

Rotary Club of Little Rock

Rotary



Upcoming Programs



February 2021

9 Mike Preston, Secretary of Commerce & AEDC Executive Director, State of Arkansas

16 Solar Energy Panel, Josh Davenport, Seal Solar; Buddy Hasten, Arkansas Electric Cooperative; Matt Bell, Entegrity Partners; Kurtis Castleberry, Entergy;

moderator Kyle Massey, Arkansas Business

23 Bryan Malinowski, Executive Director, Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport

Rotary Tuesday, February 9, 2021

11:30 a.m. Pre-Meeting Entertainment: **Join Early to chat with members**

12:00 noon Program: Michael Preston, Secretary of Commerce & AEDC Executive Director, State of Arkansas



Gov. Asa Hutchinson appointed Michael **Mike** Preston executive director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) in March 2015 and Secretary of Commerce July 2019. Preston is highly regarded as a leading advocate in economic development.

Over the years, Preston has made successful business recruitment trips to Japan, China, France, Germany, Israel, Cuba, Mexico, Italy, United Kingdom, New York City and Silicon Valley. The trips continue to play an important role in the state's economic development efforts and have led to more than 451 projects with companies signing agreements with AEDC to locate or expand in Arkansas. These companies are investing \$9.24 billion and creating more than 19,794 new jobs.

Before joining AEDC, he served six and a half years as the Vice President of Government Relations for Enterprise Florida, the state's primary economic development organization. During his tenure at Enterprise Florida, he was part of the team that helped create more than 147,000 jobs, paying an average wage of \$56,437, and generating \$10.07 billion in capital investment.

In 2018, Preston was selected to join *The Wall Street Journal's* prestigious CEO Council. It is an invitation-only group that connects some of the world's most ambitious and influential leaders to discuss the issues shaping the future. The members lead companies that collectively employ more than eight million people, generate \$2.9 trillion in annual revenue, and represent 20 countries in a wide cross section of industries.

A 2005 graduate of the University of Florida, Mike and his wife Anne along with their young son Pierce are proud to call Arkansas home. They both volunteer in the community in a variety of ways, including the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Zoom Meeting Login for Tuesday, February 9, 2021



Topic: RCLR Weekly Meeting Mike Preston, Sec. of Commerce
Time: Feb 9, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486786525?pwd=ZGI0My9NekRyWUxzNGU0TjBndGJlZz09>

Club Meeting

Little Rock
Meets at Great Hall William J. Clinton Presidential Library
1200 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201
Time: Tuesday at 11:30 AM

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Poore Man on the Roof 2021 Project Partners LRSD Announce Poore Man on the Roof 2021

Between now by Feb. 10th, support the annual food and donation drive, **Poore Man on the Roof**,

What should I donate?

- Nonperishable food + \$1 and challenge your friends to donate \$1

OR

- Personal hygiene items/toiletries + \$1 and challenge your friends to donate \$1

OR

- Cash - at least \$1 and challenge your friends to donate

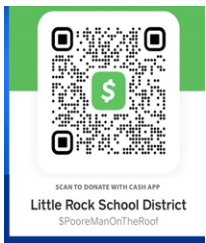
OR

All of the above

How can I help?

Donate at your neighborhood LRSD school

Donate online: <https://tinyurl.com/2021PMOTR> ♦ slight convenience fee



CashAPP: \$PooreManOnTheRoof (or scan the QR code in the attached graphic) ♦ no FEES

Order items through Amazon.com and have shipped to 810 W. Markham, Little Rock, 72201 by deadline

Plus you can tell your friends when they shop at LR area Kroger stores, they can purchase items and drop them in the bin on the way out of the store

There is also a #PasstheCanChallenge TikTok video on LRSD's social media that you may use, or recreate to help generate a little buzz

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, February 10th, LRSD Supt. Mike Poore will work from the roof of the admin building, 810 W. Markham, if the community

fills his office with nonperishable food items. Thanks for supporting the mission of the #2021PMOTR campaign to provide food to families who need extra support, especially in light of the pandemic. Monetary donations benefit LRSD's Volunteers in Public Schools and Bright Futures. Get a jump start and donate today!



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Birthdays

Ken Harrison
February 8th

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February 8th

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February 8th

Jeremy E. McDade
February 10th

Ben Ridings
February 12th

Gordon M. Wilbourn
February 14th

Vanessa Thomas Russell
February 15th

Andrew Michael Parker
February 15th

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February 16th