



## The Big Wheel

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## Club Leaders



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Membership Chair

## This Week's Program - March 9, 2021



### **Mayor Copenhaver to Speak to Rotary**

In January of this year, Harold Copenhaver became the new mayor of Jonesboro. Now that it's three months into the term, find out how the mayor feels about his job and how his vision for Jonesboro is going.

Tune in this week to hear Mayor Harold Copenhaver's update on his goals and plans as the new Mayor of Jonesboro.

## First woman confirmed as Rotary president-nominee

**EVANSTON, III. (October 1, 2020)** ♦ Jennifer Jones, member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the service organization's 115-year existence.

Jones, whose confirmation comes at a unique time in history, is inspired by how the organization and its global members continue to adapt, connect and serve their communities in new ways during the coronavirus pandemic. Jones says she wants to harness this moment of change to develop metric-driven goals that challenge us to innovate, educate and communicate opportunities that reflect today's realities.

♦ We know that Rotary is a place where leaders and those with the vision and drive to create change can thrive. And such leaders are found from every age, gender, race and background. Diversity, equity and inclusion should begin at the top, and for us to welcome new leaders into our organization and expand our ability to make an impact, we need to build stronger bridges that help everyone see themselves reflected, celebrated and valued here in Rotary, ♦ Jones said.

Jones also notes her tremendous pride in the way Rotarians have shown leadership in responding to and helping protect communities against COVID-19. So far, Rotary has provided US\$29.7 million to support clubs in their response to COVID-19, with projects ranging from large-scale, transformative activities such as providing medical equipment to hospitals to small-scale, short-term activities like purchasing thermometers, protective medical gear, or other items for frontline medical professionals.

♦ Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances, ♦ Jones said in her vision statement. ♦ Our members are resolute in finding ways to aid those in need as the pandemic continues to underscore how Rotary is a global force for doing good in the world. ♦

As Jones looks ahead to her presidential term, she confirms that she's prepared to take on existing and new challenges as society continues to evolve at a rapid pace, and like Rotary presidents before her, is eager to set Rotary on course for a robust and vibrant future.

♦ Years ago, I asked one of our incoming presidents what he wanted his legacy to be. He very quickly told me he wasn't interested in building a legacy and that he was interested in getting to work, ♦ said Jones. ♦ Those words have always stuck with me, and I too simply want to get down to work. ♦





**Barbara J. Widner**  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Eugene J. Wing**  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



**Lori Chandler**  
Youth Services Chair



**Brian Rega**  
iPast President



**Adam Robert Sartin**  
Assistant Governor

## Events

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

Weekly meetings online.

**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



**H. Steve Leslie**  
March 10th

**Daniel Lee Cole**  
March 20th

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## Good News, March 2, 2021

**Neelam Joshi** announced a free Covid vaccine clinic this Saturday, March 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the First National Bank Arena. The second dose of the vaccine will be held on April 3. Anyone in the qualifying categories can attend. Go to <https://bit.ly/3uo9hW9> to register.

**Gary Higgins** warned that his middle child turns 16 this week. Be on the lookout when driving.

**Brian Rega** urged members to take part in the questionnaire on how to make our community a better place. Jonesboro Unlimited is preparing for its next Five-Year Strategic Plan and asking members of the community for feedback on the issues and opportunities that face Jonesboro. Here is the link: [take the short survey](#).

**Nanette Heard** gave thanks to Rotary for sponsoring 50 children at Jonesboro PreK North. How appropriate for "Read Across America Day"!

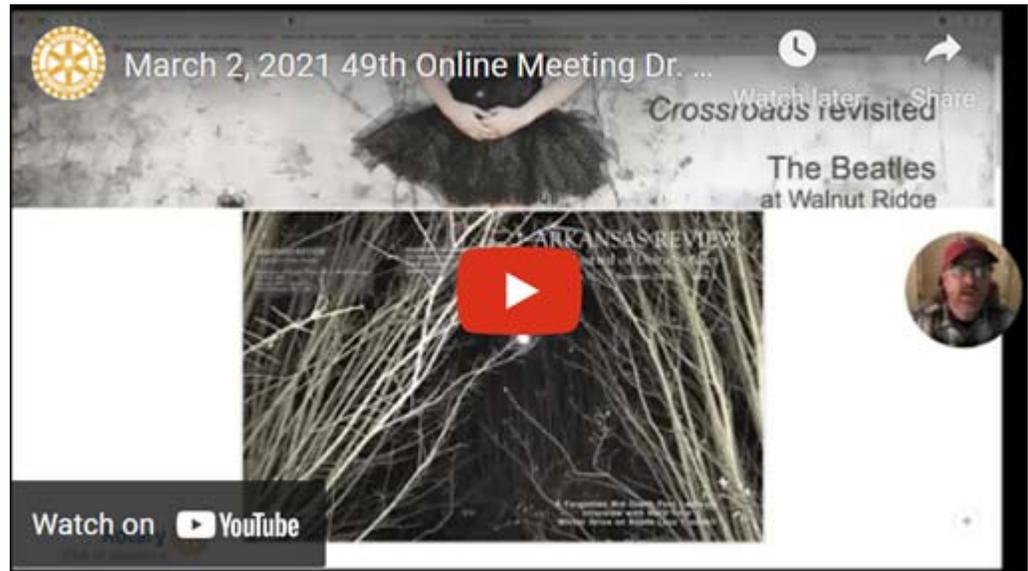
## March 2, 2021 49th Online Meeting Dr. Marcus Tribbett, The Arkansas Review

Our March 2, 2021 program was presented by Dr. Marcus Tribbett. Marcus, General Editor for The Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies. He is also an assistant professor of English at Arkansas State University.

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 dealing with specific seven-state Delta topics.

For more information about the Arkansas Review, click on this link: <https://arkreview.org/>

You can view the meeting by clicking below:



## Report Card - March 2, 2021

Membership  
Total Active Members - 127  
Active members - 49  
Active-Service - 41  
Active-Partner - 4  
Active-Modern - 9  
Active-LOA - 0



Kelly R. Damphousse  
March 24th



Brock Wooldridge  
March 27th



Ruth A. Hawkins  
March 31st



Guy Patteson III  
April 2nd



Carrie J. Ouraishi  
April 4th

◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 24  
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 40  
Active Members - 38  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 2  
Guests - 0  
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