



The Big Wheel

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Club Leaders



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Jennifer Hannah
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Treasurer



Adam Robert Sartin
Assistant Governor

Events

Meetings are online and in person.

November 9 -- Weekly meeting. Nanette Heard, Executive Director of United Way, United Way Campaign.

November 16 -- Weekly meeting. Family Crisis Center.

November 23 -- Weekly meeting. Jonesboro Police Department, Drug Take Back Program.

This Week's Program - November 9, 2021

United Way Campaign

Rotarian **Nanette Heard**, Executive Director of United Way of Northeast Arkansas, will speak on the current United Way Campaign and how these funds impact our community. United Way of Northeast Arkansas has existed to serve our local communities for more than 60 years. United Way currently funds more than 20 local nonprofit programs which have a focus in the areas of education, health, and financial stability.

The most recent ALICE report, which measures the amount of working families that still struggle with costs of living, shows that nearly 49% of households in Northeast Arkansas struggle to make ends meet. United Way seeks to address this concern by supporting the multiple needs of families across Northeast Arkansas. Your gift helps provide individualized access to education and nutritious meals for students in our area, while helping their parents get access to needed services such as job training or free tax preparation.

Workplace campaigns are the backbone of United Way of Northeast Arkansas's fundraising efforts. Your giving through your workplace enables us to improve the quality of life for families here in Northeast Arkansas. Every gift adds up to measurable change. Your gift of \$5 per paycheck provides five preschoolers with one free book a month for a year.

Donations to United Way stay right here in Northeast Arkansas to help families who have real needs. Your gift impacts a child, a senior adult, a family right here in our community.



\$1,565 for Polio Fund

Last week **Carl Gates** announced that we collected \$1,065 for the Polio Fund. That amount added to the \$500 given by an anonymous donor made a total of \$1,565 which the club sent to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund in honor of World Polio Day. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rega for District Governor

Our club passed a resolution for **Brian Rega** to become District Governor for the years 2024-25.

Brian is the Director of Senior Services/Housing for St. Bernards Healthcare based in Jonesboro. A native of Ash Flat, he holds a bachelor degree in communications from Arkansas State University-Jonesboro.

Brian has served on the Board of Directors of Jonesboro City Water and Light since 2011, and he serves as an elected member of the Board for Success Credit Union. He is a member and Past-President of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro. He proudly serves Rotary District 6150 as District Trainer under past District Governor Mike Bennage.



Good News, November 2, 2021

Wes Eddington enjoyed the Rotary presentation of what Rotary has done.

Birthdays



[Terry Barnett](#)
November 12th



[Cheryl Wall](#)
November 14th



[Marie-Jose Patton](#)
November 15th



[Orville Albert Guinn](#)
November 22nd



[David W Martin](#)
November 22nd



[Chad Chadwick](#)
November 27th

Kraig Pomrenke was happy that the tax proposal to fund a multipurpose sports complex passed the third reading before the City Council.

Photos from the November 2, 2021 Meeting



Report Card - 11/2/2021

Membership
Total Active Members - 124
Active members - 46
Active-Service - 43
Active-Partner - 5
Active-Modern - 6
Active-LOA - 1
◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 23
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 33
Active Members - 31
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 2
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