



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program - June 22, 2021

### Helping Entrepreneurs

There is one thing Arkansas State University has always done, and done well ♦ put knowledge and research together to make communities stronger.

The A-State Innovation System is a coordinated network of sites and support services designed to foster entrepreneurship in East Arkansas. Alan Keith is the new Strategic Advisor for the A-State Innovation System.

Come learn how the Innovation System can help and is helping entrepreneurs from all over Northeast Arkansas.



## Rotary's second virtual convention highlights accomplishment in polio, progress toward ending COVID-

by **Ryan Hyland**

Thousands of people experienced friendship and fun at Rotary International's second straight virtual convention. The event, held 12-16 June 2021, was conducted online after the convention originally planned for Taipei, Taiwan, was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nearly 10,000 people registered for the robust program that included more than 20 guest speakers, informational and inspiring breakout sessions, the interactive House of Friendship, and a variety of engaging virtual activities and entertainment.

During the opening general session, Rotary International President Holger Knaack acknowledged that he was worried about how successful his presidency would be, since he couldn't visit clubs and projects and provide encouragement and support due to travel restrictions. ♦ But what seemed like a problem turned out to be an advantage, ♦ he said. ♦ By visiting clubs online, I could be everywhere, every day. ♦

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## Good News, June 15, 2021

Mr. **Al Poston** carried the mike.

**Emelda Williams** first gave a big thank you to St. Bernard's to ending her Covid problem, then she thanked Visiting Angels for helping with her husband, and finally thanked the senior citizen organization for helping her walk three miles yesterday. While cleaning up her office, she found a sheet of Elvis Presley stamps and offered them to the first person who wanted them.

**Wes Eddington** and wife **Debbie** were grateful to be back at Rotary. He reminded everyone that taxes are due October 15.

**Gregory Hansen** and his wife share the number 31 with Baskin Robbins. They have been married 31 years.

**Linda Frazier** was thankful we can visit in person and this was the first meeting she attended since the pandemic.



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## Events

Meetings are online and in person.

**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  
June 27th



Kenneth Ray Keller  
June 27th

**Hank Germer** and wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

**Norman Stafford** gave thanks for the people at his table and announced that he and his wife had their 57th wedding anniversary.

**Marcus Tribbett**, his wife, and his daughter visited his parents and his wife's mother for the first time in two years.

## June 15, 2021 COVID-19 Vaccine Update with Pharmacist Kyle Lomax

Our June 15, 2021 program was presented by Kyle Lomax who presented a program to educate our club on the COVID vaccines.

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.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:

The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others

Local pharmacist sets the record straight about COVID-19 vaccines.

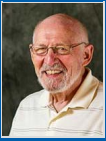
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## Photos from the June 15, 2021 Meeting



## Report Card - June 15, 2021

Membership  
 Total Active Members - 131  
 Active members - 50  
 Active-Service - 44  
 Active-Partner - 4  
 Active-Modern - 9



Henry A. Germer  
July 2nd



Tom McDonald  
July 2nd



Wesley R. Eddington  
July 9th



Claudia Shannon  
July 11th

Active-LOA - 0  
◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 24  
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 44  
Active Members - 39  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 5  
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