



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program - July 6, 2021

What You Should Know in This Crazy Real Estate Market

Jill Cravens has been in the real estate business for over 15 years. She is a Certified Residential Specialist and Principal Broker at Westbrook & Reeves Real Estate in Jonesboro. She is from Oxford, MS, and attended the University of Mississippi, where she studied Art.

Jill will share with us the pros and cons of the current real estate market and how to navigate through buying or selling a home.



Rotary works to alleviate refugee crisis

Rotary members have changed the lives of thousands of refugees

By **Ryan Hyland**

The statistics are staggering. More than 28,000 people are uprooted from their homes each day as a result of war, oppression, and poverty. That ♦s nearly 20 people per minute.

By the end of 2016, an unprecedented [68.5 million people](#), from West Africa to South Asia, have been forcibly displaced, making it the world ♦s worst migrant crisis in history.

The wave of migrants and refugees has overwhelmed the international community, putting a particular strain on neighboring countries and Europe. Turkey hosts the largest number of refugees with nearly 3 million. Pakistan is second. Germany is the only high-income country in the top ten host nations, with about 700,000 refugees and asylum-seekers.

The seven-year war in Syria has been the biggest driver of the refugee crisis, with [millions](#) fleeing the country since the conflict began in 2011.

A shockingly high percent of the world ♦s displaced are children. More than half the refugees are under age 18.

Rotary clubs are doing their part to help alleviate the global refugee crisis with projects that help bring water and health care to refugee camps, funds for families to move to safer countries, and more. Over the last several years, clubs and districts have used roughly \$3 million of global grant funds toward refugee-related projects and scholarships.

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Good News, June 29, 2021

Chad Chadwick carried the bucket and mic for Good News. **Gregory Hansen** took notes.

Cari White invited Rotarians back to the Embassy Suites this afternoon for the first live and in-person meeting of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce within the past 18 months.

Brenda Fasulo is relieved to have only one physical therapy session left after her successful knee replacement surgery.



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Events

Meetings are online and in person.

July 6 -- Weekly meeting. Jill Cravens, Certified Residential Specialist, Westbrook and Reeves Real Estate. What You Should Know in This Crazy Real Estate Market.

July 13 ♦ Weekly meeting.

Soon-to-be past president, **Gary Higgins** acknowledged the great crowd that gathered for the meeting and admitted that he is looking forward to not having to arrive at Tuesday's Rotary meetings so quickly.

Emelda Williams affirmed her pride in being an American by quoting lyrics from Lee Greenwood's song "God Bless the USA."

Gregory Hansen didn't have a good news, in part because he was bemoaning his loss to Lee Greenwood in a game of raquetball that took place 34 years ago. Greenwood defeated Hansen 15-4.

June 29, 2021 Rotary Club Leadership Changeover

Our June 29, 2021 program was was led by President Gary Higgins and President-Elect Gary Clark. Gary Higgins, Current President of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro, passed the torch to Gary Clark, President 2021-2022.

This week we ushered in the new Rotary year. New officers and board members were sworn in my Past District Governor, Ray Keller. Gary offered his thanks to those who are finishing their terms. Covid impacted our Rotary Club but it couldn't quell our spirit!

The club also honored retiring club executive secretary, Barbara Widner for her over 30 years of service to the Rotary Club of Jonesboro.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:



Photos from the June 29, 2021 Meeting



Report Card - June 29, 2021

Membership
Total Active Members - 129
Active members - 49
Active-Service - 44
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Modern - 9
Active-LOA - 0
♦Active Rule of 85♦ members - 23
Honorary members - 7

Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge. How COVID has affected Craighead County.

Total Attendance - 53
Active Members - 51
Friends of Rotary - 1
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 1
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Birthdays



Wesley R. Eddington
July 9th



Claudia Shannon
July 11th



Hannah Wimpy Stroupe
July 21st



Kathleen Doty Pruitt
July 21st



Allison McDaniel
August 3rd



Terry McNatt
August 3rd