



## The Big Wheel

Club 2520, District 6150  
December 14, 2020  
Volume 103, Issue 24  
Rotary Club of Jonesboro  
P.O. Box 654  
Jonesboro, AR 72403  
Chartered August 1, 1919

## Club Leaders



[Gary Higgins](#)  
President



[Gary Clark](#)  
President - Elect



[Jennifer Hannah](#)  
Secretary



[Nancy Elphingstone](#)  
Treasurer



[Will Branch](#)  
Club Director  
Vocational Service Chair



[Erika Krennerich Chudy](#)  
President - Nominee



[Marie-Jose Patton](#)  
Bulletin Editor



[Hatton Weeks](#)  
Public Image Chair



[Carl M. Cates](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair

[Audrey Guinn](#)  
Membership Chair

## This Week's Program - December 15, 2020



World Vision reports that 5000 children under the age of 5 die every day due to poor quality of water. That's why the Rotary Club of Jonesboro and the Rotary Club of North Little Rock have teamed up with the Brazilian Rotary Club to install about 300 filters in the slums near Florianopolis Brazil.

Our speaker this week is Phil Shupe, a member of the North Little Rock Rotary Club. Phil has been involved at Shupe & Associates for over 30 years in process design and selling water and wastewater equipment. After earning an engineering degree and a masters' degree in business administration, he spent 10 years in the paper industry. After joining Shupe & Associates he has continued to try to set the standard high for the quality of service to engineers and customers, as well as providing equipment at a fair price. He has been involved in all aspects of water and wastewater equipment and chemical feeds associated with several hundred plant projects.

With his experience, Phil will explain the project to the club. It should prove to be an interesting program and worthwhile project for our club.

## It's Been a Busy Month for Rotarians

December is proving to be a busy time for Rotarians. Just look at what we've been up to.

#1-- The month started with Shop with a Cop. This year we had over 40 children participate.



#2 -- The coffee donations for Helping Neighbors brought in 196 pounds of coffee. These were used in Senior Packs. Coffee is the most requested food item, so seniors will have a real treat in their food boxes. Pictured are Liz Ivener from Helping Neighbors and **President Gary Higgins**.

#3 -- We participated in Joyfest. Rotarians handed out popcorn before the movie.



Barbara J. Widner  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Eugene J. Wing  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



Lori Chandler  
Youth Services Chair



Brian Rega  
iPast President



Adam Robert Sartin  
Assistant Governor

## Events

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

Weekly meetings online.

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

**December 22** -- Weekly meeting. Erica Parker, Make a Difference, Make a Wish

**December 29** -- Weekly meeting. Allison Lewis, the 7 Minute Life

## Birthdays

Cherisse R. Jones-Branch  
December 17th



#4 -- Our Rotary Club collected Christmas Decorations for the Human Development Center. Pictured are **Dana Kennedy** and **Lori Chandler** making the delivery.



#6 -- Rotarians **Ernesto Saucedo, Gary Higgins, Jill Clogston, Gary Clark, Chad Chadwick, and Dana Kennedy** showed up for Christmas at the Park. They played the part of elves.

*And a good message for all:*



Joy Vaupel  
December 20th



Jennifer L. Rega  
December 25th



Pamela Ann Haun  
December 26th



Robert S. Appleton  
December 28th



Jeremy Colton  
December 28th



Harry Puddephatt  
December 30th



Robbie Johnson  
January 2nd



Gary Higgins  
January 3rd



Chad Harbison  
January 6th



Lillie Fears  
January 6th



Nanette Heard  
January 9th



Cathy Frans  
January 9th



David A. Eckert  
January 12th



## Good News, December 8, 2020

**Al Poston** announced that tonight he was celebrating his 41st birthday for the second time.

**Mark Morrow** said that the Shop with a Cop event was good even though it was handled differently this year because of COVID. The children had fun.

## Last Week's Program, December 8, 2020

Cathelene Gray, principal at STEAM, began the program with an overview of the school. STEAM is a project-based school. Students are supposed to look for problems and work together to solve them.

This past summer STEAM was made aware of the NASA International Space Shuttle's plans to offer young scientists here on Earth to earn the opportunity to communicate with the scientists currently aboard. STEAM sent in a 70-page proposal which included a year-long curriculum for students in the third - sixth grades. They received word that they along with their partner school in South Africa would be participating in the International Space Shuttle (ISS) by allowing students to speak directly with the astronauts. The once in a lifetime experience, students in grades 3-6 science classes will have the opportunity to share in a conversation with NASA astronauts Shannon Walker and Kate Rubins. Students may not ask the astronauts anything which can be googled or is personal. This event will happen this Thursday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m. followed by the conversation with the astronauts at 10:25 a.m.

Several prestigious guests will make opening comments, including President Bill Clinton and Governor Asa Hutchinson. Also making remarks will be Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin, the head of the Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key, and Congressman Rick Crawford. In partnership with Arkansas State University and Arkansas PBS, the downlink event will be broadcast to students across Arkansas.

Kelli Cochran, STEAM facilitator, spoke about some of the projects students have been working on:

- The third grade designed and built a water filtration device. This device was to clean water for use on the ISS.
- The fourth grade designed and built robotic arms. These arms were to grab an object and place it in a container at least ten centimeters away.
- The fifth grade designed and built a lunar plant growth chamber. To research the project, they zoomed Natural Grocers how to extend the shelf life of produce, they also zoomed an Incubator Manager at NASA, and they zoomed a NASA female engineer who worked on the ISS.
- The sixth grade designed and built pressurized astronaut suits. These suits were to protect those on the Artemis Expedition from the dangers in space.

They named their theme "To the Stars and Back." A crew from PBS came to the school and

interviewed some of the students on their projects.

## Report Card - December 8, 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 - 36

Active Members - 33

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 1

Guests - 2

[Read More](#)