

**2021 -22 Registration**  
**Jeff Farris Leadership Academy**

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Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Local Club Approval

Club President Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**JFLA, ROTARY DISTRICT 6170**

Mail completed registration request and  
check by **August 31, 2021** to:

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The Jeff Farris Leadership Academy was established by Rotary District 6170 to assist local clubs in grooming individual Rotarians for future leadership roles within Rotary, the community, and the workplace.

**Course Topics, Dates and Locations:**

*Principles of Leadership*

October 29-30, 2021

DeGray Lake Resort

Bismarck, Arkansas

R. C. (Randy) Frazier, Presenting

*Leadership and Change*

January 29, 2022

Magnolia, Arkansas

Dr. Chris Jones, Presenting

*Ethics in Leadership*

March 4-5, 2022

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Anastasia M. Boles, Presenting

*Leadership Communication*

April 23, 2022

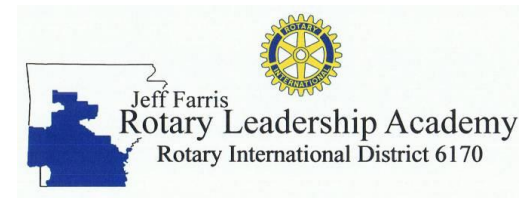
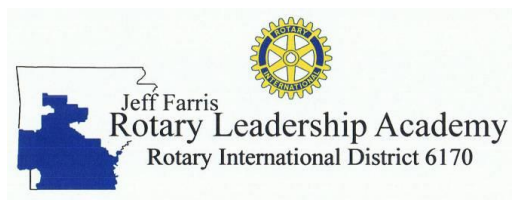
Conway, Arkansas

Dr. Mike Hemphill, Presenting

**Leadership Challenge  
Presentations**

District 6170 - District Conference

Date & Location TBD



**2021 - 2022  
Leadership Academy  
Learning Series**

**Ethics**

**Leadership**

**Leadership and  
Change**

**Communication**

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## What is the Jeff Farris Leadership Academy?

JFLA is a Rotary-sponsored educational curriculum designed to enhance the personal leadership skills of individual Rotarians within District 6170. The concept originated in 2004 under Past District Governor Jeff Farris. Two years later Rotary District 6170 formally adopted the Jeff Farris Leadership Academy as an on-going training program. More than 150 Rotarians have now completed the Academy.

## Why do we need the Academy?

In a structure where club officers change annually, Rotary needs to grow its prospective leaders from within – and early. We also live in a world where leadership skills are increasingly critical on the job and within our communities. Through a curriculum that embraces the basic principles of effective leadership and the intricacies of Rotary, the Jeff Farris Leadership Academy addresses both of those needs.

## How is the Academy conducted?

The Academy is offered in four sessions over a six month period. Two sessions will be held on a Saturday only and the other two sessions start on Friday evening and run through Saturday, mid-afternoon. The Friday evening sessions include a “roundtable” discussion and participative exercises. The “core” Saturday morning sessions focus on one of four key leadership skills. Saturday afternoon is devoted to the mission, structure and operations of Rotary. Each of the four sessions is held in a different district community – typically under the sponsorship of local Rotary clubs. Graduation requires attendance participation in all four sessions.

In addition to the four sessions, each class member will prepare a personal leadership challenge which will be discussed with other members of the class and revised during the course of the Academy. This will be presented at a session of the district conference and is a requirement of the Academy.

## Who should attend the Academy?

Rotarians who exhibit the potential for club leadership – or who play leadership roles in their work lives and communities – are encouraged to attend the *Jeff Farris Leadership Academy*. Although participation in the Academy does not obligate a Rotarian to a leadership role in the local club, it is a vote of confidence by the club in the individual’s future leadership capabilities and potential role.

## How are participants selected?

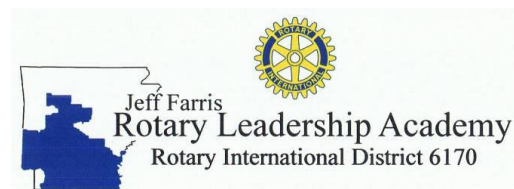
District 6170 Rotary Clubs and former JFLA participants are invited to nominate individual candidates for each year’s Academy. Rotarians interested in attending the Academy are also encouraged to approach their Club President. The Academy is here to serve any District 6170 Rotarian who exhibits leadership potential.

## How much does it cost?

Tuition for the Academy is \$450 – covering materials, food, facilities and faculty honoraria. Transportation and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participant or the sponsoring club.

## Should your club participate?

Any club interested in the future of Rotary – and in the sustainability of their local club – should nominate and sponsor one or more candidates to the *Jeff Farris Leadership Academy*. Leadership is not a quality bestowed on all; but through the Academy, a local club can fuel its leadership ranks for years to come.



## Faculty

### Randy Frazier

Randy is the President of *Leadership Takes Courage/Frazier Communications, Inc.* a nationally recognized leadership training consulting firm. He is a member of the National Speaker’s Association and the 2010 recipient of the National Leadership Award. A long-time JFLA faculty member, he is a seasoned professional with a proven track record of delivering leadership learning with laughter.

### Dr. Chris Jones

Dr. Jones is Executive Director and Lead Maker of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub of Winrock International. He has graduate degrees in nuclear engineering and urban planning, and 20 years of experience in energy and infrastructure, diversity, community development, housing and management.

### Dr. Mike Hemphill

Dr. Hemphill is the Director for Academic Programming at the Clinton Foundation with primary responsibility for the Presidential Leadership Scholars program, a partnership among four presidential centers to bring world-class leadership development to professionals from across the nation. A former Dean of Centenary College, the Clinton School of Public Service and UALR, he spent the majority of his career as a professor of communication.

### Anastasia Boles

Anastasia is a Professor at the UALR Bowen School of Law. She believes the study and practice of law can be a tool of personal, client, and community empowerment. Her approach to teaching is to push students to think deeply about the societal impact of legal rules and their future role as ethical practitioners and community leaders. Boles’ classes are highly interactive; she uses a variety of teaching tools such as Socratic questioning, group exercises, practical assignments, and clicker technology.

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