



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program - August 24, 2021

Preserving the Traditions and History of Arkansas

Today's program is presented by Michelle Blasengame, Rotary District 6150 Assistant Governor is a Trustee for the Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie and a committee member of the Arkansas Waterfowler Hall of Fame.

The Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie is a memorial to prairie pioneers with over 10,000 artifacts. The winner of many awards for leadership in the field of conservation, this unique museum depicts the history of agriculture and the pioneers who farmed the Grand Prairie of eastern Arkansas from the 1800's to 1921.

The purpose of the Arkansas Waterfowler Hall of Fame is to help preserve the traditions and history of Arkansas duck hunting. Promoting the art of the hunt and the science of waterfowl management to future generations, by honoring those individuals from the past and present who have contributed to Arkansas' duck hunting heritage and habitat.



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Condolences



It is with regret that we must tell you of Tom McDonald's passing. Tom was president of our club in 1976-77. He was a nationally renowned professional photographer in Jonesboro for 42 years. He is survived by his wife, Jo Alice.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 25, from 2:00-3:00pm in Wesley Hall at the First United Methodist Church. A celebration of his life will follow at 3:00pm in the same location.

Rotaract to Come to Astate



This Wednesday, August 25, Lori Chandler, Youth Service Chair, will be at the Community and Organization Fair, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., on the Student Union Heritage Plaza lawn at Astate. Lori will hand out information about Rotary to spark interest in forming a Rotaract Club on the Astate campus.

Rotaract Clubs consist of young leaders who are developing innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. They bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

If you would like to volunteer to work the booth at the fair, contact Lori at 870-219-5023 or email her at lchandler@successcreditunion.com.

Good News, August 17, 2021

Chad Chadwick carried the mic for Good News.



Ruth A. Hawkins
Club Director



Christie Matthews Mink
Club Director



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Adam Robert Sartin
Assistant Governor



Bill Burnett announced that his daughter, who lives in Florida, works at a place that dictated she get vaccinated and wear a mask.

Lillie Fears, announced on behalf of her boss, that our club should get a team of golfers together to play in the xxx tournament on September 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ridgepointe Country Club. The golf tournament honors the late Dick Clay and raises funds for a scholarship in his name.

Rusty Guinn spotted the money for **Ray Keller** to tell his good news.

Ray Keller is a distant relative of Helen Keller.

Dana Kennedy, her husband, and her mother went to Oregon last weekend to watch her daughter, Candice Hoke Kennedy, receive her PhD in Clinical Psychology.

Emelda Williams is no longer driving the travel van, but sporting a new car.

Marti Allen is retiring December 31.

Marti Allen announced that Arkansas State University Museum is one of 38 museums nationwide to participate in a nationwide research project that will examine the impact American museums have on their communities. ASU Museum will recruit at least 100 volunteers who want to participate. The volunteers must visit the Museum at least three times, complete surveys about their visits, and submit their responses directly to the researchers in Utah. At the end of the study, ASU Museum will receive the conclusions (not the data) from the lead researchers. More information about the project is available online,

August 17, 2021 Gary Clark, President 2021-22 shares club's plans to change lives through Rotary

Our August 17, 2021 program was a club assembly led by Gary Clark, President 2021-22, Rotary Club of Jonesboro

Moving an organization like a Rotary club forward requires planning, dedicated volunteers and a real can-do attitude. President Clark shared the club's plans for this year and introduced his leadership team that will help execute this year's plans.

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.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:

Photos from the August 17, 2021 Meeting

Meetings are online and in person.



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.

Report Card. August 17, 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 - 26

Active Members - 24

Friends of Rotary - 0

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 0

Guests - 2

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Birthdays



[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



[Lisa K. Golden](#)
September 4th



[Brian Rega](#)
September 8th



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