

# Rotary Club of Little Rock and Rotary



## Rotary Tuesday, October 26, 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:**



#### **Ron Ekstrand**

*President & CEO, Easterseals Arkansas ♦ Little Rock, AR*

*Ron Ekstrand was named CEO of Easterseals Arkansas in December 2019. Ron brought to the role over 30 years of leadership experience ♦ including 10 years working as an executive leader within the Easterseals movement and another 20 years in various for-profit businesses in managed care, insurance, and financial services.*

*Easterseals Arkansas was founded in 1944 to serve children who were impacted by polio during that epidemic. Today, Easterseals Arkansas provides services across the lifespan to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Headquartered in Little Rock, it has an annual operating budget of \$30M and over 530 employees.*

*Before joining Easterseals Arkansas, Ron served two years as the Sr. Vice President of Network Advancement and Affiliate Relations at the national office of Easterseals located in Chicago, IL ♦ supporting their network of 68 affiliates across the country. While there, Ron also served as Interim CEO for five months while the board conducted a nationwide search for its new CEO.*

*Prior to joining the Easterseals national office, Ron worked eight years at the affiliate level of Easterseals. He spent four of those years as the CEO of TouchPoint Autism Services, the largest provider of autism services in the state of Missouri at the time. As CEO of TouchPoint, Ron led a turnaround of the financially distressed organization, a name change/rebranding from the ♦Judevine Center for Autism, ♦ two mergers with other nonprofits, and an affiliation with Easterseals to help create the organization now known as Easterseals Midwest with an annual budget of over \$75M. He served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Easterseals Midwest for four more years.*

*He holds an MBA from Washington University where he also served as a part-time adjunct faculty member teaching courses on service excellence. He has also taught graduate courses on nonprofit mergers and collaborations at Webster University.*

## 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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Topic: RCLR Weekly Meeting  
 Time: Oct 26, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89226462442?pwd=SU5EczRRWittTm9JYcybXdz09>

Meeting ID: 892 2646 2442  
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## Upcoming Programs

October		
	26	Ron Ekstrand, CEO Easterseals Arkansas

November	2	Jack Lofton, Film Maker	Mudroom Films (Llego Hoy Film)	
	9	Ryan Holder, CPA, Managing Director & Mike Boshetti, Director	Strategic M & A Advisors	M & A in COVID Times
	16	Kenneth A Clark, Jr. MFT	Chenal Family Practice	Adult Mental Health
	23	Rodney Block	Rodney Block Collective	Holiday Entertainment
	30	Heather Larkin, CEO	Arkansas Community Foundation	
December	7	Kevin Kressee	Artist	Johnny Cash sculpture
	14	Paul Guess, President & CEO	Guess and Company/Lux Frangrances	
	21	NO MEETING		NO MEETING
	28	NO MEETING		NO MEETING

## Slate of Officers, Directors, Trustees Announced

Officers and Directors nominated to serve in Rotary Year 2022-2023.  
 Elections will take place on December 14, 2021 meeting.

**President Nominee (elevates to President in 2024-2025): Jason Chacko**  
**Secretary: Tammie Davis**  
**Treasurer Elect (elevates to Treasurer in 2023-2024): Don Cole**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms: Greg McCarroll**  
**Directors 3 year term beginning July 1, 2022:**  
**Lena Hayes**  
**Tanya James**  
**Kevin Newton**

Previously elected:  
 President: Denver Peacock  
 President elect: Natalie Ghidotti  
 Immediate Past President: Kristina Bolhouse  
 Treasurer: LeighAnn Biernant

2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 year term:



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Director



[Ellen Cockrill](#)  
Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director



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Secretary



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Club 99 Foundation Chair



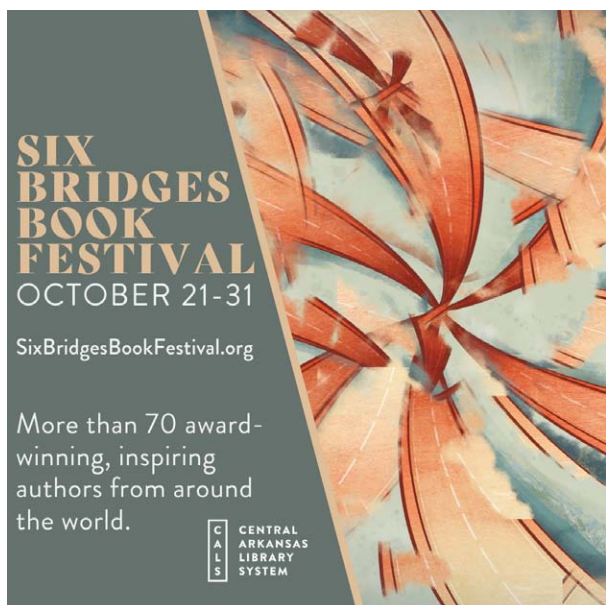
[Suzanne Peyton](#)  
Club 99 Foundation

Mitch Bettis  
T. Martin Davis  
Jessie Wilson

3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 year term:  
Ellon Cockrill  
Wanda Hoover  
Joyce Taylor

## CALS 6 Bridges Book Festival Continues This Week

By Karen H. Fetzer on Monday, October 25, 2021



The Six Bridges Book Festival is back (October 21-31), and this year's lineup of authors and events is amazing! The Fest is virtual once again this year, so that means anyone can enjoy it from anywhere [Six Bridges Book Festival](#).

Be sure to tag the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival (@sixbridgesbookfestival on Facebook, @calibrarysystem/#SixBridgesBookFestival on Instagram, and @SixBridgesFest on Twitter) in your social posts so that your followers will be able to easily find the Fest's and CALS's social media accounts.

**Here is some inspiration for what you might post. These are just suggestions, so please feel free to change any of this to make it personal to you. The posts will be more meaningful and relatable that way!**

- Books are great, but book-themed food? Sign me up! I can't wait to see all the creations at Six Bridges Book Festival's Tasty Reads edible books contest. Don't miss the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival, October 21-31.
- Have you seen the lineup for this year's CALS Six Bridges Book Festival? There's something for everyone. I can't wait! Check out all the great authors and events at [sixbridgesbookfestival.org](#). Join me for the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival, October 21-31.
- The Book Festival is my favorite time of year! I especially enjoy having the opportunity to meet so many great authors and hear them talk about their books. [Here you might add a story about a particular author you enjoyed meeting at a previous year's Fest] See you at the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival, October 21-31.
- I truly appreciate the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival's goal to promote literacy in central Arkansas. The Little Readers Rock and Writers in the Schools programs support reading and writing education by giving young people in our area free books and opportunities to meet a variety of famous authors. If you can see it, you can be it! Don't miss the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival, October 21-31.
- The list of authors participating in the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival is always impressive, but this year I'm most excited to hear from [Here you can name an author you're looking forward to seeing during this year's Fest. Be sure to include the title of their book, too!] Don't miss the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival, October 21-31.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fest. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if we can assist in any way, and thanks again for your support!

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### Birthdays

Melinda C Moody  
October 25th

Howard Terry Rasco  
October 27th

Ann Bailey Bain  
October 29th

Leonard A. Kremers Sr.  
November 1st