



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program - July 28 , 2020



Helping Others with Plasma Donation

Diana Howze, Jonesboro Center Manager at BPL Plasma, will be our program this week. She says, "Researchers have identified a protein and antibodies in the [convalescent] plasma that can help with the treatment."

While there isn't a cure for the coronavirus yet, those who have beaten the virus can help others fight the infection by donating plasma, shortly after being asymptomatic.

Donating plasma can be a life-saver. Plasma is needed for a majority of medical therapies. Now, plasma from someone who has recovered from COVID-19 can potentially be used to fight the infection.

People who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that can attack the virus. This convalescent plasma is being evaluated as treatment for patients with serious or immediately life-threatening COVID-19 infections, or those judged by a healthcare provider to be at high risk of progression to severe or life-threatening disease.

You're Invited to a ZOOM Meeting

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Jul 28, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/join/register/tJUqc-itrTIIIGtJdDikKMuzX7MOW8SIbrLi->

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Face Covers for Sale



Our Rotary Club is selling face covers as a fundraiser for the Shop with a Cop project we do at Christmas time. Masks are \$15 each or 3 for \$40. If you are interested, contact Gary Higgins with your order.

Masks are in Rotary blue and have the Rotary symbol on them.

Time to Pay Your Invoice

This is a friendly reminder from **Barbara Widner** that invoices are due now for Rotary dues.





Brian Rega
iPast President



Adam Robert Sartin
Assistant Governor



James L. Morgan
August 16th

Good News, July 21, 2020

Al Poston announced that he has been married to Aylia for 219,000 hours, or 25 years.

Tom Trevathan said that his son and his wife were visiting him.

Jill Clogston celebrated her fifth anniversary at A-State as Director of the Education Renewal Zone.

Gary Higgins announced that **Joe Williams'** wife continues to improve from her stroke.

Nancy Elphingstone noticed that **Guy Patteson** no longer had a beard.

Last Week's Program, July 21, 2020



Kim Wilbank, superintendent of Jonesboro Public Schools, gave the program last week on how school will progress for this fall.

Students will be given the choice of attending classes virtually or on campus. The classes provided virtually will be on a purchased curriculum because the school is not equipped to go virtually on their own. Students not choosing the virtual setting will receive a blended instruction. They will have some classwork on site and some remotely.

Masks are mandated by the state and students will be required to wear masks in school. The masks will be provided by the school, along with hand sanitizer. Social distancing will be followed, except on buses where it is not required.

Safety is foremost. The guidelines for what to do when someone tests positive for COVID-19 depends on surrounding circumstances and therefore there is not a flat rule dictating what happens. As an example, if a teacher tests positive, she must determine if the contact was for 15 minutes or more and whether the parties were six feet apart. The teacher may be allowed to provide instruction from home or from campus, depending on the answers to specific questions. There are lots of situations and the outcome depends on the circumstances surrounding the contact. Each case will be judged individually.

On August 11 at Don Riggs Gymnasium, there will be a restructuring of bonds. If it passes, the school can get up to 20 million dollars for projects.

For more information on the school opening, see their website at <https://www.jonesboroschools.net>.

Report Card - July 21, 2020

Membership

Total Active Members - 133
Active members - 48
Active-Service - 45
Active-Partner - 5
Active-Modern - 9
Active-LOA - 0
◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 26
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 52

Active Members - 50
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 2
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Events

All face-to-face events have been postponed due to the coronavirus.

Weekly meetings online.

July 28 -- Weekly meeting. Diana Howze, Convalescent Plasma Program

September 1 -- Weekly meeting. Nancy Leonhardt, Adult Learning Alliance: REAdying Arkansas

Birthdays



Allison McDaniel
August 3rd



Terry McNatt
August 3rd



Carl M. Cates
August 8th



Milton Wayne Harbison
August 8th



Steve Farmer
August 9th



Max E. Dacus Jr.
August 9th



Rick J. Terry
August 10th



Kristy L. Cates
August 16th



Emily Still
August 18th



Beverly Bartels
August 18th



Steve Baker
August 20th



Jon Wilbanks
August 21st



Marti Lu Allen
August 22nd