

Rotaripost

November 26, 2019

Keynote

State of the Club

What is YOUR Rotary Board up to!? Come Tuesday and hear the initiatives we are working on. We will not tell you about the committees—you know what they are and we appreciate everyone serving on committees. We will tell you the major activities/events/projects planned for the Rotary 2019-2020 year.

It is important for you to know these exciting initiatives so you can participate in the planning and execution. Our Club succeeds only when all Members have input and participate! Yes, we want your sugges-

tions and participation. When you hear of an initiative that interests you, let us know and you can be involved.



Your Rotary Board is a working Board.

Remember—they are volunteers giving of their time to make the Rotary Club of Shreveport the great Club that is is. There is no doubt, our Club has made a difference in our community, due to the effort of all our Members. Let's continue the inspiration of our past successes and continue to move forward with new and exciting endeavors.

Congratulations to Rotarian Jim Kowalski

The Independence Bowl Foundation honors an outstanding American citizen or group each year with the Omar N. Bradley "Spirit of Independence Award", and retired United States Air Force Lieutenant General **James M. Kowalski** has been selected as the 43rd recipient of the award.

Jim will be presented this award at halftime at the 2019 Walk-On's Independence Bowl on Thursday, December 26, 2019.



Tuesday, Noon

12:13 p.m. Historical Start

> Shreveport Convention Center

Rotarians Serving Others

Doug Money
Bland Table

Paul Raffle Burch

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Greeter-

Robert Invocation
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Abrams Music
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Events and Service Opportunities

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.

When you get to the head of the line ask for Gloria Millender and tell her that you are with the Rotary group to delivery for Meals on Wheels.

Take selfies and text them to Judy Bellew 318-294-8385 to post to Facebook!

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!



Blood Drive

December 10th—10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Room 209, Shreveport Convention Center

Sign up with Kathy French or George Carroll



Our District Grant

Each year our current club president selects a local non-profit project and applies for a grant from Rotary District 6190 to help with funding.

This year President Rich Brontoli selected the Martin Luther King Community Pharmacy Program. During 2017, MLK entered into an agreement with the NWLA Interfaith Pharmacy to continue Interfaith's charitable activities of ensuring that Interfaith's existing patients and future eligible patients retain access to prescription medicines.

Coupled with the \$2,000 grant from the District and an equal \$2,000 match from our club, we are able to partner with MLK to purchase prescription medications not available through donated resources as well as various pharmacy supplies such as vials, bottles, pharmacy labels and ink.

The District funds are developed through our donations to The Rotary Foundation as a percentage of our donations are returned to the district for the funding of grants to the clubs. Our club's match is developed through our dues process.



This is just one of the many ways that our club is making an impact locally!

Accepting our \$4,000 check from President Rich on Tuesday was Jordan Ring, representing Martin Luther King Health Center. Jordan is the current club president of the RiverBend Rotary Club.

Our deepest Sympathy...

Our condolences go to Rotarians Denis Poljak and Davor Poljak in the death of their mother Ula Poljak last week. Services were held on November 23, 2019.









- 1—Jesse Gilmore with his guest Paxson Guest.
- 2—Vance Bailes with his guest Jeff Brasher. Jeff is the new Scout Executive for Norwela Council and has recently relocated here. He will become a new club member in January.
- 3—Liz Swaine gave a great presentation on Downtown Shreveport.
- 4—Dayne Hassell with his guest Dr. Randy Kirchner.



Aloha!

Wouldn't it great if we could combine Rotary Business, which is fun, with pleasure? Please join us on Tuesday December 10th for our program highlighting the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu Hawaii. We're excited about the convention and want to invite and encourage all Rotarians in our District to join us in Honolulu next June.

In order to promote convention attendance and make it more affordable the Rotary Club of Shreveport has partnered with Rotarian Elton Richey, franchise owner of Expedia® CruiseShipCenters® to put together two fabulous and affordable convention packages that are sure to make this an unforgettable vacation memory for the whole family. Without giving away all of the particulars, here is a "sneak preview" of the two packages:

- **1.Come for the Cruise, Stay for the Convention** This package includes roundtrip airfare from Shreveport, ground transfers, 1 night pre-cruise hotel, 5 day sailing on the Norwegian Cruise Lines' Pride of America, and 5 nights convention lodging at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort (resort view).
- 2.Come for the Convention, Stay for Maui This package includes roundtrip airfare from Shreveport, ground transfers, 5 Night Resort View Room at Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort (resort view convention accommodations), transfer to Maui, 4-Nights at Royal Lahaina Resort, Deluxe Ocean View Room, in Maui.

We've included some flyers for you to share with your club members inviting them to enjoy a fabulous Rotary convention and relaxing Hawaiian vacation. Let us know if you would like us to come to your club's meeting with a fun and informative presentation.

Aloha!

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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Robert Touchstone

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

Flowers from Rose-Neath Florist—
Dayne Hassell
Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—
Margaret Wallace

Program on December 3, 2019

Centenary College Choir

Shreveport Convention Center Rooms 206-208



(Above, from left) Bobbie Brasher, Juan Watkins and Gene Bryson. How great it was to see Juan at the meeting!



Another Rotarian Vacay Shot!!

Robert Smith spotted this Rotary logo in Funchal, Madeira, a Portuguese island in the Atlantic.