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5/5	Give for Good- Rhino Coffee Downtown
5/15	North Louisiana Appellate Conference – Second Circuit Court of Appeal



From The President

by Tom Arceneaux, President, tarceneaux@bwor.com

LET FREEDOM RING

“Let freedom ring, from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.... But not only that. Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain in Georgia Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill in Mississippi, from every mountainside. Let freedom ring.”

Those stirring and memorable words from Martin Luther King Jr., on the mall at Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963, still ring to us, because we know that freedom does not ring in every corner of the world, or this nation, or even in this community. Freedom rings more than it did before, but freedom is not universal here or anywhere.

With that in mind, there are two things I'd like to share with you this month.

First, your Association is seeking nominations for its annual Liberty Bell Award, which the Association will present at its Law Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 29. Please mark your calendars for this annual event.

The Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan presented the first Liberty Bell Award in 1962, as the brainchild of William P. Daniel of Flint, Michigan. The American Bar Association formally endorsed use of the Liberty Bell Award by local bar associations nationally in 1964. The Shreveport Bar Association began making the award annually in 1965.

The Liberty Bell Award recognizes a nonlawyer for his or her contributions to the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law. Here are the criteria for consideration:

- A commitment to selfless community service that strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law;
- Promotion of a better understanding of the American form of government, especially the Bill of Rights;
- Promotion of greater respect for law and the courts;
- Promotion of a deeper sense of individual responsibility in recognition of the duties as well as the rights of citizens;
- Promotion of effective functioning of American institutions of government; and
- Promotion of a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

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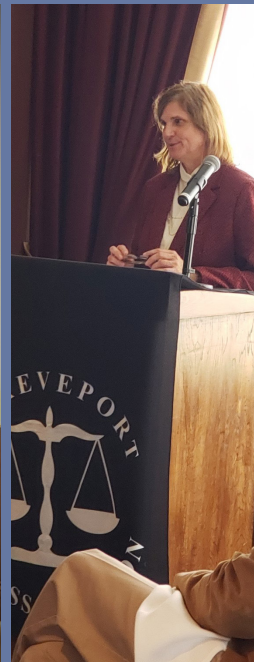
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In 1982, I had the privilege to nominate that year's recipient, Sister Margaret McCaffery. I still recall the sense of purpose I had in introducing this fighter for the poor and the oppressed. Other past recipients include Donald W. Weir (the first recipient), E. E. Allen, Clyde Fant, Louis Pendleton, Rev. Harry Blake, Rev. E. Edward Jones, Myrtle Pickering and Arthur Thompson (last year's recipient).

You have the chance to help the SBA recognize a nonlawyer who falls in the class of those fine people. This *Bar Review* includes a nomination form for the award. Please consider nominating someone whom you believe fits the criteria. The SBA also has presented the award to an entity twice (Common Ground Community in 2013 and the Gingerbread House and Cara Center in 2014).

Please submit your nominations to Dana Southern by March 25 for consideration by the Liberty Bell Award Committee, which includes the SBA President (me), Immediate Past President (Curtis Joseph), President-Elect (Donna Frazier), Law Week Chair (Kendra Joseph) and SBA Judicial Liaison (Judge Katherine Dorroh). We hope our task is difficult indeed.

The second sharing for this month is about the March program. Author Randy Grigsby is a personal friend, and he has written an important book about a little-known piece of World War II history. He'll be here to share the story of the "Tehran Children," particularly one who is still alive, and other characters and heroes in a tragic and yet heroic chain of events.

I had never heard of the Tehran Children until about 2015. That is when Randy began talking to the members of the committee for the Holocaust Remembrance Service for Northwest Louisiana, which I have had the privilege to serve for several decades. Randy had met Joe Rosenbaum, who survived the ordeal about which Randy has now written, and he wanted to bring Mr. Rosenbaum to Shreveport to tell his story before he died. Randy was writing the book then, and Joe Rosenbaum was the featured speaker at the Holocaust Remembrance service in 2016.

Randy's book is *A Train to Palestine*. It is the story of German Jews, many of them children, whom the Germans relocated to Poland in 1939, and who fled to Russian-occupied Poland when Germany invaded Poland. The Russians sent them to labor camps in Siberia, and many of the children later relocated to a collective farm in Turkestan, then to Iran. In 1943, Joe Rosenbaum and other Tehran Children made it to modern day Israel, then part of the British Mandate for Palestine.

The story of *A Train to Palestine* will give you reason to be grateful for freedom-loving countries and the rule of law. You will not leave the meeting unchanged.



Women's Section

by Elizabeth Wong
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March is here!

The Women's Section has been busy this year with new events. On February 13, 2020, we had a "Gal"entine's Day event at Painting with a Twist on East 70th. Thank you to all who came. The food, drinks, painting and company were perfect for a girl's night out. Thank you to Painting with a Twist for hosting us.

We hope to see more Women's Section members at our next event. Look out for our March newsletter for details. If you are not receiving our newsletter, please subscribe through the SBA's website. Be sure to also follow us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you at our future events!



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2020 Liberty Bell Award Nominations

Nominate Someone Who Deserves to Be Honored

The Shreveport Bar Association "SBA" Liberty Bell Award will be presented at the Law Day luncheon meeting. A few prior recipients of this prestigious award are Rev. E. Edward Jones, John T. Porter, Rev. G.S. "Mack" McCarter, Ron Anderson, Myrtle Pickering, Mayor George Dement, Donald L. Horton, Rachel Scott, Judge Carl E. Stewart, Dr. Phillip A. Rozeman, Dr. Donald G. Mack, Charles E. "Chuck" Meehan, Sheriff Steve Prator, Chief Henry L. Whitehorn, Rose Van Thyn, Simone Hennessee, Common Ground Community, Gingerbread House, The Cara Center, Pastor Brady Blade, Liz Swain, Gary Loftin, Col. Steve DePyssler and Arthur Thompson.

To aid in the selection of this year's recipient, we are opening the nomination process to all SBA members. Please see the criteria for the award for you to keep in mind when making your nomination:

The SBA Liberty Bell award may be presented to a nonlawyer who has demonstrated a commitment to selfless community service which strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law. Promotes a better understanding of our form of government, particularly the Bill of Rights. Promotes a greater respect for law and the courts. Promotes a deeper sense of individual responsibility in recognition of the duties as well as rights of citizens. Promotes effective functioning of our institutions of government and promotes a better understanding and appreciation of the Rule of Law.

An individual or organization who meets the above criteria may be nominated. All nominations should be submitted in writing by **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**, and hand-delivered or mailed to:

Ms. Dana Southern
Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

When submitting your nominations, please include why you think the person or organization you are nominating should receive this award, and any additional information that would help the committee in its selection process.

SBA Liberty Bell Award Nomination Form

DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 25, 2020

I would like to nominate the following person or organization to receive the 2020 Liberty Bell Award (please complete as much as possible)

Name	
Street Address	
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Reason they should receive the award (you may attach additional information)

Signature

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Caddo Magnet Sweeps Region 1 Mock Trials

The Region 1 Louisiana High School Mock Trial Competition was held Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the Tom Stagg United States Court House. Thirteen teams from four schools (Caddo Magnet, Huntington, Loyola and West Monroe) competed for two spots in the State Competition, which will be held in Gonzales on March 21, 2020. First Place went to Caddo Magnet's A Team, consisting of Mallory Tucker, Pooja Veerareddy, Ravdeep Warar, Ethan Kennedy, Diya Desai, Baleigh Picou, Grace Sun and Sharon Li, and coached by Steve Soileau and Sarah Smith. Pooja Veerareddy was also voted as the "Top Attorney" at the competition. Second Place went to Caddo Magnet's B Team, consisting of Ashini Modi, Hermen Vazquez, Ethan Mackowiak, Henry Jones, Joey Clary, Abigail Nickelson and Naren Saikolappan, and coached by Liz Wong. Both teams will now advance to the State Competition. Laura Thompson, a teacher at Caddo Magnet, served as faculty advisor for both teams.

Students are provided with a fictional case and prepare and present both sides of the case before a judge and mock jury at the competition. The teams receive scores of 1-10 for each part of the trial presentation, and the team with the higher point total at the end of the round wins and advances.

Of note, the final four teams were all from Caddo Magnet and included teams coached by local attorneys Cody Grosshart, Lauren Tarver and Audrius Reed. Judge Maury Hicks and Judge Mark Hornsby presided over the final rounds. The competition was scored by volunteer judges and attorneys including Judge Ree Casey-Jones, Judge Brady O'Callaghan, Nancy Berger-Schneider, Mary Winchell, Senae Hall, Gordon Mosley, Molly Gunnels, Christopher Forester, Felicia Hamilton, Rebecca Radford, Ashby Davis, Valerie Delatte, Jerry Edwards, Sarah Giglio, Natalie Howell, Caitlin Cline, David White, Chris Miciotto, John Griffin, Allie Aiello and Chris Warren.



Caddo Magnet A Team won 1st place. Students left to right Mallory Tucker, Pooja Veerareddy, Ravdeep Warar, Ethan Kennedy, Diya Desai, Baleigh Picou, Grace Sun, Sharon Li



Caddo Magnet B Team won 2nd place. The students left to right in the picture: Ashini Modi, Hermen Vazquez, Ethan Mackowiak, Henry Jones, Joey Clary, Abigail Nickelson, Naren Saikolappan

SBA Executive Council Retreat Meeting and Dinner

On February 18 the SBA Executive Council held a retreat dinner and meeting at The Mabry House. There was in-depth discussion of great ideas for long-range planning. I am excited to see what our leadership will do for your Bar Association and sincerely thank all who participated.

Attending the retreat dinner and meeting were executive council members Thomas Arceneaux (President), Donna Frazier (President-Elect), Donald Armand (Vice-President), Curtis Joseph (Immediate Past President), Nancy Cooper (Secretary/Treasurer), Sarah Giglio (Secretary/Treasurer Elect), Members at Large Heidi Martin, Emily Merckle, Anna Priestley and Natalie Howell, Gordon Mosley (YLS President), Mary Winchell (SBF President), and Dana Southern (Executive Director). Also in attendance were Judge Frances Pitman and Judge Michael Pitman (CLE Co-Chairs).



How Write You Are

by Hal Odom Jr., rhodom@la2nd.org

Not quite what it seems. A *seam* is the line where pieces of cloth are stitched together, usually with a ridge or bump in the fabric. The word *seamless* means without such a line, or, more generally, *smooth* or *joined inconspicuously*. The court of appeal had to correct the transcript of a district court: “The testimony is that, and the documentation reflects that the intent of this transfer was in deed a *seemless* [sic] offer of 100 percent of the assets and liabilities of A.M.S. to Keyclick.” Of course, everybody meant the offer to be inconspicuous and without interruption of business. *Ochsner Health Plan Inc. v. Advanced Medical Sys. Inc.*, 03-118 (La. App. 5 Cir. 5/28/03), 846 So. 2d 1268.

The transcriber of a testimonial speech made the same mistake: “I thank Seahvosh Nikmanesh because of his incredible ability to work with everyone, while *seemlessly* adapting to change; he has truly mastered the concept of leadership.” Nobody noticed the transition between leaders, so it was *seamless*. *Biographies of U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Leaders*, 99 J. Pat. & Trademark Office Soc’y 773 (2018).

Fortunately, this is a rare error, to confuse *seam* with *seem*. The latter means *to appear, at least superficially*, and writing *seemless* will alert your Spell Check function! We are all trying to avoid bumpy seams in our writing.

What Spell Check will not detect. Reading over a recent internal memo, I saw that I had quoted La. C.C. art. 1881 as follows: Objective novation occurs when, “by agreement of the parties, a new performance is substituted for that *preciously* owed.” Of course, the old obligation was not owed *with great endearment*. It was owed at an *earlier time*, or *previously*. Because both words are perfectly valid, Spell Check will not alert! Errors can happen to all of us. There is just no substitute for good, old-fashioned proofreading.

It’s about the principle. The La. Supreme Court recently declared, “Because the issue before this Court involves the constitutionality of a revised statute enacted by the Louisiana Legislature, we restate the *governing principals* of judicial review regarding same.” *West Feliciana Parish Gov’t v. State*, 19-00878 (La. 10/11/19), 286 So. 3d 987. An appellate court chimed in: “Claimant argues this Court should review the matter *de novo* because the defendants’ exception involves the application of *legal principals* of renunciation, *contra non valentem* and acknowledgment as related to legal prescription.” *Coleman v. Ace Prop. & Cas. Ins. Co.*, 19-305 (La. App. 5 Cir. 11/27/19), 284 So. 3d 1262.

Apparently, it is time to review those ancestral homophones of legal writing, *principle* and *principal*. Here are the basic principles.

PRINCIPLE. This is a noun meaning *concept, rule* or *source*. The word is always a noun; the mnemonic device is that *principle* and *rule* both end in *-le*. In the examples quoted above, the courts meant to say *governing principles* and *legal principles*.

PRINCIPAL. This is usually an adjective meaning *most important*



or *primary*. The *principal* argument is more important than a *subordinate* one. The mnemonic device is that *principal* is spelled with an *a*, like the first letter of *adjective*.

However, *principal* can also be a noun; here are its principal meanings:

All persons concerned in the commission of a crime, whether present or absent, and whether they directly commit the act constituting the offense, aid and abet in its commission, or directly or indirectly counsel or procure another to commit the crime, are *principals*. La. R.S. 14:24. The other kind of criminal party is an accessory after the fact, La. R.S. 14:25.

A person who confers authority on another person (the mandatary), to transact one or more affairs for the first person, is a *principal*. La. C.C. art. 2299. At common law (and intuitively), the mandatary is called an agent, but *principal* is right both in common and civil law.

The key person in an organization is a *principal*. For example, “any officer, director, owner, sole proprietor, partner, member, joint venturer, manager, or other person with similar managerial or supervisory responsibilities,” La. R.S. 9:3574.2 (6). In this vein, the head of a school is the *principal*. The mnemonic is, “Your principal is your pal.”

Money deposited in the bank is the *principal*, distinguished from *interest*, and the trust corpus is sometimes called the *principal*, as in La. R.S. 9:1847.

Make it one of your principles to avoid writing “governing principals” and “legal principals.”

R.I.P., Mr. Lowe. As I was writing this column, the news reached me that my good friend and former colleague Bill Lowe has passed away. Many readers will recall him as something of an institution of the downtown legal community: he began his career and spent nearly nine years at the old Indigent Defender Office, and then was the director of Central Staff at the Second Circuit from its inception in 1982 until he retired in April 2010. He was a person of many interests (as diverse as gardening, martial arts, trivia and metalworking), certain eccentricities (the recumbent bicycle leaps to mind), and was a perpetual student of the law. A couple of generations of deputies and office workers knew him as an early-morning fixture at the former Theo’s, on Marshall Street, and coworkers at the Second Circuit will never forget his loyal (though often reluctant) participation in daily lunches at the former Morrison’s and Luby’s Cafeterias in Bossier City. He guided nearly 30 years of fresh law-school graduates with, he would admit, varying levels of success! He married Kembra Smith (his third, and best, marriage) in January 2010, and after his retirement moved to her home in Decatur, Georgia. He also kept a cherished patch of land in South Carolina. After a brutal battle with glioblastoma, he died on February 4, 2020, at the age of 72. Bill, I’m glad I had the chance to know you.

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| 9:35 a.m. | Writs & Appeals
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<i>Lillian Evans Richie - Second Circuit Court of Appeal, Rodd Naquin - First Circuit Court of Appeal</i> |
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Monroe Inn of Court

by Hal Odom Jr., rhodom@la2nd.org

HOW TO PREPARE FOR, AND PERHAPS AVOID, ARBITRATION

Prehearing strategy in arbitrations was the topic of the Fred J. Fudickar (Monroe, La.) AIC meeting in February. C.A. “Hap” Martin III, of Shotwell, Brown & Sperry, in Monroe, delivered the program, which he adapted from the LSBA Arbitration Section seminar of the same title prepared by him and Kelly Theard, of Peutsch Kerrigan LLP, in late 2019.

“How many of you have ever participated in an arbitration?” About half the audience raised their hands. “Well, some of this will seem pretty basic to you, but arbitration clauses are embedded in most construction contracts, consumer loans, credit cards, all kinds of places,” Hap said. “You should always look for this.”

He quickly summarized the foundations, 9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., and Louisiana’s own La. R.S. 9:4201, the strong public policy in favor of arbitration, the similarities between the federal and state statutes, and the state jurisprudence that overwhelmingly refers cases to arbitration. “Take a look at *International River Ctr. v. Johns-Manville Sales*, and you’ll see how powerful an arbitration clause is.” (The citation is 02-3060 (La. 12/3/03), 861 So. 2d 139.) “Then, if you want to enforce an arbitration clause, you will use a dilatory exception of prematurity or lack of subject matter jurisdiction.” Questions of waiver can arise; Hap stated that under many arbitration clauses, even filing a suit does not constitute a waiver. An audience member, Judge Milton Moore III, chimed in that the Second Circuit had recently published a writ grant to that effect. (The citation is *Wieland v. Shreveport Aquarium LLC*, 53,302 (La. App. 2 Cir. 11/6/19), ___ So. 3d ___.) A case like this reinforces how important arbitration has become.

Hap also asked, “Who decides arbitrability? If you say it’s a question for the arbitrator, you’re right. But, if you say it’s a question for the court, you’re also right.” This generated a large amount of input from the members, many of whom shared their experiences of staying in, or getting out of, arbitration. The open discussion between members with varying levels of experience is one of the major benefits of the AIC.

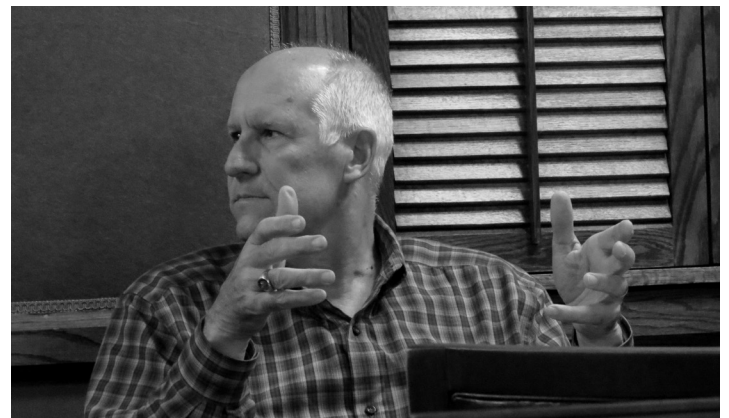
One additional question from the audience was if it’s possible to vacate an arbitration award. “In court, you can always move for a new trial or take an appeal,” one member said. “Is there any remedy in arbitration?” Hap replied, “This is similar to a civil action for nullity. Corruption, fraud or undue means are the basic grounds.” As before, much discussion ensued.

The meeting was held Monday, February 10, at the Lotus Club, on the ninth floor of the historic Vantage-ONB Building,

in downtown Monroe. The 15 members who attended received one hour of CLE credit, and enjoyed heavy hors-d’oeuvres and the open bar before the meeting. Mike Street, the Inn’s secretary, also announced the dates for the next three meetings.



The social hour before the meeting is always a highlight. Left to right: James Carroll, of Mixon Carroll, Columbia, La.; Mike Street, of Watson, McMillin & Street, Monroe; Brady King, of McNew King, Monroe; and Hal Odom Jr.



Hap Martin, of Shotwell, Brown & Sperry, in Monroe, fielded many questions about prehearing practice in arbitrations. (Photos by Hal Odom Jr.)

Golf TOURNAMENT

SHOTGUN START

12:30 p.m.

ENTRY FEES

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Monday, June 8, 2020 at Southern Trace Country Club, Shreveport
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Captain Speaks

by Rebecca Edwards, redwards@caddoda.com

The 26th year of the Krewe of Justinian is wrapping up, and what a year it has been! The culmination of all the planning was the Grand Bal on January 31. We brought Gotham City to life with Batman and Robin, along with Poison Ivy and Catwoman, leading the way for the presentation of our royalty. We also welcomed Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser as a special guest of King XXVI Jeff Cox and got to show him that the Mardi Gras spirit is strong in northwest Louisiana.

Over 500 people attended the Grand Bal. That we draw such a crowd year after year is something for the Shreveport Bar Association and its members to celebrate and support by becoming a member and/or by attending Justinian-sponsored events. Putting together something as huge as the Grand Bal requires a lot of teamwork, and I had a great team with Berry Glassell and Sally Gardner providing their planning expertise, Sarah Giglio and Emily Merckle organizing the silent auction, and Woody Nesbitt providing presentation music. Completing the team were our generous Grand Bal sponsors:

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Thank you all for your help in making the Grand Bal another great Justinian event to remember!

The year will end with the Justinian float rolling in the Krewe of Centaur and Krewe of Highland parades. The Justinian float is better than ever thanks to the efforts of our Float Lieutenant/Tribune Jimmy Franklin and the amazing design talents of Sandra and Ray Monroe and Robin Barr, who all put in many hours and a lot of glitter to make our

Justinian League-themed float sparkle and shine. Our parade participation would not be possible without our generous float sponsors: **Community Bank of Louisiana, Silver Star** and **The Law Offices of H. Lyn Lawrence Jr.** Thank you all!

What has truly made this year special is sharing it with the royalty: King Jeff Cox, Queen Helen Herzog, Duchesses Elizabeth Hancock and Anne Wilkes, Dukes Sam Crichton and Kyle Robinson, Prince Michael Schimpf, and Princess Ellie Marcotte. It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Captain XXVI!

The new year of Justinian XXVII soon will begin with Jimmy Franklin taking the helm as Captain. He will be fantastic! Support the new Captain and the Krewe with your membership as he works to give us and the SBA another great year to remember. And now, it's a wrap for me!

Rebecca Edwards

Captain XXVI

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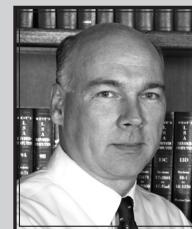
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SBA LUNCHEON MEETING - MARCH 25

Petroleum Club (15th Floor) – Buffet opens at 11:30 a.m. Program and Speaker from 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m.

\$25.00 for SBA members includes lunch with advance reservation

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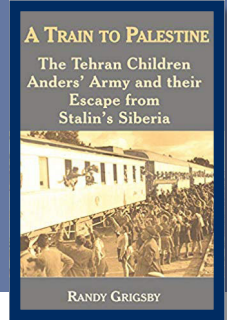


When: Wednesday, March 25 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Petroleum Club (15th floor)

Featuring: Randy Grigsby,

Author of A Train to Palestine: The Tehran Children, Anders' Army, and their Escape from Stalin's Siberia, 1939-1943



About the Book:

In October 1938, eight-year-old Josef Rosenbaum, his mother, and younger sister set out from Germany on a cruel odyssey fleeing into eastern Europe along with thousands of other refugees. Sent to Siberian slave labor camps in the wildernesses, they suffered brutal cold, famine, and disease. Hundreds perished, including Joe's mother and sister. When Germany invaded Russia, many refugees were forced out of Siberia to primitive tent camps in Uzbekistan, accompanied by the Polish army-in-exile previously imprisoned by the Soviets. Within weeks, the commander of the army, General Wladyslaw Anders, received orders to relocate his army to Iran to train to fight alongside the British in North Africa. Instructed to leave without the civilians, Anders, instead ordered all evacuees, including Jews, to head southward with his troops. Joe and the refugees were again loaded on trains, accompanied by the Polish soldiers, and sent to the port of Pahlavi on the Caspian Sea. Then, transported by trucks over treacherous mountain roads, they finally arrived in Tehran where they struggled to survive in horrifying conditions.

In October 1942, the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem accepted responsibility for the 900 orphaned Jewish children in the camp, and by January 1943, the agency secured travel certificates for the Tehran Children to evacuate to Palestine. Joe and the other children, after five terrible years, finally reached safety at the Athlit Detention Camp, north of Haifa, on 18 February 1943.

Readers will find the story is one of the swift brutalities of war, and the suffering of civilians swept up in the maelstrom of fierce conflict. It is also a testament to courage and the human spirit to survive. Drawing from eyewitness accounts, *A Train to Palestine* recreates a remarkable and little-known story of escape and survival during the Second World War.

Randy will have copies of his book available for sale (\$25) and will sign copies. Randy was born in Minden and graduated from Minden High School in 1969. After working in several jobs, including the oilfield, he enrolled in Louisiana Tech, graduating in 1978 with degrees in Journalism and History. Randy moved to Shreveport in 1978 and worked on the wire desk of the Shreveport Times. In November 1978, Randy began a sales career which spanned 35 years--including copiers and computer sales, and the last 25 years in the medical equipment industry. After retiring from General Electric Healthcare in 2011, he pursued his desire to write. However, in 2014, he found his true purpose in writing while in Israel with his wife. One night before the tour group was to visit the Yad Vashem (the Holocaust museum), he had a dream about the Tehran Children, which is the theme of his book. *A Train to Palestine*, which he worked on for over three years, and is his first nonfiction book. The book is published by Vallentine Mitchell, a London publishing company who was the first to publish Anne Frank's Diary in English in the late 1950s. Randy is presently working on his second book, which is also about the Holocaust.

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