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Club Meeting

Batesville
Meets at Tavolo
Italian Ristorante
Zoom option available
Tavolo Italian
Ristorante 3000
Jennings Lane
Batesville, AR 72501
Time: Monday at
12:00 PM

Club Leaders



Dustin Dayberry
President



Emily L. Smith
President - Elect



Donna Gail Cole
Secretary Club
Executive Secretary Past
President



Wesley John Ketz Jr.
Treasurer



Rachel Baker
Club Director



Cathy Drew
Public Image Chair
Webmaster



Michael L. Hester
Club Director



Joseph Clint Howard
Club Director



Cassandra Skellon
Club Director



Amanda Dickey
Club Admin Chair



J. Stevadson Massey
Sergeant-at-Arms



Barrett Moore
Rotary Foundation Chair



Kimberly Tucker
Club Service Chair
Service Projects Chair
Community Service Chair



Donna Gail Cole
Assistant Governor

Birthdays



Johnny J. Kent
August 21st



Amanda Dickey
August 21st



Max McElmurry
August 25th

Wedding Anniversaries



Marion A. Thompson
August 28th

Member Anniversaries



Cathy Drew
22 Years



Audrey L. Pool
20 Years



Dustin Dayberry
4 Years

Rotary For Monday 8/23/21

Rotary for Monday: August 23, 2021 - Tavolo's Restaurant or Online Zoom Meeting

*****Special Board Meeting today at 11:00 with Rotary 6150 Governor James Arbuckle******

Please join us in person, 12:00 at Tavolo's or by Zoom. You may call in or video in.

Join Zoom Meeting [https://ismyrotaryclub.com/Click/?_uid=\(%UserID%\)&_ctid=1599084&redirect=https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84779395875_...!!aAMEfjXlU_FOT1qrMlwzr7hv_OMgmOc26Dr0hTJMIF2cSkrD2mH_AhfPxTYiIDPyBEJfJdBvVlS](https://ismyrotaryclub.com/Click/?_uid=(%UserID%)&_ctid=1599084&redirect=https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84779395875_...!!aAMEfjXlU_FOT1qrMlwzr7hv_OMgmOc26Dr0hTJMIF2cSkrD2mH_AhfPxTYiIDPyBEJfJdBvVlS)

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Remember to Check out our FaceBook page and our new website: <http://www.batesvillerotary.org>





James Arbuckle Sr.
District Governor



David F. Menz
DG-Elect



Sydney O'Quin
Gilbert
DG-Nominee



Speaker for Monday 8/23/2021

James Arbuckle
Rotary District 6150 Governor 2021-22



Mr. Arbuckle graduated from Abilene Christian University with a BA in Biblical Studies. He later received a BS degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University. He currently serves as Senior Vice President and Operations Manager for Half Associates, Inc., a regional engineering firm where he focuses on transportation planning, design and management. He established the Little Rock office in early 2017. He is an alumni of Leadership Greater Little Rock (Class XVI) and served as President for the Little Rock Engineers Club. He served on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Arkansas. James recently served as President of the Arkansas Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers

James has been a member of Rotary since 1996 serving in various officer positions in the Rotary Club of West Little Rock (WLR) including President in 2007-2008. He was instrumental in bringing back the Soap Box Derby to Central Arkansas and served as Director for 4 years. This project focused on reaching out to underserved youth in the community. He was selected as Rotarian of the Year in 2000-2001 and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. James organized the Club's 50th Anniversary celebration and co-chaired the 60th Anniversary. He previously served as Assistant District Governor for District 6150 and currently serves as Foundation Chair for the WLR Club and District 6150 Governor Elect.

James and his wife of 36 years, Melinda, have four children, one grandson and four cats. They've attended Pleasant Valley Church of Christ since 1994. He co-teaches an adult discussion group bible class, leads a life group and serves as a Deacon focusing on missions. In his spare time James enjoys traveling, weightlifting, golf, and watching movies.

<http://www.rotary6150.org/district-governor.php>

From the Governor

By James Arbuckle Jr

With the world slowly but surely opening back up, there are more opportunities to get out there and get back to the work of serving our community. One of the ways we can hit the ground running is by focusing on the Rotary goal of increasing membership. While it is always good to introduce new members (Each One Bring One) perhaps we can start with bringing back the ones who stopped participating due to COVID (or any other reason).

The headline read: **A Man Accidentally Flushed Away His Class Ring, Only For It To Be Found And Returned 72 Years Later.** Think about the backstory on that one! While our experiences may not be so extreme, we've all had that time when we lost something only to be relieved when it was found (in the last place we looked). A few years back, I was on an international trip with a group of about 30 folks. We left Little Rock and flew to Atlanta, where we managed to get to the gate for our international flight. As we started to board the plane, a sick feeling came over me as I reached into my bag and couldn't find my passport. Guess what? You can't get on an international flight without a passport. Frantically, I tried to remember what I had done with it and retraced my steps only to realize that I had left in the seat back compartment of the flight from Little Rock. And yes, I did hear the flight attendant say to check the seatback compartment. I sprinted to the help desk, and they contacted the arrival gate only to learn that the plane had left for Memphis. Yikes! So, I had to wait for the plane to land to confirm it was there. I waved goodbye to my traveling companions as they boarded the flight without me. Long story short, I had to wait 3 hours for the plane to land (to confirm) and travel back to Atlanta to be reunited with my passport. I was never happier than when the pilot came off the plane with my passport. I wound up spending the night in Atlanta and traveling the following day, only to land in a country that had begun to experience civil unrest. But that's a story for another newsletter.



Something I learned from my experience relates directly to membership growth. When you realize you've lost something:

- **Stay calm and don't panic.** We need not be discouraged that we've lost members. We need to step back, look at the big picture, and realize that we will again have the opportunity.
- **Retrace your steps.** We need to think about the times when we've enjoyed fellowship with each other and try to let those lost relationships fuel us to want to be together again.
- **Solicit help.** When we think about the folks that we've missed, we need to seek help from fellow Rotarians to reach out to missing members.
- **Keep in mind the joy of being reunited with something that means a lot to you.** We need to crave the feelings we have when we're doing Rotary together. Forward this newsletter to let them know they are missed.

Other initiatives we can take include:

- Sending an email or text message to let the person know Rotary is back and better than ever.
- Inviting the previous member to an in-person catch-up lunch so they don't feel they have fallen too far behind to get back into the swing of things.
- Making a phone call to check in with a former member.

This small act of reaching out to remind someone that they are missed ties back to the question I asked in last month's newsletter. Have you ever noticed how an act of kindness or service to others has a way of coming back on you as a blessing? In this case, the act serves our organization by helping achieve the goal of increased membership and, in so doing, your small act of service builds the support system Rotary provides to so many in need.

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. Desmond Tutu



Meet Your District Membership Leadership Team

District 6150 Membership Team

Since the theme for August is focused on membership, I want you to meet the membership team. This group is already reaching out to clubs to provide help in membership recruitment. Contact information is provided, so feel free to reach out to any of them if you have questions.



Matt Bule currently serves as Membership Chair for Rotary District 6150.

Matt is a Solutions Architect with Vestcom, an IT company building innovative data-integrated shelf-edge solutions for large retail organizations across the United States. Matt has been a member of Rotary since 2019 and is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock Afterhours, a new club sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Little Rock. He is the immediate past President of the Little Rock Afterhours Club and Ambassador to Arkansas for the Rotary BREW Fellowship.

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Kenny Gibbs is a Senior Vice President with Merrill Lynch and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock (Club 99) since 2005. Kenny served as president of Club 99 in 2019-2020. He has sponsored 7 members. **Kenny currently serves on the District 6150 Membership Team where he tracks and assigns membership leads.** He believes the best way to recruit new members is bring them to a meeting as your

guest.

🔗Pick them up so you can talk before & after the meeting on the car ride because at the meeting there is always a lot going on. Encourage others they meet at the meeting to send them a follow up email or note. If they do join your club help them engage into a committee to get involved. Rotary sells itself when folks get a chance to look under the hood!🔗

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Charles Harris is a retired engineer for Proctor & Gamble and has been a member of the LR Metro Rotary Club since March 2017 where he has previously served as Club President (2019-20) and Club Visioning Champion (2020-21). Under his leadership the LR Metro Club received the Governor's Award for Membership (45% growth). **Charles is currently the 2021-2022 Rotary District 6150 Visioning Chair and serves on the Membership Committee as well focusing on increasing diversity among our clubs.** As Visioning Chair, he is responsible for developing and leading a District Visioning Resource Team that works with the district's clubs to facilitate the development and implementation of a 3 to 5-year Vision to Success Plan to help clubs grow membership and increase sustainable impact in their communities and beyond.

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Nancy Leonhardt currently serves Zone 31 as Assistant Rotary Coordinator and Rotary International is an Innovative Club Advocate. She joined the West Little Rock Rotary Club in 2007, serving as Club President in 2012-2013. Since 2008, Nancy has continuously served as the Club's Executive Secretary, even through her years as President and District Governor. 2015 Conference Chair, Assistant Governor, District Governor in 2017-2018, District Membership Chair, and District Visioning Chair. Nancy serves as the MAPETS Board and Steering Committee Secretary and is Vice President of the Basic Education and Literacy Rotarian Action Group. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and member of the Paul Harris Society



Nancy served District 6150 as a member of the Youth Exchange Committee, District Trainer, 2015 Conference Chair, Assistant Governor, District Governor in 2017-2018, District Membership Chair, and District Visioning Chair. Nancy serves as the MAPETS Board and Steering Committee Secretary and is Vice President of the Basic Education and Literacy Rotarian Action Group. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and member of the Paul Harris Society

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August Admin Announcements

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert

Annual & Semi-Annual Dues

- **RI dues** - Your RI Dues will be emailed to your club's President, Treasurer & Secretary if they have been reported to RI. You can also find the invoice by logging in to [My Rotary](#). Then choose the Manage Tab and then Club Administration. These dues are to be sent in to Rotary International. The address and payment options are on your invoice. If for some reason you cannot access your invoice, please let me know. [Email Sydney](#)
- **District Dues** - Invoices have been sent out for District 6150 annual dues and President-Elect Training. Dues for the District are \$42 per member as of 7/1. The cost for PETs is \$250. Please send 2 checks to Rotary District 6150 at PO Box 242282, Little Rock, AR 72223.

DG Visits

Please check the District Calendar to find the assigned date for your club's Official DG Visit. Please coordinate the logistics with [Mike Marlar](#), DG Ar buckle's Chief of Staff. DG James Ar buckle is looking forward to meeting with your club!

Club Presidents - Enter Goals in RCC

Your club goals need to be entered in to Rotary Club Central (RCC) by September 1. RCC is found by logging in to www.rotary.org. Click on [this link for the "how to"](#) instructions to navigate the RI website. There will be a breakout session at our Summer Seminar on August 16 that will help you with this process.

Welcome to Rotary

We are so happy to welcome the following new Rotarians!



Mallory Tucker (Blytheville)
 Brad Moore (Clinton)
 Greg Staton (Fairfield Bay)
 Jon Wellman (Fairfield Bay)
 Tonya McNutt (Forrest City)
 Kimberley Owens (Heber Springs)
 Bryce Farmer (Heber Springs)
 Mimi Montoya (Helena)
 Grant Lamascus (Helena)
 Kassie Wright (Jonesboro)

Diana Smithson (Little Rock)
 Shannon Heard (Little Rock)
 Melinda Moody (Little Rock)
 Tom Staley (Little Rock)
 Angela Stroud (LR Afterhours)
 Brooke Bridges (LR Afterhours)
 Harlie Treat (Marshall)
 Anita Harris (North Little Rock)
 Bonnie Manor (Searcy)
 Liz Blake (Stuttgart)

Garrhett Wilbourn (Stuttgart)
 Greg Thompson (West LR)
 Paige White (West LR)
 Wayne Croom (West Memphis)
 Kenneth Moore (Wynne)
 David West (Wynne)
 Donnie Sanders (Wynne)
 Matthew Hammett (Wynne)