



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- December 1, 2020



POLIO ERADICATION IS ONGOING EFFORT

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Dr. Bhavesh Joshi, DO, is our speaker today. He will give us the latest news on polio.

Dr. Joshi is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at NYIT-College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University, as well as Team Physician for Arkansas State University and Williams Baptist University Athletics.

Don't Forget the Coffee

Don't forget about our service project! We are collecting coffee donations for Helping Neighbors to put in Senior Packs. Senior Packs are food donations given to senior citizens. They consist of basic foods to help seniors make ends meet. Coffee is most requested.

Take your coffee donations to Focus Bank on Red Wolf. Or send checks made out to Rotary Club of Jonesboro to either Focus Bank, 2525 Red Wolf Blvd. (72401) or the Club's P. O. Box 654, Jonesboro, AR 72403. Please write **Helping Neighbors** or **Senior Pack** in the memo line.



On Monday, December 7th, our club will deliver the coffee and donated funds to representatives of the Pantry. Because the coffee is part of a **Senior Pack**, the packages need to be somewhat uniform (10-14 oz.?). The least expensive brands sell for \$2.49 at **Bill's**, **Food Smart**, and **Harps** (see photo).

Donations such as this are especially important during the pandemic. Let's make Christmas a little bit better for some of our neighbors.

Upcoming Events

December 5 -- Shop with a Cop

The annual Shop with a Cop will be held December 5 but this year has some changes due to COVID-19. Instead of meeting at the Fraternal Order of Police, the children will be picked up



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Events

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

Weekly meetings online.

December 1 -- Weekly meeting. Polio Discussion, NYIT Dr. Bhavesh Joshi

December 8 -- Weekly meeting. Cathelene Gray, principal of Nettleton STEAM and her STEAM facilitator Kelli Cochran

December 15 -- Weekly meeting. Phil Shupe, North Little Rock Rotarian, water project in Brazil

Birthdays



[Eugene J. Wing](#)
December 4th



[Jennifer Hannah](#)
December 6th



by the police officer and taken shopping. This event is made possible by our Rotary Club and a generous donation by Arvest Bank.

December 5 -- Joy Fest

Joy Fest will be held December 5 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Rotary volunteers are needed to hand out prepacked popcorn during the showing of White Christmas at the Rotary Centennial Park. The event will be outdoors. To sign up to volunteer for this event, click the link below.

[Joy Fest Volunteer Registration Link](#)

December 9 -- Christmas at the Park



On Wednesday, December 9, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Rotary volunteers are needed to work Christmas at the Park. Rotarians are needed to serve as elves in the concession area. We need 10 volunteers. There is a training video that will be sent to volunteers. To register to volunteer for this event, click the link below.

[Christmas at the Park Volunteer Registration Link](#)

The event will be outdoors where we can socially distance and wear masks.

Christmas Decorations Needed

If you have extra Christmas decorations, donate them to the Jonesboro Human Development Center. Dana Kennedy is in charge of collecting them. You can contact her at 870-530-2436. Decorations should not be candles or glass lights.



Paul Harris Fellows Awarded

Seven members of our club were awarded Paul Harris Fellows. **Dana Kennedy, Gary Clark, Brian Rega, Chad Harbison, Lisa Golden, Carl Cates, and Marie-Jose Patton** were given pins at the November 24th meeting.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to [The Rotary Foundation](#). The contributions will be spent on Humanitarian efforts around the world.



What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.



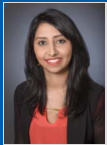
Beverly C. Parker
December 8th



Al Poston
December 9th



Julienne Pollard Penter
December 11th



Neelam Joshi
December 12th

- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Good News, November 24, 2020

Audrey Guinn announced that they have moved into their new house and are loving it.

Report Card - November 24, 2020

Membership

Total Active Members - 130

Active members - 49

Active-Modern - 9

Active-Partner - 4

Active-Service - 43

Active-LOA - 0

◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 25

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 35

Active Members - 34

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 1

Guests - 0

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