

# Rotary Club of Little Rock

# Rotary



## Rotary Tuesday, October 5, 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

**Dr. Waleed Abdalati**  
Director of Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)  
University of Colorado - Boulder

**"Earth from Space - The Power of Perspective"**

*NASA Scientist to Present on October 5th - A note from Program Chair Sue Owens*  
*We have a rare opportunity to have a NASA Scientist patch in remotely on October 5th. In my role as Program Chair, I learned that Rotary International has officially adopted the environment as a new area of focus. If you are like me, sometimes it is hard to discern what is hype and what is actually occurring to our earthly home, so we are delighted to bring a true expert in the field, Waleed Abdalati, to our club on Tuesday, October 5th. Waleed recently presented a program to the Denver Rotary Club, which received rave reviews! Waleed's credentials are impressive including his role as NASA's Chief Scientist. This will be our first virtual presentation since coming back to the Clinton Library, and we hope to have a full ballroom to enjoy Rotary fellowship! If you cannot attend in person, please Zoom in!*

**Waleed Abdalati** is Director of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) at the University of Colorado, Boulder (CU-Boulder). Research at CIRES focuses on understanding the physical, chemical, biological, and social aspects of the Earth's environment at time scales that range from minutes to millennia, and spatial scales that range from the microscopic to global. Dr. Abdalati is also a Professor in CU-Boulder's Geography Department. His own research focuses on the use of satellites and aircraft to understand how Earth's glaciers, ice sheets, and sea ice are changing and the implications of those changes for the Earth System. Dr. Abdalati spent 14 years working for NASA in various research and leadership capacities, most recently as NASA Chief Scientist. In this role, he advised the NASA Administrator on matters related to NASA's science programs and strategic planning and served as the key NASA science interface to the White House, Congress, and other federal agencies. He has served on various climate-related committees at the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Abdalati earned a B.S. from Syracuse University and an M.S. and Ph.D.

## 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

## In This Issue

[Rotary Tuesday, October 5, 2021](#)

[Zoom Meeting Login for Tuesday, October 5, 2021](#)

[Upcoming Programs](#)

## Club Leaders



[Kristina K. Bolhouse](#)  
President



[Denver R. Peacock](#)  
President -Elect



[Natalie Ghidotti](#)  
President -Nominee



[Jeff L. Hildebrand](#)  
iPast President



[Jason Chacko](#)  
Secretary



[Sylvia Murchison](#)  
Treasurer



[Leigh Ann Biernat](#)  
Treasurer -Elect



[Tammie S. Davis](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



from CU-Boulder.

**Earth from Space: The Power of Perspective**

Throughout history, humans have always valued the view from above, seeking high ground to survey the land, find food, assess threats, and understand their immediate environment. The advent of aircraft early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century took this capability literally to new levels, as aerial photos of farm lands, hazards, military threats, etc. provided new opportunities for security and prosperity. And in 1960, with the launch of the first weather satellite, TIROS, we came to know our world in ways that were not possible before, as we saw the Earth as a system of interacting components. In the decades since, our ability to understand the Earth System and its dynamic components has been transformed profoundly and repeatedly by satellite observations. From examining changes in sea level, to deformation of the Earth surface, to ozone depletion, to the Earth's energy balance, satellites have helped us understand our changing planet in ways that would not have otherwise been possible. The challenge moving forward is to continue to evolve beyond watching Earth processes unfold and understanding the underlying mechanisms of change, to anticipating future conditions, more comprehensively than we do today, for the benefit of society. The capabilities to do so are well within our reach, and with appropriate investments in observing systems, research, and activities that support translating observations into societal value, we can realize the full potential of this tremendous space-based perspective. Doing so will not just change our views of the Earth, but will improve our relationship with it.

**Zoom Meeting Login for Tuesday, October 5, 2021**



Topic: RCLR October 5, 2021  
Time: Oct 5, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86149554107?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86149554107?pwd=aiszS2VMTFV1cDE5L0pISjJRK2IPdz09)  
[pwd=aiszS2VMTFV1cDE5L0pISjJRK2IPdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86149554107?pwd=aiszS2VMTFV1cDE5L0pISjJRK2IPdz09)

Meeting ID: 861 4955 4107

Passcode: 447428  
One tap mobile  
+13126266799,,86149554107#,,,,\*447428# US (Chicago)  
+19294362866,,86149554107#,,,,\*447428# US (New York)

Dial by your location  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)  
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)  
Meeting ID: 861 4955 4107  
Passcode: 447428  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kAD9mfowa>

**Upcoming Programs**



Mitchell D. Bettis  
Club Director



Ellen Cockrill  
Club Director



Elizabeth G. Clogston  
Club Director



T. Martin Davis  
Club Director



Wanda G. Hoover  
Club Director



Walter D. Lomax III  
Club Director



Ashvin P. Vibhakar  
Club Director



Joyce E. Taylor  
Club Director



Jessica Marie Wilson  
Club Director



Karen H. Fetzer  
Club Executive Secretary

Lael Foster

October	5	Waleed Abdalati, Director of Coop Institutue Research in Enviromental Sciences	CU Bolder	Earth from Space
	12	Little Rock Fire Department		2021 Awards Presentation
	19	James Arbuckle, District Governor	Rotary International District 6150	District - Rotary
	26	Ron Ekstrand, CEO	Easterseals Arkansas	



Secretary



George W. Booker II  
Club 99 Foundation  
Chair



Suzanne Peyton  
Club 99 Foundation  
Trustee



Cynthia Van  
Veckhoven  
Club 99 Foundation  
Treasurer



James K. Gibbs  
Club 99 Foundation  
Trustee



Michael Marquez  
Club 99 Foundation  
Trustee



Sonya Schmidt  
Murphy  
Club 99 Foundation  
Trustee



Matt Olson  
Club 99 Foundation  
Trustee



John L. Ostner CLU  
Club 99 Foundation  
Trustee



Kim Ellis  
Club 99 Foundation  
Trustee



Sonya Schmidt  
Murphy  
Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

Stephen N. Joiner  
October 5th

Sharon L. Giovinazzo  
October 5th

Sarah M. Spencer  
October 5th

John Albritton  
October 6th

Michael Marquez  
October 7th

Phillip Gary Parrish  
October 7th

Stephanie S. Street  
October 10th  
Jennifer Selig  
October 11th  
George W. Booker, II  
October 12th