



Keynote

**Meetings Suspended Until At
Least April 14th**

**Shreveport-Bossier Rotarians respond to critical volunteer
need at Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana**

For many years our club (and the South Shreveport, Red River and RiverBend clubs) has a group of Rotarians who go to the Food Bank's location at 2307 Texas Ave. every third Tuesday of the month in the late afternoon. We have primarily packed the senior citizen boxes.

Rotarian Martha Marak, the Food Bank's executive director, has advised that they are in dire need of volunteers to pack student lunches as well as the normal senior citizen boxes.

Many of our school children rely on school cafeterias for their weekly meals and the Food Bank for their meals on the weekends. The school closings will hit these most vulnerable children the hardest.

The Food Bank will have Rotary shifts available whenever you can come. We have had such an overwhelming response to this call for help! Martha Marak has advised that they can accommodate all who come whenever you come. They will move some of the packing into the warehouse area and expand wherever they can to take care of all the help!

This is the perfect time to introduce your high school children/grandchildren to community service. With school being suspended, it'll be something they can do to help our community AND to get those community service hours they may need.

For those Rotary clubs that participate and realize how enjoyable and fulfilling this is, this is an excellent opportunity to set a regular routine for a service project there.

The Food Bank's normal closing time is 4:00 p.m. However, they will stay until 6:00 p.m. when they know that a group is coming. Please call the Food Bank at 318-675-2400 to alert them that you plan to volunteer on any day after 4:00 p.m. They are already prepared for a lot of Rotarians for this Tuesday evening until 6:00 p.m.

**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*

Events and Service Opportunities

Rotary Learning Bus and Common Ground Partnership Easter Party

Coming Up - Thursday, April 9, 2020—4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Sign up with Laura Boswell or Judy Bellew to help with this project! Ideal to invite children and grandchildren with you—some of them may need community service hours at school and this is an outstanding way for them to see community service in action!



We will advise if this activity will be held!!

Know a deserving high school sophomore who would benefit from this great camp? Rotarian children and grandchildren are also eligible. Check out the website www.ryla6190.com.

FREE CAMP



JUNE 21-27, 2020

Interested in a great service project to include your families? Free lunch also! See Curtis Joseph or Judy Bellew!



Coronavirus Position

At our club's Board meeting on Monday, March 9th, prior to the national and state emergencies being announced, your Board members approved a policy on the coronavirus and the effects it might have on our club and our weekly meetings. The policy is on page 7 of this Rotaripost.

Little did we know that we would need to make a decision before our policy was distributed. President Rich was in Washington D.C. last week for business meetings and realized toward the end of the week when Washington was shutting down that we were in uncharted territory.

After a conference call with the executive board, the decision was made to suspend our meetings until Tuesday, April 14th. Not long after our notice was distributed to our members, Governor John Bel Edwards declared the state of emergency.

You might recall that we were scheduled to meet in Ballroom A on Tuesday. That is because there were a couple of sizeable conferences scheduled to the Convention Center and our regular lunch room was to be used for one of the conferences. The Convention Center staff has been very busy trying to re-schedule events. This time will also give them the opportunity to thoroughly clean and sanitize the building.

Rotary Club of Shreveport Opportunity Honda Pioneer Series 700 from G&C Honda

\$20 a ticket cash or check/ \$21 a ticket credit card

(or sign out a block of tickets to sell)

Drawing Tuesday Rotary Meeting, August 25th—Do Not Need To Be Present To Win

Benefits go to our Rotary Learning Bus project in partnership with the Common Ground Community



Sponsors:



Your Logo Could be Here

Rotarian Opportunities for Honda Pioneer 700

Sponsorship Proposal: The Rotary Club of Shreveport would like to invite businesses or individuals to sponsor the Rotary ATV Raffle. Tickets to be sold during the Spring and Summer of 2020. Drawing to be held August 25, 2020. All proceeds will be used to support the Rotary Learning Bus/Common Ground Community project partnership and other nonprofits in the Shreveport/Bossier Community. Please consider supporting your community through a sponsorship.

Sponsorship Levels

- **Gold Sponsor Level - \$1,000**
- **Silver Sponsorship Level - \$500**
- **Bronze Sponsorship Level - \$250**

Sponsorship Recognition

- Sponsors be recognized with placement of logo on all Rotary ATV Raffle marketing materials (tickets, banners, posters, billboards, print ads, radio ads, TV appearances, social media, Rotaripost Newsletter, email blasts, and public announcements)
- Sponsor logo printed on all tickets (if sponsorship commitment received by deadline)
- Sponsor recognition at all ticket sales and drawing events
- Sponsors will be mentioned anytime the Rotary ATV Raffle is discussed during any other media appearances
- Recognition with direct link on the Rotary Club of Shreveport website
- Opportunity to feature the ATV and sell tickets at your business location.
- Tax deductible donation to Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation.

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(Above left) Emily Mott and Waynette Ballengee in pretty spring colors.

(Above right) Rick Holland with his guest, James Bell.

(Below) Walt Gaskins and Trey Giglio.



(Above left) Merrill Wautlet with guest, Shannon Floyd.



Seen Tuesday
Seen Tuesday



March Volunteers

Delbert Chumley (2 times)
 Jerry Boughton (2 times)
 Terry Moore Fred Ratzburg
 Charles Grubb Dayne Hassell
 Zelda Tucker, chair

Surprise!! We have a thriller fiction novelist among us!

The Rat book signing by our very own Rotarian.
 Merrill Wautlet.

March 19, 2020
 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
 Red River Brewing

[Read the newspaper article here.](#)

Tennessee Tornado

We received word from former member **Harold Denny** that he and Lois suffered no damage from the EF-4 tornado that swept through the Baxter/Cookville, Tennessee area on March 3, 2020.

Both of them were quite shaken from the experience (despite Harold's long service as the executive director of our local Red Cross chapter) but suffered no injuries.

Harold reported that he heard the tornado go over their house at 12:15 a.m. and he remembered Red Cross training to start counting the seconds. It roared for 12 seconds.

Harold is now a member of the Rotary Club of Cookville, TN. He was at one of their corner tables for several weeks until one of the Rotarians told him he was in someone else's chair. So, Harold went to the other side of the room and is now king of his own table! He attends his meetings every week and is thankful to have the friendships that Rotary brings.

Harold was a member of our club from 1968-2017 when they moved to Tennessee. He was club president 1980-1981 and District Governor 1987-1988.

Harold's contact information for those of you who might want to contact him:

302 Bowerwood Circle

Cookeville, TN 38501

Home Phone: 931-854-0491

Cell Phone: 318-564-3662 (yes, he was able to keep this area code)

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Rotary Club of Shreveport's Coronavirus Policy

Adopted by our Board of Directors on March 9, 2020

The Rotary Club of Shreveport takes the threat of the Coronavirus very seriously. Because of this, the following precautions and recommendations are being made to protect club members:

1. Hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes are readily available at Rotary meetings on the registration table and the executive director table.
2. The greeter and others at the registration table will no longer encourage hand shaking. Instead, members will be encourage to do the "Wuhan Shake" ([see at this link](#)) or give a polite bow. The "elbow bump" is probably one to avoid as many people will cough or sneeze into their elbow.
3. The Club will immediately notify officers of any member attending a recent meeting who comes down with the Coronavirus. Club officers will determine reasonable steps for communicating the news and taking appropriate steps to protect other club members. Club members will be encouraged to self-report by alerting a club officer or the executive director about their illness.
4. Members will be encourage not to attend a meeting if they have a temperature greater than 99.0, aren't feeling well or have a cough or shortness of breath.
5. If several members of the Club experience the Coronavirus, the Executive Board of Directors will determine if it is reasonable to suspend meetings or special events for a short period of time.

Rotary monitors Coronavirus outbreak, potential impact on events, operations!

(from www.rotary.org website)

Rotary is closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and training meetings.

UPDATE 3 March 2020 — With an increase in total global cases, we recommend that Rotary members and participants follow the guidelines set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and your national, regional, or local health authorities to protect the health and safety of our members and program participants. If it's recommended, postpone or cancel in-person meetings or hold them online or by phone. If there are travel advisories, exercise caution, during district or club travel. If you have any questions about travel related to a global grant, contact your regional grants officer.

We also recommend that you share these updates with your club and district often, so you can do what is best for your community.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Governor Edwards speaks to Coronavirus concerns in Baton Rouge Rotary speech. [Read about it here.](#)



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Rick Holland

*Thanks for your donation to The Rotary Foundation.
This applies to your PHF.*

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—
James Blewett

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—
James Blewett & Margaret Wallace

Upcoming Programs

**Check Back Here in
Future Rotariposts**

Convention Center



(Above) Program chair Jesse Gilmore introduced last Tuesday's program.

Chairs, co-chairs and members are being formed now for next year's committees to start July 1, 2020. Be sure to claim your committee now! Let one of the officers or Judy Bellew know what you would like to do!

(Below) Tom Mee and Johnathon Goff handle the registration table last Tuesday.

