



# The Rotaripost

November 8,  
2016

## Keynote

### Barksdale 2nd Bomb Wing



Colonel Ty Neuman

**Colonel Ty Neuman** is the commander of the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, replacing Col. Kristin Goodwin in that role.

Growing up on a ranch in Vaughn, Montana, as the son of a Montana Air National Guardsman, Neuman became interested in the Air Force as he saw the military aircraft flying overhead when he was working outside on the ranch. He graduated from a small high school in Simms, Montana.

Neuman received his commission in 1995 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, and completed Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training as a distinguished graduate in 1997.

Colonel Neuman supported Operation Allied Force from Royal Air Force station Fairford, United Kingdom, and later deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, to serve as a B-1 liaison officer.

Neuman graduated with honors from the Naval Postgraduate School and is a graduate of the National War College, earning a MBA in executive management and a Master's degree in National Security Strategy.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as the vice commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, where he was second in command of the largest B-1 combat wing in the U.S. Air Force.

Among his awards, Colonel Neuman has received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Not only is Colonel Neuman passionate about hunting, fishing, archery and physical fitness training, he also drives a Harley or, at other times, a vintage Mustang. He and wife Shellie have three children—a 16 year old daughter and twin 13 year old sons.

Tuesday,  
12:00 Noon

12:13 p.m.  
Bell-Ringing

Shreveport  
Convention  
Center

### Rotarians Serving Others

Glenn Money  
Langley Table

Need A Raffle  
Volunteer

Richard Scanner-  
Brontoli Greeter-4Way  
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Gard Invocation  
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Anna Maria Keele Music  
And  
Kermit  
Poling

**Social—Wednesday, November 16th**  
**5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Great Raft Brewing Company**  
**First beer token provided by the Club—Bring a potential new member!**

## New Members

**E. Connor Peterson** was introduced as a new member last Tuesday. Connor is a producer/manager at the family owned business—Keith D. Peterson & Co. Insurance Agency. Born and raised in Shreveport, Connor received his B.S. in psychology from the University of Mary Washington. After spending four years working in the Virginia public school system he moved to South Carolina where he received his international MBA from the University of South Carolina.

Fluent in the French language, Connor then interned for Michelin Tire Company as a business analyst at their corporate headquarters in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

Connor and wife Erin have two children—Corinne and Brody. Connor's classification is **Insurance-Property & Casualty** and his sponsor is Trey Giglio.



**Paul Pruitt** is the owner/president of Automated Business Concepts (ABC). He moved to Shreveport in 1984 to help with the family business, formerly the A.B. Dick Products which is now ABC.

Paul attended Centenary College and BPCCC. He served on the Board of IBPI (largest buying group for the office equipment industry) from 2010-2013. He currently serves on the Board of the Shreveport Opera. Paul has one daughter, Colvin Pruitt, who is currently a sophomore at LSU Baton Rouge. Hobbies include most outdoor activities mainly golf, power walking and fishing.

His classification is **Business Services & Supplies, office equipment** and his sponsor is Larry Evensky.

**John Walton** is the News Director for KTAL NBC 6 News with their station location on North Market St. Prior to coming to Shreveport, he was News Director at KARD in West Monroe where he was also a member of the Rotary Club of Monroe. Prior to returning to his home state of Louisiana, John was morning executive producer at Central Florida News 13. His career has taken him to Syracuse, NY, Beaumont and Austin, TX and Baton Rouge.

He graduated from Southern University with a B.A. and M.A. in broadcast journalism. While in Monroe, he was a member of the 2013 Leadership Ouachita program sponsored by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. He and wife Shikira have two children, ages 11 and 10.

John's classification is **Media, TV** and his sponsor is Martha Marak.





## Another Paul Harris Fellow Level Up



Rotarian **Kermit Poling** was recognized for his PHF+3 contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Kermit joined our club in 2007 and served as a club director in 2013-2014. He is celebrating 22 seasons as music director of the South Arkansas Symphony, 27 seasons as music director of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet, 31 seasons as associate conductor of the Shreveport Symphony where he was concertmaster for 27+ years. And, if that is not enough he also is now the music director of the Marshall Symphony Orchestra.

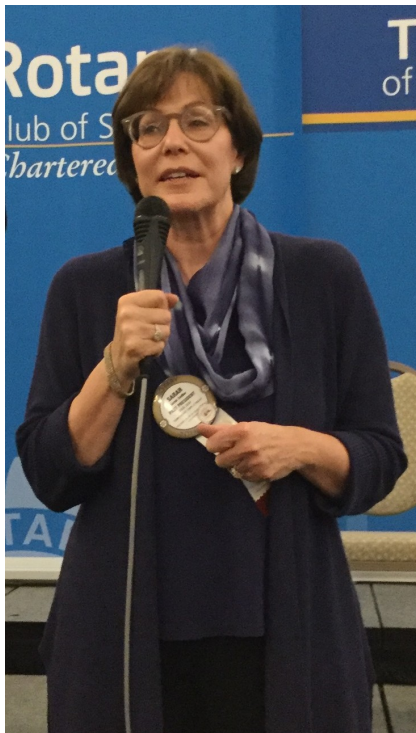
Kermit has been the general manager of Red River Radio NPR since 2006.

He has composed music for William Joyce productions and was an international judge for the China National Symphony in Beijing.

Kermit was featured as an expert on the reality A&E TV show *Baggage Battles* in 2013. In addition to his already full schedule, Kermit is choirmaster and organist at St. George's Episcopal Church in Bossier City.



## Vocational Moment



Rotarian **Sarah Collier** has been an annual sponsor for our fund raising activities and is an advertiser in our membership roster. She told us last Tuesday about her many ventures with which Collier Investments, Inc., headquartered in Benton, is involved. Their flagship entity consists of 11 Manpower franchises in the Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas areas. Another fun venture is Sarsh Technologies, Inc. which provides embroidery, screen printing and banners for any marketing items. Sarsh provides our Dragon Boat and Food Truck t-shirts. Her investment company also owns Bellevue Place which is a beautiful wedding chapel in Benton which can provide all the needs except the bride and groom.

And, as if those interests don't keep her busy enough, there are those 6 dragsters owned by Collier Racing. Sarah admits that she doesn't drive but she's in charge of the tire pressure!

Sarah was club president in 2008-2009 and is a Major Donor Level 2 for The Rotary Foundation. She currently serves as the President of the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation Board.

She's one busy Rotarian!

## Scenes from Rotary District Conference October 28-30 The Bentley Hotel, Alexandria



*(Above) Joe Littlejohn accepted our club awards for Membership Development in 2015-2016 and for our club website.*



*(Left) Joe Littlejohn with DGE Paula Gates and Judy Bellew at the "Roaring 20's" party.*

*(Below) Allen Organick with Bob Molloy*



*(Left) Right at home among all the Past District Governors was Joe Littlejohn with PDG Steve Serna (far left), our own PDG Harold Denny, PDG Pamela Stewart (standing) and PDG Lou Bangma.*

## Rotaract at BPCC



On October 27th several of our members met with some wonderful students at Bossier Parish Community College to explore the start of a Rotaract Club there. Rotaract is a club for young adults (either college or community based) who are taking action for positive change. Our club would be the sponsoring Rotary club for this new Rotaract Club.

Thanks to the support and encouragement of our own Rotarian Dr. Rick Bateman, BPCC Chancellor, we already have two faculty sponsors: Kelly McDade (who was a Rotary Group Study Exchange team member to Turkey about 10 years ago) and Tiffany Sandifer (a graduate of LSUS and member of Wayne Hogue’s Rotaract Club there).

We plan to have another organizational meeting with the students on Thursday, November 17. Let Jack Sharp know if you would like to join the meeting to be in on the ground floor.



1— Tiffany Sandifer and Kelly McDade  
 2— Miles Hitchcock with a student  
 3— Dr. Rick Bateman, Chancellor  
 4— Jim Graves, Joe Littlejohn, Gayle Flowers and Wayne Hogue  
 5— Jack Sharp  
 6— Some of the BPCC students



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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Ken Tate

*Thanks for donating to TRF—this goes toward your next PHF*

- Rose-Neath Flower Shop—Sarah Collier
- Andy Shehee’s hen eggs—Doug Bland
- Rotary flashlight—Lawrence Calhoun

Program on November 15, 2016

Independence Bowl  
Eric Barkley, Chair

Shreveport Convention Center

November Club Anniversaries

\*PHF +Past President ♦Major Donor  
(consecutive years service)

48 years	Harold Denny♦+PDG
39 years	Donald Crow*, Don Updegraff*
36 years	Joe Littlejohn*, William Johnson*
19 years	Allen Organick*
15 years	Nell Shehee*
12 years	Janet Parker*
5 years	Brett Lake
4 years	Jim Graves*
2 years	Larry Clark*
1 years	John Tuggle*, Katherine Dorroh*, Andrew Crawford



Grand Champion Goat  
Kade Huval St. Martin  
Manpower • Dale Karr • Rotary Club of Shreveport  
Mike Strain, La. Ag Commissioner

(Above) Jon Lowe is pictured with the Rotary goat that he bought. We also raised enough money at the 4-H auction to also purchase a reserve champion swine.