



The Rotaripost

Rotary Club of Shreveport
Chartered 1914

Two Week Edition

Keynote

Big Spaces For Big Successes



Kathy French

The Port of Caddo-Bossier is a 2,300 acre port industrial complex with the region's multi-modal commerce center, containing 17 companies employing 1,700 employees.

Kathy French is the Director of Community Relations for the Port Commission. She has held several positions in her career, the combination of which have proved to be very helpful in navigating her duties at The Port. Those positions include: Engineering Supervisor at General Motors, Production Supervisor and Industrial Engineer at UPS, Market Research Project Manager for U.L. Coleman Companies, Community Relations Director at Community Renewal International, and Executive Director for the Rotary Club of Shreveport.

Kathy received her B.S. in industrial engineering and her M.S. in industrial/organizational psychology from Louisiana Tech. She currently serves on several local boards and committees. She's a past chair of the Leadership Shreveport program.

Among other recognitions, she recently received the Bossier Chamber of Commerce's Military Relations Supporter of the Year for 2015. She is a member of our club and a PHF+1.

Sam Gregorio is the president of the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission and has been a member since 2011. A Shreveport native, Sam received his B.A. degree from Loyola-New Orleans and his J.D. degree from LSU, graduating Order of the Coif.

Sam founded his law practice in 1976. The firm (Gregorio, Chafin & Johnson) has grown to five attorneys who specialize in personal injury law. He has served in many professional organizations as well as community boards such as LSU Foundation, Louisiana Association of the Blind, Montessori School, Stoner Arts Council, Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Robinson Film Center and the Legal Section Chair for the United Way.

Among many accolades, Sam was named in 2016 to the Best Lawyers List for Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiff's. For the past 10 years he has been listed in SB Magazine as one of the best lawyers in Shreveport-Bossier.



Sam Gregorio

March 8,
2016

Tuesday,
12:13 p.m.

Shreveport
Convention
Center

Rotarians Serving Others

James Money
Adams Table

Charlotte Raffle
Jones

Rich Scanner-
Lamb Greeter-4Way
Test

TBA Invocation

Reggie
Abrams Music
And
Kermit
Poling

New And Returning Members Introduced on March 1, 2016

Dr. George Bakowski was born in Frankfurt, Germany and became a Naturalized Citizen in 1960. He is the owner of Vision One, Inc. and is the CEO of several other business interests. His new Vision One store is located at 955 Pierremont Rd., Suite 400 in Shreveport.

George served in the U.S. Air Force in 1973-1975 and was stationed at Little Rock AFB where he was supervisor of the Vision Clinic. He previously owned 3 franchises for Pearl Vision Center and then established Vision One, Inc. in 1991. He has published several vision articles for professional magazines.

He is a member of multiple local organizations and was a member of our club from 2001-2012. George and his wife Sandy have one son and a granddaughter. George is glad to be able to return to the club now and expressed interest in serving on these committees: friendship exchange, civic grants and club scholarships. His classification is **Optometry, Therapeutic** and his sponsor is Tom Arceneaux.



Dr. George Bakowski



George Carroll

Elias “George” Carroll, III is a native of Shreveport. He received his B.S. in mathematics from LSUS and was employed as a computer analyst for LSUS for 28 years. Microsoft Certified, he is the owner of Nautilus IT and provides technology services and computer consulting to many industries—petroleum, HVAC, legal, medical, utilities, gaming, manufacturing, wholesale and aviation industries.

One of George’s passions is flying in addition to boating and reading. He has been president of the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 343 for 12 years. He is on the citizens advisory panel of Chem-trade. His office is at the Downtown Regional Airport where he hangs his plane.

George and his wife Jane have been married for 23 years.

Among the Rotary committees, George would like to serve on the Dragon Boat and veteran recognition committees. He has been involved in several blood drives and is interested to assisting on this new committee that is being formed.

His classification is **Computer & Information Technology, Sales & Services** and his sponsor is Jack Lamb.

But Wait...There's More

Sedrick Robinson, an Arkansas native, assumed the duties of Scout Executive for the Norwela Council Boy Scouts of America in April 2015. He received his B.S. in parks and recreation from Arkansas Tech University. Although he was not a Scout as a youth he has spent almost his entire career with the Scouting program.

In Little Rock, Sedrick served the Delta District, Mohawk District and the Quapaw Area Council. He then relocated to Dallas where he served the Circle Ten Council. Returning in 2012 to Little Rock, Sedrick was field director for the Quapaw Area Council.

Sedrick has been very successful in recruiting volunteers and fund-raising efforts for the Councils with which he has worked.

He and wife Tamera have two daughters. Sedrick is a former member of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff. He was sponsored by Bobby Madison (his predecessor at Norwela Council) and his classification is **Associations, Charitable and Service.**



Sedrick Robinson



Blake Wren

As the franchise owner of Express Employment Professionals, **Blake Wren** has his office at 1409 E. 70th St., Suite 120 in Shreveport.

Blake received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Centenary College and his M.S. in industrial/organization psychology from Louisiana Tech. He has been involved for most of his career with local businesses to understand their workforce needs. Blake previously worked in employee relations and executive recruiter for Harrah's Casino, Magee Resource Group, Search Partners, and Enmon Enterprises.

He and his wife Kristi have two children.

Blake's classification is **Business Services, Personnel** and his sponsor is Karen Johnson.

Keynote

Caddo Parish School's Transformation Zone



Billy Snow



In his first year in 2015 as Caddo Schools' District Transformation and Innovation Officer, **Billy Snow** made student-driven results the cornerstone of reform.

The Caddo School's Transformation Zone was created to transform some of its lowest achieving schools. Some of those schools are Atkins, Midway, Lakeshore, Mooretown, Werner Park, Westwood, Caddo Middle Career & Technology and Fair Park and Woodlawn High Schools. With new leadership in place, those schools kicked off a campaign of "Reimagining Our Schools"

Each campus must have an excellent academic climate and management. Community support is essential with mentoring programs that extend beyond the school's walls.

Billy Snow came to Caddo Parish from the Mansfield, TX Independent School District. He was a former principal of two successful title one schools in Texas where he was able to inspire the students and teachers to raise the scores for all students. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in education from East Texas State University. Billy was selected as a Texas National Distinguished Principal finalist by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. Earlier he was the recipient of the Sallie Mae First Year Teacher of the Year Award and a New Teacher Classroom Simulation Leader.

In 2015 Snow was one of 20 educators in the country selected to be part of the Leverage Leadership Institute Fellowship and take part in a yearlong intensive program. This is a partnership between Relay and Uncommon Schools to train a team of high-impact school leaders.

**March 15,
2016**

**Tuesday,
12:13 p.m.**

**Shreveport
Convention
Center
Exhibit Hall 3
First Floor**

Rotarians Serving Others

<i>James Adams</i>	<i>Money Table</i>
<i>Bob Robinson</i>	<i>Raffle</i>
<i>Ken Krueger</i>	<i>Scanner-Greeter-4Way Test</i>
<i>Janet Parker</i>	<i>Invocation</i>
<i>Steve Aiken</i>	
<i>And Kermit Poling</i>	<i>Music</i>

**March 15th
Meeting will be in Exhibit Hall 3 on the First Floor**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Unless written objection is received within seven days, there will be an invitation extended to join the membership of the

Rotary Club of Shreveport

the following:

Thomas “Ike” Awagu

Owner

Primerica Financial Services
Shreveport

Classification

Securities & Financial Planning

Proposed by

Don Howard

Dr. Rick Bateman

Chancellor

Bossier Parish Community College
Bossier City

Classification

Education, University

Proposed by

Gard Wayt

V. Glen Colvin

Principal

Shreve Island Elementary School
Shreveport

Classification

Education, Public Schools

Proposed by

Hardy Foreman

Bridges Hall

Market President

Red River Bank
Shreveport

Classification

Banking

Proposed by

Bob Hamm

J. Peyton LaBorde

CFO

Wholesale Pump & Supply
Shreveport

Classification

Business Services & Supplies

Proposed by

Larry Evensky

Rod Williams

President

University Health System
Shreveport

Classification

Hospital & Health Services

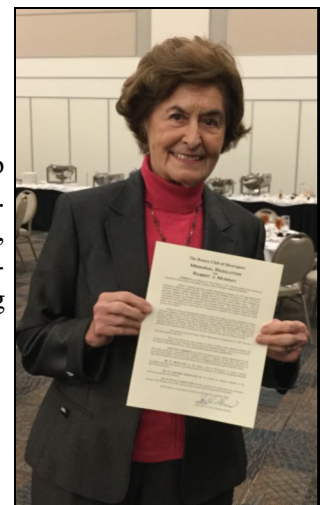
Proposed by

Dick Bremer

Memorial Resolution

Last Tuesday, after the reading of a Memorial Resolution by David Cromwell, our club recognized the service of Rotarian Robert Murray who passed away February 12, 2016. Robert joined the club in 1987 and was a PHF+1. For the last several months Robert, accompanied by his wife Cynthia, has been attending meetings faithfully. He was enjoying the fellowships and programs. Cynthia was present on Tuesday for the reading of the Memorial Resolution.

(Right) Cynthia Murray holds the Memorial Resolution.





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Raffle Winners last Tuesday

Foundation raffle— Gard Wayt

Thank you for your donation to The Rotary Foundation. This applies to your PHF giving.

Rose-Neath Flower Shop— Reg Abrams

Andy Shehee’s chicken eggs—Charlotta Nordyke

The Times backpack donated by Alan English—Ken Tate

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If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please bring it to the meeting and let Judy know.

Program on March 22, 2016

Club Scholarship Awards Scholarship Committee

Shreveport Convention Center

Dictionary Deliveries—FUN!



(Above) Greg Lott and students at one of his assigned schools.



(Left) Don Howard gets help passing out dictionaries at Barrett Elementary.



(Above) Chris Lee with the 4th graders from Mooringsport Elementary. What a nice group!