



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program - April 27, 2021

A New Era in Athletics

Tom Bowen was introduced this past March, by A-State Chancellor Kelly Damphousse, as the new A-State Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics. Vice Chancellor Bowen is a 25-year veteran leader in collegiate and professional athletics who owns nearly 15 years of experience as an FBS athletics director. With his arrival to A-State, Bowen will make his third stop leading an FBS athletics program after previously completing highly successful stints as the director of athletics at Memphis from 2012-19 and San Jose State from the end of 2004 until June of 2012.

A New Era in Athletics is at A-State with Tom Bowen. The Vice-Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics will share his plans to take A-State to the next level.



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District News



Save the Date

Foundation Dinner 2021

Thursday, May 20

Red Apple Inn



Golf Tournament

Friday, May 21, 8:30 am

Shot Gun Start

Red Apple Inn

District Awards Luncheon

Friday, May 21, 1 pm

Red Apple Inn



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Events

Weekly meetings online and in person.

April 27 -- Weekly meeting.

Good News! April 20, 2021

Lori Chandler handled the microphone.

Lori Chandler said that she was glad to be back in person and that the Chandler family grew over the weekend by 4 paws with a new puppy named Tala.

Nancy Elphinstone's attended a Trail Bike race in NW Arkansas where her great nephew was a competitor in a field of about 40 17 and 18 year olds. He didn't win but he didn't crash either. He lives in Boulder, Colorado, so it was most likely the only time she will see him compete.

Rusty Guinn said that everyone should stop by and wish County Judge Marvin Day happy birthday.

Kraig Pomrenke welcomed us to the Embassy Suites and encouraged us to park on the West and South sides of the convention center which offer closer parking locations instead of in front of the hotel.

Beverly Parker encouraged members to participate in the 50th annual Earth Day activities on Thursday including clean up events this weekend. She encouraged members to take a sack when walking to pick up trash.

Gregory Hansen announced that on April 26, at 3:00, A-State's Lecture-Concert series will sponsor a presentation by Bill Ivey. He is the former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. Ivey also chaired the Country Music Hall of Fame, and he is a prolific author. It's all on-line.

Erika Chudy promoted next Tuesday, April 27, 2021, as the first inaugural "Day of Giving" at Arkansas State University. Donate any amount by visiting www.astatealumni.org/givetoastate

Tim Bowen, Vice- Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics. The future of ASU athletics.

May 4 -- Weekly meeting. Shane Broadway, Vice President for University Relations, ASU System. Highlights and insights from the Arkansas State Legislature's 93rd General Assembly.

Birthdays



[Audrey Guinn](#)
April 28th



[Jon David Carmack](#)
May 1st



[Kraig A Pomrenke](#)
May 4th



[Joe Williams](#)
May 5th



[Hatton Weeks](#)
May 12th



[Erika Krennerich Chudy](#)
May 12th



[Emelda LaVonne Williams](#)
May 18th



[James R. Peachey](#)
May 19th



[Gerard T. Connors Jr.](#)
May 25th

April 20, 2021 2nd Hybrid Meeting Lindsey & Jackson Spencer - Gee Street Revitalization

Our April 20, 2021 program was about the revitalization of Gee Street. Jackson and Lindsey Spencer shared plans about two ventures they are spearheading.

The Spencers have seen a need for new businesses to light up and revitalize the Gee Street area of Jonesboro. Native Brew Works, located at 515 Gee Street, is one such example of the current revitalization efforts going on in Jonesboro. Native Brew Works was the brain child of a group of friends, including Jackson and Lindsey Spencer, Heath Gammil, and Dustin and Ellen Hundley, who wanted a place people can hang out and enjoy each other's company. The Story Coffee House is also in the works and is a partnership between the Spencers and Bethany and Brent Davis. Native Brew Works is planned to open this summer.

You'll hear and see their plans for a new Jonesboro fun spot.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:



Photos from the April 20, 2021 Meeting



Report Card - April 20, 2021

Membership
Total Active Members - 129
Active members - 50
Active-Service - 42
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Modern - 9
Active-LOA - 0
◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 24
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 56
Active Members - 48
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 1
Guests - 7
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