

Rotary Club of Magnolia



Ballin' with the Muleriders

Wednesday, October 20, 2021



Good Morning

We had a wonderful and interesting meeting last week and a great presentation from Arkansas Game and Fish Director Austin Booth.

Past-President Angie will lead this weeks meeting in President Will's absence.

Once again a copy of the survey questions asked at our meetings is being provided in Google Forms. Please take some time to fill out the survey (even if you were present and answered questions previously) at:

<https://forms.gle/eRUmsUdiJ5rmTWay6>

We will send out a full club survey sometime in the next couple of months via an independent email.



Tomorrow's Meeting

We've got a doubleheader tomorrow with both the Mulerider and Lady Mulerider head basketball coaches Andy Sharpe (M) and Adam Collins (LM) coming to speak to us.

Coach Sharpe enters into his tenth season as the head men's basketball coach at Southern Arkansas.

A three-time TranSouth Conference Coach of the Year and 2010-11 Don Meyer Award Winner (NAIA National Coach of the Year), Sharpe has been a head coach for 16 years and has compiled a career mark of 297-189 for a .612 win percentage.

In his nine seasons at SAU, Sharpe is 129-123, but since the beginning of the 2014-15 season, Sharpe has turned the Muleriders into serious contenders in the Great American Conference as SAU has won 82 conference games and has finished in the top half of the standings in five of those seven seasons. The

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first two seasons in this recent stretch have seen the Muleriders post consecutive winning seasons for the first time since the 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons.

Sharpe received his B.S. in business administration in 2002 from Reinhardt (Ga.) University and a M.Ed. in physical education from North Georgia College and State University in 2006. He is married to the former Mandy Bonifacious of Tunnel Hill, Ga., and they have a son, Asher, and two daughters, Ava and Addie-Jayne.



Coach Collins enters into his fourth season as the head women's basketball coach at Southern Arkansas University.

Since his arrival in Magnolia, the SAU Women's Basketball program has undergone an obvious transformation highlighted by a fast, quick-strike style of play purposed to wear down the opposition, create turnovers and unleash what many around the program simply describe as chaos.

This past season, Collins admirably navigated the program through the rough and ever-changing waters that was the COVID-19 pandemic which saw nine games deemed a "no contest" due to COVID-19 protocols with more than half of those cancellations coming at no fault of their own. SAU concluded the season in the opening round of the Great American Conference Tournament against Ouachita suffering an 85-84 loss on a shot at the buzzer.

An undergraduate of Charleston Southern University (Charleston, S.C.) Collins began his coaching career at his alma mater, where he was the men's graduate assistant in 1998-99. Collins then went on to coach men's basketball as an assistant at Independence Community College (1999-2000), Howard College (200-01), and Indiana University (Pa.) (2001-03) before a successful two-year stint as head coach at Mercyhurst North East Junior College (2003-05). Following that, Collins was a men's assistant for a year at Great American Conference-rival Henderson State (2005-06), and then became the Director of Operations at UNC-Wilmington (2006-08).

In 2008, Collins began his career as a women's basketball coach taking over at UTPB where he spent a total of four seasons. In his time at UTPB, Collins went 63-48 (.568) and was the 2011 Heartland Coach of the Year.

After a successful run at UTPB, Collins spent the next six years of his coaching career the University of Charleston where he had three-straight winning seasons and consecutive 20-plus win campaigns. Overall, Collins was 97-82 (.542) at UC.

Collins and his wife Angela have two children, daughter Mia, and son JJ, who is a pitcher on the Mulerider Baseball team.

Volunteer Opportunity

This Saturday we will be at the Central Arkansas Development Council's Community Resource Fair at the Dollar General parking lot where Fred's use to be. We will be selling mask, handing out dental kits and engaging the public. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Whitney Peterson.

6th Annual Wreath Sale for Polio Plus



We are taking orders for our annual wreath sale. These 22-inch wreaths are made from sustainably harvested Noble Fir greens, berried juniper and incense cedar grown above 3500 feet, in Washington State. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included. Wreaths arrive in a very fresh, aromatic condition.

Each wreath will be \$28, available for pick-up at Rotary, the week after Thanksgiving. **\$12.00** of every wreath purchased goes to Polio Plus. This will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Magnolia Rotary has contributed over \$3,900, before match, to Polio Plus from this projects. Make checks payable to Magnolia Rotary. Three weeks only.

For questions, contact Joe Kaar at (870) 904-9401.

Shipping Option: Shipped via UPS for \$48.00 anywhere in the lower 48 states, sales tax included. Other gift

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Club Administration Board
Nominating Program/Speaker Fundraising
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Scholarship
Volunteer Committee
Public Relations
Social Media
Rotary Foundation/Grants

Speakers

October 21, 2021
Muleriders and Lady Muleriders Head

items available. Please ask for catalog.

Student Guest

Please welcome back our student guest Kendrick Carey and Rachel Ward

Kendrick is the son of Shunta and Ken Carey and is an honor roll athlete. He is a member of the panther football and track teams. He is also a member of the High School Chamber Choir, Future Farmers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and High School T.V. Production Team. Kendrick plans to attend Southern Arkansas University next year.



Rachel is the daughter of Misty and Skipper Ward. She is a member of the Panther Volleyball and Softball teams. She is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Gold Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a Panther Cheerleader and a member of the Magnolia High School Chamber Choir. Rachel plans to attend the University of Arkansas next year.

Around the World and Community

Saturday October 23rd is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Find a Collection site at <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>

Sunday October 24th is World Polio Day. If you would like to donate to End Polio Now effort you can do so here: <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

Club Dues

As noted in a prior email the board has approved a dues increase from \$125 per quarter to \$175 per quarter effective January 1, 2022.

Mask at Meetings

In line with the Magnolia School District's lifting of a district wide mask mandate, mask will now be optional at meetings. However, use of face mask are still strongly encouraged and Rotarians are asked to use good judgement when deciding to attend meetings.

For those not wanting to get out you can always catch our meetings live on our [Facebook Page](#).

District 6170 Fundraiser



District 6170 along with 1.2 million Rotarians in the world are continuing to fight to eradicate polio. With only two confirmed cases of polio this year, we are so close to ending the battle against this devastating disease! The district will be holding an "END POLIO NOW" fundraising event. There will be Hors d'oeuvres, beverages, a silent auction, squares game and lot of fun. This is an opportunity to participate directly in raising funds to eliminate polio. The event is **October 21, 2021 at Mermaid Manor on Lake Hamilton (1391 Timberlake Drive, Royal, Arkansas 71968)** from **6:00pm-8:00pm**. Tickets may be purchased at: <https://www.ticketor.com/rotary>

If you are not able to attend, you can still help by purchasing a ticket or donating an item for the silent auction. Tickets are \$55 for General Admission or \$25 for Virtual admission. If you are a Rotarian, you will be credited with a donation to the foundation of \$50 or \$20 depending on which ticket you purchase.

Club Update

If you haven't already, like us on <https://www.facebook.com/MagArkRotary>

Check out our website at www.magarkrotary.org

Covid-19 Resources

[Why Vaccinations Matter](#)

[How To Talk to Someone Who Is Vaccine Hesitant](#)

[Herd Immunity: What, Why, and How?](#)

[SAU: Coronavirus Vaccine FAQ](#)

[Arkansas Department of Health: Covid-19](#)

[Covid-19 Vaccine.gov Location Finder](#)

[Rotary and the Coronavirus Impact: FAQ](#)

[Basketball Coaches](#)

October 28, 2021

[Barbara Hamilton -](#)

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Magnolia
Meets at Bancorp South/Partee Room
300 N Jackson Street
Magnolia, AR 71753
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM