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This Week's Program - March 2, 2021

The Arkansas Review

The Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies focuses on the seven-state Mississippi River Delta. Interdisciplinary in scope, it welcomes original contributions from all the humanities and social sciences, including anthropology, art history, folklore studies, history, literature, musicology, political science, and sociology. *Arkansas Review* also publishes creative material, especially fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and visual art that evoke or respond to the Delta cultural and/or natural experience. Photography and other visual materials are encouraged as stand alone submissions or to accompany articles. Contributors may also want to submit proposals for special issues, ones dealing with specific seven-state Delta topics.

Dr. Marcus Tribbett, General Editor for *The Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies*, is our program. He will provide information on the journal. Dr. Tribbett is an assistant professor of English at A-State.



Shekhar Mehta says serving others changes lives, including our own



RI President-elect announces 2021-22 presidential theme

by Ryan Hyland

Incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, ***Serve to Change Lives***, to incoming district governors on 1

February during the Rotary International Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors-elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, USA, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others. Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India.

Some of the poor conditions he saw in those communities strengthened his commitment to service. ♦I truly understood the plight of my brethren,♦ he said.

Mehta participated in initiatives that brought artificial limbs to children, clean water and sanitation to homes, and better health care facilities to communities.

♦Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity,♦ he said.
♦Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that
♦Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.♦♦

Mehta encouraged district governors-elect to lead by example during their term and inspire Rotary and Rotaract members to participate in projects that have measurable and sustainable impacts. He♦s asking each club to conduct a Rotary Day of Service.

♦At the end of your term as district governor, you should feel that because of your leadership, because of your inspiration to Rotarians and Rotaractors, the world has changed for the better



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Events

All face-to-face events have been postponed due to the coronavirus.

Weekly meetings online.

March 2 -- Weekly meeting. Dr. Marcus Tribbett. A Journal of Delta Studies will provide information on **The Arkansas Review**.

March 9 -- Weekly meeting. Mayor Harold Copenhaver. Thoughts on the new job and future plans for Jonesboro.

March 16 -- Weekly meeting. U.S. State Department.

March 23 -- Weekly meeting. TBA

March 30 -- Weekly meeting. Dr. Tim Burcham.

April 6 -- Weekly meeting. Allyson Lewis. With the 7 Minute Life you will learn how to leverage 1% of your day to think, clarify, plan, prioritize and choose how you will spend the remaining 99% of your time.

Birthdays



Stephen A McDaniel
March 4th

H. Steve Leslie

because of the service done by them during the year, ♦ he said.

Focusing on diversity, membership

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed. Mehta asked members to use Rotary's belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work.

♦There are many issues that girls face in different parts of the world, and you as leaders will ensure that we try and mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have, ♦ he said.

To be able to do more through service, Rotary needs to increase membership, Mehta said. Membership has hovered around 1.2 million for the past two decades. He challenged the incoming governors to be catalysts in their districts to help increase membership to 1.3 million by 1 July 2022. Mehta's Each One, Bring One initiative asks every member to bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months.

Increasing membership while also continuing our commitment to eradicating polio, fighting COVID-19, and serving our communities is an ambitious goal. ♦And that should excite you, ♦ Mehta said. ♦Rotarians love challenges.♦

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Feb 23, 2021 48th Online Meeting PDG Nancy Leonhardt - Club Visioning Session

Our February 23, 2021 meeting was a **Club Visioning** session where members participated to create a shared vision for our club three years into the future. The session was facilitated by Nancy Leonhardt, Rotary District 6150 Governor 2017-2018.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:



Report Card - February 23, 2021

Membership
Total Active Members - 127
Active members - 49
Active-Service - 41
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Modern - 9
Active-LOA - 0
♦Active Rule of 85♦ members - 24
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 43
Active Members - 41
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 1



March 10th

Guests - 1
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Daniel Lee Cole
March 20th



Kelly R Damphousse
March 24th



Brock Wooldridge
March 27th