

### The Big Wheel

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### This Week's Program -- June 21, 2022

#### ***Jonesboro City, Water & Light's New Solar Energy Park***

Slade Mitchell, Energy Marketing Administrator, Jonesboro City, Water and Light, will present today's program on renewable energy.

In 2020, CW&L announced it plan to build a 13.25 megawatt solar farm on a 98-acre tract between Nestle Way and Great Dane Drive in the Craighead Technology Park. As of late January 2022, 60% of the solar panels had been installed in Jonesboro's new Solar Energy Park.

Mitchell says this will provide customers with at least 30 years of clean, sustainable energy. CWL expects 24,000 megawatt-hours in the first year of operation. According to Mitchell, that is enough power to supply 1600 homes with clean energy.



### Club Leaders



Gary Clark  
President



Will Branch  
President-Elect  
Membership Chair



Jennifer Hannah  
Secretary



Nancy Elphingstone  
Treasurer



Adam Robert Sartin  
Assistant Governor

### New Member



***On June 14th, we introduced our new member Rachel Guerin.***

***Welcome Rachel!***

### Good News -- June 14, 2022

**Gary Higgins** carried the mic for Good News.

**Norman Stafford** shared two bits of good news today. One was that he was glad to see Alexander Sydorenko here to give the program and two, that he was married to Elizabeth 58 years today.

**Brenda Fasulo** introduced her grandson, Raylan Burnett, who was visiting her.

**Wes Eddington** said he knew what he'd be doing the next four years -- he was re-elected Craighead County Tax Collector.

**Vanna Headley** announced a fun-filled night of entertainment to raise funds for NEA CASA on Friday, June 17, at Huntington Square in downtown Jonesboro.

**Emelda Williams** was happy to see Alexander Sydorenko and hear the program on the war in the

### Events

**June 21 -- Weekly meeting.**  
Jonesboro City, Water, & Light's New Solar Energy Park, Slade Mitchell, Energy Marketing Administrator.

**June 28 -- Weekly meeting.**  
Changing of officers. End of year.

### Birthdays



Russ Hannah  
June 21st

James V. Hargis  
June 24th



[Jarrett Free](#)  
June 24th



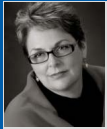
[Kenneth Ray Keller](#)  
June 27th



[Henry A. Germer](#)  
July 2nd



[Wesley R. Eddington](#)  
July 9th



[Claudia Shannon](#)  
July 11th

Ukraine.

## Last Week's Program -- June 14, 2022



### *The War in the Ukraine*

Last week our program was about the war in the Ukraine. Alexander Sydorenko, a native of the Ukraine and retired history professor at Arkansas State University, presented the program.

He began by stating the subject was too complicated to discuss in the allotted time so he would only focus on one aspect of the war.

Why did Russia invade the Ukraine? There are various opinions on the reason. Some people say Putin wants to be known in history as the one who invaded the country. Others say the Ukraine was a part of the Soviet Union and Putin wants to rebuild the Soviet Union. Others say that Putin is not right in his mind. And others say that Putin wants the Ukraine because it has the second largest supply of hydrocarbons.

But, according to Sydorenko, the reason stems from the relationship between the Ukraine and Russia. It is from this perspective that Sydorenko opened the discussion. Russia had a fear of the Ukraine because it is an extension of Europe and Russia is not European. The Ukrainians refuse to recognize themselves as Russians. Ukrainians are Ukrainians.

In the past, Russia's identity has been absorbed from the Ukraine. Putin hates everything Ukrainian. He receives pleasure in destroying Ukrainian cities and people.

The Ukrainians were instrumental in the collapse of the Soviet Union, so this war was inevitable. The war is a struggle for survival. Russia will collapse if they lose the war.

Sydorenko speculated on what would happen if Russia won the war. Neighboring countries might be next. The Ukraine is not a member of NATO; however, other countries are members of NATO and will wipe out Putin.

Sydorenko hopes that the Ukraine will win the war.

## Report Card June 14, 2022

By Dana L. Kennedy

### Membership

Total Active Members - 117

Active members - 51

Active-Service - 34

Active-Partner - 5

Active-Modern - 5

Active-LOA - 1

"Active Rule of 85" members - 21

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 45

Active Members - 40

Friends of Rotary - 0

Honorary members - 0

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