



## Rotaripost

12:00 NOON  
ZOOM  
Meeting  
June 16,  
2020

**Keynote**

### Shreveport Bossier Convention And Tourist Bureau

#### Show Your Flag—Theme For Tuesday's Zoom Meeting

As Public Relations and Social Media Manager at the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau for the last ten years, **Chris Jay** promotes all the great things to see, do, taste and experience in Shreveport-Bossier. He manages all of the Bureau's social communities, including the blog that he launched in 2011, [www.20x49.com](http://www.20x49.com).

Chris helps businesses like hotels, restaurants and non-profit organizations do a better job of telling their stories in order to attract more customers.

Prior to joining the Bureau, Chris was Marketing Director for Robinson Film Center for almost seven years.



Chris has spent his entire life in northwest Louisiana, having lived in Springhill, Natchitoches and Shreveport-Bossier. When he's not working, he's likely walking his basset hound, Bowser, or catching a movie or a rock show downtown. He received his B.A. degree from Centenary College with his field of study being professional, technical, business and scientific writing. He served as president of Centenary's Film Society, programming director for KSCL 91.3 m and was a contributing writer of The Conglomerate, the student newspaper.

He served on the Sci-Port's Board of Directors in 2013-2014.

**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 10 people in each of the teams. This can be a club member, family member, friend!

For the United Way Team you will need to register yourself. See information below.

**You Can Register For Both Events If There Is Room On The Teams!  
Club has already paid for a 10 member team registration!**



**SAVE THE DATE**

Dust off your running shoes.

#UnitedFromHome Virtual Fun Run & 5K | June 27, 2020



During this time we understand the importance of staying safe while continuing to stay active together. Our club will sponsor a team for the United Way Virtual Fun Run and 5k. On June 27, we're asking 10 Rotarians, Rotary families and friends to virtually come together for some fun. The run includes a fun spin on Bingo, prizes for the runners and kids. For more information about the swag bags, prizes and how to win go to <https://unitedwaynwla.org/unitedfromhome-5k/>.

To sign up for the Shreveport Rotary Team go to [this link](#). Swag Bags, including a race bib and t-shirt can be picked up on Friday, June 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. locally at the United Way's parking lot at 820 Jordan St., Shreveport, LA. Other locations are in Minden, Natchitoches and Stonewall.

If you have questions please contact Rotarian Tori Thomas at [tori@unitedwaynwla.org](mailto:tori@unitedwaynwla.org).

For the Holy Angels 5k Virtual Race that begins anytime and ends on June 27th, you MUST register with Judy Bellew (shreveportrotary@gmail.com or 318-294-8385) and provide adult or child t-shirt size.

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Complete the distance—Walk, run or jog the 3.1 miles anytime by the end of June 27. Pick a route near you or jump on a treadmill—anywhere you are comfortable. Race at your own pace. You can start TODAY! Register with Judy Bellew 318-294-8385 and give your t-shirt size.

Share your results—Join the online Angel Run & Walk community by posting a finisher photo and sharing your result with Holy Angels on social media by the end of June 27. Don't forget to tag us @LAHOLYANGELS and #IRunForAngels to be entered in the giveaway to win a bag full of items from local community shops and the AngelWorks Gift Shop.

You can register and order the annual Angel Run & Walk t-shirt to support our mission without walking. Share a photo in your shirt with Holy Angels!

Contests and Giveaways—You can win some cool stuff. Keep up with @LAHOLYANGELS on social media for additional giveaways, contests and prizes. [Read about them here.](#)

**19th ANNUAL DAVID RICE MEMORIAL ANGEL RUN & WALK**  
***Virtual Race – Saturday, June 27, 2020***

**Someone needs blood  
every two seconds.**

**Free Antibody Test**

**Rotary Club of Shreveport  
LifeShare Blood Center Donor Room  
8910 Linwood Avenue  
Shreveport, LA 71106  
Tuesday, June 16th • 08:00 AM to 05:00 PM**

**Schedule your blood donation now at**  
<https://donor.lifeshare.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/210682>

There will be a large sign in poster at the front desk to make sure the Rotary Club of Shreveport is credited for the donation. Bring a friend!

**Contact**  
George Carroll  
3186172132  
[george@nautilusit.com](mailto:george@nautilusit.com)

**Giving blood doesn't end with a cookie.**

## **Message from Doug Bland, President of the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation Board**

### **Side-By-Side Raffle**

We still will be having our raffle of the Honda Pioneer side-by-side but will be extending the ticket drawing date to November. This raffle will help to subsidize funding for the various projects that the club has.

We need sponsors and ticket buyers and sellers.

Sponsorships are available for \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 with sponsor names displayed in the advertising. Sponsors will receive a tax donation letter from Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation (our 501c3 arm of the club).

We would like each member to purchase or sell at least 10 tickets. Cost is \$20 cash or \$21 credit card.

Please contact Doug Bland, Scott Wysong, Lawrence Calhoun, Laurie Boswell or Judy Bellew if you have any questions or suggestions.

## **Message From a Rotary Club of Shreveport Past President**

When serving as president of a group like the Rotary Club of Shreveport, your greatest fear is whether a speaker will not appear for any number of reasons. And what if you don't know it until moments before the meeting?

President Rich Brontoli was leading a superb Rotary year and then, all of a sudden, no more live Rotary meetings, and as it turned out, not even virtual meetings for three weeks.

Please give President Rich a pat on the back, either live or virtually, for being a good sport and keeping the ship afloat and headed in the right direction. He deserves our appreciation!

*Joe Littlejohn, Immediate Past President*



## A Rotarian You Should Know:

# Bobbie Brasher

Rotarian since 2002

**Profession:** Retired from residential real estate.

**Background:** Born in Carthage, MS; after several family moves, we landed in Delhi, LA where I graduated. I was in several “beauty contests” (which were common back in the day ) and piano recitals—I wasn’t very good at either. But I did make good grades, placed third in the State literary rally and earned a scholarship to LSU. One summer I went to PA with a church youth mission group where Donna Brasher was our team leader. Her brother Jim Brasher was later stationed at Barksdale and began writing the funniest letters to me. I invited him to Delhi for the Thanksgiving holidays—sight unseen and the rest, as they say, is history and we married. After he was discharged from the Air Force, he declared Louisiana is where he wanted to be. He got his Ph.D. from LSU and was on staff in the Dean of Men’s office. We met Tom Arceneaux (student leader extraordinaire) there.

**Meeting Presidents:** While we still lived in Baton Rouge, Gov. McKeithen appointed me to the Southern Regional Education Board. Governor Jimmy Carter was Chairman of that Board. Years later, we moved to Florida and I went to hear (then) President Carter at the University of Florida. He looked across the crowd and said “Hello, Mrs. Brasher.” What a memory he had! A few years later Jim and I were registering at a hotel in Atlanta when another guest asked where the elevator was. I told him that I’d show him and he introduced himself saying he was from Arkansas. I asked him if he worked for the Governor and he responded “I AM Governor Bill Clinton”. At the reception later that night, I asked him if he was going to run for President. He said he planned to and would send her his platform. He did just that.

**Move to Shreveport:** After my husband died I moved to Shreveport and enjoy family and wonderful experiences with our local non-profits and music and art productions. I have three wonderful daughters, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Rotary involvement:** I’m so grateful to my brother Juan Watkins for introducing me to Rotary. I’ve made many Rotary friends and have learned from our awesome speakers and my Rotary friends.



*Bobbie and her brother Juan Watkins:*

*Then and Now*



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

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### Upcoming Zoom Program

June 23, 2020

TBA

If you have a suggestion for a program please inform Jesse Gilmore (2019-2020 program chair) or Doug Bland (2020-2021 program chair)

### 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 **Bobbie Brasher** 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: Martha Marak  
(wins 30 count egg carton)

3rd place: Karen Johnson  
(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 identified in the Rotaripost the following week



**Who is this Rotarian? Hurry with the answer!**