



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program - August 17, 2021

Club Assembly

This week's program is club assembly. Don't miss out on valuable information about **President Gary Clark's** plans for the club this year.

Become one of our club's people of action and explore the many opportunities we have for you. Show that you want to improve lives in communities. Connect with the Rotary Club of Jonesboro and find out how you can get involved.



Group Dynamic: Meet the Rotarians who are finding fresh ways to connect

Learn more about the projects that Rotarians and Rotaractors are bringing to life in their communities.

Rotarians are doers. As Rotary's vision statement proclaims, they want to live in a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. That's why they joined Rotary, and that's why they stay. They want to be engaged.

So how can your club ensure it is providing sustained engagement for its members? On the following pages you will meet seven Rotary clubs and see how they do it. In Texas, the Rotary Club of Plano West has gone all in on community service. And the recently chartered Rotary Club of Network for Empowering Women, with members in multiple U.S. states and several countries, has great advice for involving new members. Finally, leave it to Rotary's first five clubs to concoct a collaborative endeavor that is connecting current members in creative ways. Collectively, these clubs provide a model for how Rotarians can engage with the rich traditions of the past, the challenging conditions of the present, and our hope-filled expectations for the future.

First five collaborative

In 1913, on a Saturday in July, more than 100 men gathered in downtown L.A. and prepared to board the train that would carry them to the city's harbor. Members of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles were planning to visit the recently chartered Rotary Club of San Diego, and spirits were high. Some men were clad in the ornate uniforms of a marching band, some vamped it up as vaudevillians, and still others were dressed as policemen with comically large badges.

At the last minute, Herbert C. Warden, the club's secretary, refused to board the train. Over his protests, he was prodded onto the cars, and when the train arrived at the harbor, he was carried aboard the Yale a swift, 407-foot-long steamship trimmed in the blue of its namesake Ivy League university and handcuffed to a railing on its upper deck. Five hours later, the men were in San Diego, with Warden in their midst. His reluctance was likely feigned another facet of the outing's entertainment for he left a lively account of the trip in the September 1913 issue of The Rotarian:

◆ We were royally entertained by the San Diego club with a Dutch lunch Saturday night, a sight-seeing trip Sunday morning, and a visit to the famous Coronado hotel and beach in the afternoon and banquet at night. ◆ The whole trip certainly proved a fine opportunity for the members to get together and to become really acquainted. ◆

Though the story is more than 100 years old, Malinda Monterrosa still likes to share it; for her, it demonstrates the importance of fellowship to Rotarians then and now. ◆ They would just engage, she says. ◆ That seems to be ingrained in the early history of Rotary. If you're really thinking about what Rotary is, it is truly a member organization. People are joining to get to know other people. ◆



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Events

Meetings are online and in person.

August 17 ♦ Weekly meeting. Club Assembly.

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Good News! 08/10/21

Brian Rega took notes for Good News.

Rusty Guinn carried the mic for *Good News* this week, and started things off by saying that he would NOT be scooting this week. For those unfamiliar with the concept, "scooters" are Rotarians who congregate at a table near the back of the room and "scoot" between the meal and the beginning of the meeting. In doing this, they are counted toward our attendance and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary though they might only have a short time to commit on any given Tuesday.

Kraig Pomrenke, Rotarian and our host for these meetings, introduced a guest, Embassy Suites and Houlihan's HR Manager Terri Monteniszs. Welcome, Terri!

Norman Stafford noted that he is thrilled to have fellow ASU Women's Basketball fan Sandra Combs today (guest of **Lillie Fears**), and even more thrilled to have coffee as a beverage option today.

Nanette Heard offered via the chat box that the United Way's "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive collected over 22,000 packages to be distributed throughout Northeast Arkansas. A huge "thank you" to RC Jonesboro for donating backpacks.

August 10, 2021 Mitigating the Spread of the Delta Variant Dr. Shane Speights, Dean NYITCOM

Our August 10, 2021 program was presented by Dr. Shane Speights, Site Dean at NYITCOM on the Arkansas State University Campus

As site dean for New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYIT-COM) at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Dr. Speights leads faculty and students in academic and co-curricular activities while engaging in community outreach with hospitals and physicians in the Jonesboro and greater Delta region. Speights previously served as associate dean of clinical education for NYITCOM at Arkansas State.

Dr. Speights has talked to our club numerous times during the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping us up to date and providing valuable information on what's being done to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In this talk he updated us on the latest regarding the spread of the Delta Variant and what we can do to mitigate the spread.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:

The video player displays a presentation slide titled "Mitigating the Spread of the Delta Variant" and "COVID19 Update". The slide features a map of the United States and Louisiana, along with line graphs showing "New reported cases" for both. A table at the bottom of the slide provides vaccination data:

Age Group	Actual	Goal
All ages	56%	50%
18 and over	71%	65%
All ages	50%	50%

Additional statistics on the slide include: Cases: 110,000 (+11%), Deaths: 190,000 (+4%), Hospitalized: 65,000 (+4%), and Tests: 600,000 (+10%). The video is hosted on YouTube and is from the Rotary Club of Jonesboro.

Photos from the August 10, 2021 Meeting

August 24 ♦ Weekly meeting. Michele Blasengame, member of Stuggart Rotary Club, will speak on the Arkansas Water Fowl Hall of Fame and Museum in Stuttgart and also a bit about her work in Rotary in Stuttgart.

August 31 ♦ Weekly meeting. Alan McClain, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner.

Birthdays



[Kristy L. Cates](#)
August 16th



[James L. Morgan](#)
August 16th



[Beverly Bartels](#)
August 18th



[Marti Lu. Allen](#)
August 22nd



[Cari Griffith White](#)
August 27th



[Kassie Wright](#)
August 28th



[Anthony M. Rampley](#)
August 28th



[Zach Owens](#)
August 28th



[David L. McClain](#)
August 29th



[James F. Gramling Jr.](#)
August 30th



Report Card - August 10, 2021

Membership

Total Active Members - 127

Active members - 48

Active-Service - 44

Active-Partner - 4

Active-Modern - 8

Active-LOA - 0

♦Active Rule of 85♦ members - 23

Honorary members - 7

Total Attendance - 39

Active Members - 35

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 0

Guests - 4

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