

# Rotary Club of Little Rock Rotary



## Rotary Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Great Hall, William J. Clinton Presidential Center  
and  
Virtual via Zoom

### In person - registration required

**Please note: The Clinton Presidential Center requires proof of vaccine to attend meetings/events in the library. Also, masks are required if not eating, drinking or addressing the audience. Members of the Clinton Center staff will be at the entrance to the library to check you in - vaccination card or photo of the card on phone accepted.**

Virtual - no registration required

11:30 a.m. Pre-Meeting Entertainment: Pandora

12:00 noon Program: Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH  
President & CEO, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement  
Professor of Medicine and Public Health, UAMS



Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH President & CEO, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Professor of Medicine and Public Health, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Joe Thompson, MD, works at the intersection of clinical care, public health, and health policy. A nationally recognized leader in the quality and financing of health care, the improvement of public health, and the strategic response to threats to public health, Dr. Thompson strives to advance science within the context of political and economic reality. As president and CEO of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, Dr. Thompson leads that organization in its current efforts to address emerging and legacy health issues through individual choice and influential policy. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, he and ACHI have been assisting in Arkansas's response to the public health emergency, an effort that includes collecting and analyzing local data on the pandemic and disseminating vital information to decision-makers across the state. The COVID-19 impact on low-income communities and communities of color accentuates the impact of social inequities and the need for changes heralded by Dr. Thompson. Dr. Thompson has led vanguard state

and national efforts in planning and implementing healthcare financing reform, health promotion and disease prevention efforts focusing on health threats from tobacco and obesity, and emergency response efforts during periods of crisis. He worked with Arkansas's executive and legislative leadership and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on healthcare financing innovation through novel Medicaid expansion strategies and their evaluation. He currently leads the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative, overseeing the linked integration of health data from the public and private sectors to improve health system access, quality, and cost. Dr. Thompson was the inaugural surgeon general of Arkansas, serving for 10 years in the administrations of Mike Huckabee (R) and Mike Beebe (D), and has more than 35 years of experience on state and national corporate and public boards. Dr. Thompson currently serves on AcademyHealth's Advisory Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Health Services Research. Previously, he was the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's first Child and Adolescent Health Scholar, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar, and assistant vice president of the National Committee for Quality Assurance. He is a professor of medicine and public health at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Thompson earned his medical degree from the University of Arkansas for

## 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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Medical Sciences and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Zoom Meeting Login for Tuesday, August 24, 2021



Topic: RCLR Weekly Meeting  
Time: Aug 24, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89361062975?pwd=bWtKUU1oZFpxdHRaG9IM0YydW1xUT09>

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## Upcoming Programs

August	3	J. French Hill, US Congressman	Update from Washington
	10	Dr. Teri Cox-Meadows	Communication Coaching/Creating a Culture of Value and Ethics
	17	Randy Zook, President & CEO Ark State Chamber of Commerce	The Road Ahead for the Arkansas Economy
	24	Joseph Thompson, MD, MPH, President/CEO	Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, UAMS
	31	Shannon Samples Newton, President, ATA	Arkansas Trucking Association
September	7	Stuart Hoke	20th Remembrance of 9/11
	14	Jon Zawislak, UA Coop Extension	Beekeeping and The Importance of Bees
	21	Asa Hutchinson, Governor, State of Arkansas	State of the State
	28	Tom Bowen, Athletic Director Arkansas State University	ASU Athletics



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## Birthdays

Pam P Hathaway  
August 24th

John V Ronza III  
August 25th

Frank P Hall III  
August 26th

Yosef Kramer  
August 28th

Kathleen Lawson  
August 29th

Susan E. Altrui  
August 29th

F. Kramer Darragh III  
August 29th

Ellon Cockrill  
August 30th

Dawn M. Prasifka  
August 30th