



Rotary Club of West Little Rock

Meets at St. Vincent Infirmary in the Terrace Room
Two St. Vincent Circle
Little Rock, AR 72205
Meetings: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Club 2535, District 6150
www.westlittlerockrotary.org

Chartered November 18, 1958

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Birthdays

This Week's Program October 20, 2021



LEE WATSON

Lee is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Forge Institute, an organization developed to design and enable innovative private-public collaborations to support economic and national security initiatives. Forge Institute developed the American Cyber Alliance or ACA in 2018, as a private-public partnership to reduce cyber risks through programs in innovation and workforce development and by supporting intel-led cyber operations.

In 2019, Lee led an effort to pass the Arkansas Cyber Initiative or ACI (SB632). ACI was created to develop cybersecurity capabilities and partnerships across the State of Arkansas. ACT 1085 was passed unanimously and signed into law by Governor Hutchinson on May 10, 2019.

Prior to founding Forge Institute, Lee was the Founding CEO & Board Member of The Venture Center, an entrepreneur-led organization that established successful innovation programming for startups and companies in Central Arkansas. The Venture Center has been recognized as a global "best practice model" by Startup Federation and the International Business Incubator Association (InBIA) and was successful in helping startups raise tens of millions of dollars and create hundreds of jobs. A key program, the VC FinTech Accelerator, has become the most recognized global FinTech startup innovation program; being recognized by industry publications, global media, Congressional statements on the House Floor and by dozens of leading angel investors and venture capitalists. The FinTech program receives hundreds of applications each year and has an investment portfolio of over four dozen companies. After graduating from college, Lee built Clarovista, a regional mobile application development, marketing, and data analytics consulting company.

Lee has worked to support state legislation in Arkansas to accelerate STEM education, drive innovation and create high-paying jobs for Arkansans. Lee is interested in cyber, financial technology, quantum computing/physics and building a strong innovation-driven economy.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Serial entrepreneur, board member, innovator, investor and technologist
- Built global Financial Technology innovation program with FIS (Fortune 500)
- Member, Governor Hutchinson's Coding and Cybersecurity Task Force
- Founding Champion: Startup Arkansas & Startup Champions Network
- Eagle Scout & Order of the Arrow

Mark Your Calendars

- October 20th - Lee Watson, Forge Institute
- October 30th - HarvestFest Pancake Breakfast
- October 31st - Halloween
- November 14th - Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry

HarvestFest Volunteers - Pancakes!

Free pancakes for volunteers!

Volunteers are needed Saturday, October 30, from 8:30am-11:00am to serve at the HarvestFest Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Hillcrest Residents Association. The event will be held at the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church located at 2200 Kavanaugh Blvd. (corner of Kavanaugh and Cedar). Let's promote WLR Rotary in the Hillcrest community!

If you are available to serve, please [email Nancy](mailto:nancy@wlrrotary.org) as soon as possible.



Community Service Corner

West Little Rock Rotary Community Service Connection

SAVE THE DATE! CAMP ALDERSGATE FISH FRY

West Little Rock Rotarians will, once again, be volunteering for the Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry. This is one of our signature projects. If you have never volunteered at this event before, you will not want to miss!

More information and sign up sheets will be coming. For more information on Fish Fry please visit: <https://www.campaldersgate.net/fish-fry/>

THE DETAILS

date: SUNDAY, NOV. 14TH

time: 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**locations: main event
CAMP ALDERSGATE | 2000 Aldersgate Rd.**

**rapid pick-up
ORTHOARKANSAS | 10703 Kanis Rd.**

**tickets: \$15.00 (single)
\$50.00 (family pack: 4)**



Haley Weaver
October 7th



Robert L. Frazier
October 11th



Pamela Jean
Estes
October 14th



Joe O'Brien
October 24th



Nancy Leonhardt
October 26th

Years of Service

Bob Keltner
10-22-1997
24 Years

Sonya Premeaux
10-12-2011
10 Years

Haley Weaver
10-10-2018
3 Years

Tiffany H Smith
10-28-2020
1 Year

Matthew Carroll
10-06-2021
0 Years

Vanessa L. Bostick
10-06-2021
0 Years

Yours in Rotary,
Stacy

Yohana in Kenya



MESSAGE FROM YOHANA:

As I was strolling to a mall in Kenya, I saw surprisingly a rotary booth for Mt Kenya Rotary Club - at a mall in Kenya, fundraising for a project for persons with disabilities. It was real fun to see rotary global community - I felt at home.

I wanted to share some of the pictures!

Best regards,

Yohana Ogom, MA
Sustainability Development, Low Residency
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Four-Way Test

The Four Way Test of the things we think, say, or do...

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?