

Rotaripost

November 19, 2019

Keynote

A Strong Town Downtown



Liz Swaine

Liz Swaine is the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority and the non-profit Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation in Shreveport.

She came to the DDA from careers in private business, government and the media. During her news tours of duty, she met and interviewed Russian president Vladimir Putin, and deployed with the Air Force into Gulf War hotspots. As executive assistant to the mayor, she saw how government operated from the inside out.

Liz is an instrument-rated private pilot who has jumped out of perfectly good airplanes and is a for-

mer triathlete and bicycle racer who now rides motorcycles on and off-road.

She is married to Steve Culp with whom she shares an affinity for old buildings. They are currently living in a 54,000-square foot downtown historic building that they are rehabbing.

In between the work downtown and the work on their downtown building, Liz and Steve enjoy motorcycle and travel adventures with their three trusty mutts: Star, Cooper and Bella.



Tuesday, Noon

12:13 p.m. Historical Start

> Shreveport Convention Center

Rotarians Serving Others

Chris Money Stokes Table Raffle Sue Lee Erika Greeter-Scanner-4Way Wysong Test Miles Invocation Hitchcock Inspiration Tom Arceneaux & Music Kermit

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Events and Service Opportunities

Food Bank Tack The Senior Boxes

November 19th—5:00 p.m.

No need to sign up—just bring a youth or family member and show up!





Junior Achievement Student/Mentor Lunch

In Partnership with Rotary Club of Shreveport

Thursday, November 21, 2019—Shreveport Convention Center 10:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m. FREE LUNCH

Sign up with George Carroll or Nita Cook to be a mentor!

Rescue Mission Food Service—4:45 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5 and Thursday, December 12
Space Is Limited—Contact Zelda Tucker to reserve your spot!





Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving Day Delivery Thursday, November 28th

Plan to arrive at the Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission, 901 McNeil St., Shreveport by 8:15 a.m. Cars will be lining up along Lake St. and trailing back onto Marshall St.

Just wait in your car while you inch up to the head of the line. Pack your patience and some activities for the children in your car. Last year there were hundreds of cars in the line. Once at the head of the line, ask for Gloria Millender and tell her that you are registered with Council on Aging and Meals on Wheels. You'll then receive a map and the number of lunches to deliver.

Also, many of the residents who will receive the meals really appreciate extras....such as a piece of fruit. This is not provided by the program so grab some oranges, apples, etc and add a piece of fruit to the meal.

Let <u>Curtis Joseph</u> or <u>Judy Bellew</u> know if you plan to participate so we can register your name with Gloria Millender.

You'll have a wonderful time and this will likely become one of your favorite family things to do!

Take selfies for us to enjoy and text them to Judy Bellew 318-294-8385 so they can be posted to our FaceBook page and in our Rotaripost.



New Members Introduced Last Tuesday

Jonathan (Jon) Ellis, Brigadier General (Retired), was introduced as a new member appropriately during our Veterans Day program.

Jon was commissioned through the ROTC upon graduation from Penn State University in 1984. He served on U.S. Air Force active duty from 1984 to 1996 before joining the Air Force Reserve in 1996. He received many major awards and decorations before retiring as Deputy Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center at Barksdale.

He now is the Vice President of Operational Strategies for Radiance Technologies. Sponsored by Peyton Cole, Jon's classification is Business Services, Global Securities.



(Above, from left) Jon Ellis, Peyton Cole and President Rich Brontoli.





(Above, from left) President Rich, Merrill Wautlet and Johnathon Goff.

Johnathon Goff was born and raised in the small town of Escatawpa, MS on the Gulf Coast. Having studied history at the University of Southern Mississippi, he moved on to complete his Bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Joseph's Seminary College and a Master's degree in theology from Notre Dame Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans.

He moved to Shreveport in 2014 to teach theology at Loyola College Prep. He is now a business partner at Tom James Company which produces and sells custom clothing.

One of Jonathon's greatest personal accomplishments thus far has been the completion of a 900 km (560 miles) pilgrimage on foot in 2016 to venerate the tomb of St. James the Apostle in Spain.

Sponsored by Merrill Wautlet, Johnathon's classification is Clothing, Sales and Fashion.

Another New Member

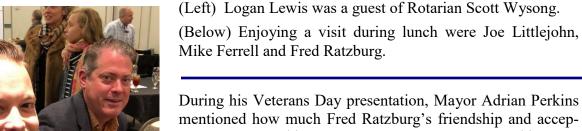


(Above, from left) Robby Latham, Robert McGowen and President Rich.

Robert (Robby) Latham received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Louisiana Tech and his MBA in finance from LSUS. After working for Coutret & Associates for nine years, Robby became affiliated with New York Life where he now serves as a partner holding several security licenses.

Robby is active with youth activities as he has been a volunteer coach for over 10 years for the Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball League and DeSoto Athletics.

His classification is Insurance, Life & Financial Services and his sponsor is Robert McGowen.



During his Veterans Day presentation, Mayor Adrian Perkins mentioned how much Fred Ratzburg's friendship and acceptance meant to him as a young man. Mayor Perkins was raised by a single mom and he spent a lot of time in the Ratzburgs' home since he was a friend of Fred's son.



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Dianne Clark

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

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist-

Karen Johnson

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—Curtis Joseph Sci-Port tickets—Piper Brightwell, Mary Winchell, Mary Young

Program on November 26, 2019

Club Update Officers & Directors

Shreveport Convention Center Rooms 206-208

Share Rotary With Family!



