



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program - June 15, 2021

### COVID Vaccines: An Update

This week Kyle Lomax will present a program to educate our club on the COVID vaccines. He will also have some vaccines available for anyone that would like to be vaccinated.

In 1974 Kenny Lomax graduated Pharmacy School at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. Shortly thereafter he purchased his first pharmacy in Monette known as Ken's City Drug. It was your typical hometown corner drugstore with a soda fountain and unique gifts. In 1994, the drug store moved to a new location in Monette and changed names to Monette Discount Drug.

After graduating High School in Monette in 1998, Kyle Lomax attended University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. Kyle married Kass Qualls in 2001 and graduated Pharmacy School in 2002. Shortly thereafter he and Kass began working with Kenny as they purchased the Jonesboro store, Plaza Drug, in 2000.

Southern Pharmacy now owns and operates 6 stores in Jonesboro, Lepanto, Lake City, Monette, Leachville and most recently Marked Tree. They employ over 25 full time staff employees and offer an internship program for college students and part-time workers.



## Good News, June 1, 2021

**Emelda Williams** put in \$20 to announce she's still kicking. After having some medical concerns, she added that the Lord's not ready for her yet because she has a disabled husband to look after.

**Rusty Guinn** said that he and wife number one (aka Sheila) will be attending the Delta Arts Festival in Newport this weekend.

**Kapil Bajaj** was very happy to be back at Rotary and celebrated another ASU graduation.

**Cari White** was also happy to be back to face-to-face Rotary meetings.

## June 1, 2021 Engineering & Computer Science degrees at A-State

Our June 1, 2021 program was presented by Dr. Abhijit Bhattacharyya is A-State's inaugural dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He spoke on the topic of how these degree programs will benefit A-State, engineering students, and employers.

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board recently cleared the way for A-State to offer the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management Systems (BSEMS) degree, as well as an undergraduate certificate of proficiency in controls and automation. The BSEMS will be offered both on-campus and online, and will enable traditional as well as non-traditional students to obtain positions of leadership in engineering companies.

Controls and automation are ubiquitous these days ♦ some examples are conveyor systems, cruise control in cars, use of a thermostat to regulate heating and cooling in buildings or controlling the flight path of an aircraft. As for employers, it offers them access to local talent trained in theoretical and practical aspects of controls systems that they did not have before.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:



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## Events

Meetings are online and in person.

**June 15** ♦ Weekly meeting.  
Kyle Lomax, Pharmacist,  
Southern Pharmacy. Covid  
Vaccines: An Update.

**June 22** ♦ Weekly meeting.  
Alan Keith, Strategic Advisor,  
A-State Innovate. The A-State  
Innovation System is a  
coordinated network of sites  
and support services designed  
to foster entrepreneurship in  
East Arkansas.

**June 29** -- Weekly meeting.  
Passing of the Gavel.

## Birthdays



Russ Hannah  
June 21st



James V. Hargis  
June 24th



Jarrett Free  
June 24th

Rajendram  
Rajnarayanan



## Photos from the June 1, 2021 Meeting



## Report Card - June 1, 2021

Membership  
Total Active Members - 131  
Active members - 50  
Active-Service - 44  
Active-Partner - 4  
Active-Modern - 9  
Active-LOA - 0  
♦Active Rule of 85♦ members - 24  
Honorary members - 6

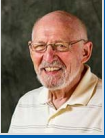
Total Attendance - 36  
Active Members - 35  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 1  
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June 27th



Kenneth Ray Keller  
June 27th



Henry A. Germer  
July 2nd



Tom McDonald  
July 2nd



Wesley R. Eddington  
July 9th



Claudia Shannon  
July 11th