveport
Convention
Center**

**Rotarians
Serving
Others**

*Margaret Money
Wallace Table*

*Charlie Raffle
Henington*

*Greg Greeter-
Lott Scanner-4Way
Test*

*Kim Invocation
Green Inspiration*

*Karen
Johnson
& Music
Kermit
Poling*

Civic Grants Awarded

Once again, our club awarded grants to local non-profit organizations for support of a project organized by each of the organizations. This year \$22,800 was awarded to these groups:

\$3,000—Volunteers for Youth Justice—support of CASA Recruiter/Trainer

\$4,000—Gingerbread House—operational support

\$4,000—Holy Angels Residential Facility—purchase of technology equipment for residents

\$3,000—Literacy Volunteers at Centenary College—books, study material, computer

\$4,000—InterCity Entrepreneur Institute—BizCamp program

\$1,500—Shreveport Opera—support of SOX program

\$1,500—Louisiana Association for the Blind—Youth Transition Program

\$300—Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission

\$300—Providence House

\$300—Operation Home Front

\$300—Strand Theatre

\$300—Goodwill Industries

\$300—Herndon Magnet School

Thanks to our grant committee members—Mike Ferrell (chair), Doug Bland, Rich Brontoli, Lawrence Calhoun, Merritt Chastain, Charles Grubb, Miles Hitchcock, Chris Holoman, Milton Hutchinson, Charlotte Jones, Greg Lott, Renee Petree, Darrell Rebouche, Gil Shanley, Graham Thompson, John Tuggle and Merrill Wautlet.

Since 1999 the Rotary Club of Shreveport has awarded a total of \$316,243 through our competitive grant process.

Applications for next year's grant cycle will be accepted beginning in December 2019 and ending in February 2020. Watch for details in club publications and on the club's web site.

President-Elect Richard Brontoli has also applied for a Rotary Foundation District Grant for Martin Luther King Health Center to assist them in securing necessary prescription medication for their clients.



Pictured above are representatives of some of the organizations that received civic grants.

(Front row, from left) Club President Joe Littlejohn, Sue Lee (Literacy Volunteers at Centenary College), Kristen Powers and Laurie Boswell (Holy Angels Residential Facility), Jessica Miller (Gingerbread House), Christi Robinson and Melinda Wallace (CASA);

(Back row, from left) Roy Burrell ((InnerCity Entrepreneur Institute), Brandon Smith and Audra Muslow (LA Association for the Blind), Lena Levinston (BizCamp) and Mike Ferrell (Rotary committee chair).

World War II Veteran and D-Day Flyer

We were honored to have Rotarian Jim Egan with us last Tuesday. On D-Day 75 years ago, Jim was a pilot stationed in England and northern France. He flew 71 bombing missions during his time being stationed there, including his mission on D-Day flying over France supporting the invading Allied troops.

Jim will be 100 years old in October 2019.



(Right) Jim Egan with Brig. Gen. Peyton Cole (Ret.)

(Right) Mark Crews and Willie White

Seen Tuesday
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(Left) Garrett Hill and Debra Williams



(Above) Jon Keith, Mike McSwain and George Nelson



(Left) Darrell Rebouche and Teri Haynes



(Left) Paul Burch, Ken Krueger and Robert Touchstone

(Below) Elton Richey, Brad Perry and Jon Lowe



And More
And More



(Above) Laurie Boswell and guest Jon Elberson



(Right) Steve Aiken and Jennifer McMenamin



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Peyton Cole
Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—
Ken Krueger
Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—
David Bellew

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Program on June 18, 2019

John Kay
Americans for Prosperity

Shreveport Convention Center
Exhibit Hall 1, First Floor

Our condolences to Rotarian David Brainis whose mother Lucy Abramson Brainis passed away on June 2, 2019. Private services were held on June 3, 2019.



(Above, from left) Scott Wysong, Alex Roberts (Erika Wysong's son), Senator John Kennedy



(Above) President-Elect Rich Brontoli at the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg