

### The Big Wheel

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### This Week's Program -- June 28, 2022

#### Rotary's New Year

It's that time of the year. Rotary will begin its new year in July.

Outgoing President **Gary Clark** will hand the gavel over to President Elect **Will Branch**.

#### Club Leaders



[Gary Clark](#)  
President



[Will Branch](#)  
President-Elect  
Membership Chair



[Jennifer Hannah](#)  
Secretary



[Dana L. Kennedy](#)  
Secretary-Elect



[Nancy Elphinstone](#)  
Treasurer



[Jon David Carmack](#)  
Public Image Chair  
Club Director



[Carl M. Cates](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair  
Club Director



[Chad Chadwick](#)  
Club Director



[Lori Chandler](#)  
Club Director  
Youth Services Chair

[Erika Krennerich Chudy](#)  
President-Nominee



The meeting will also feature other transitional protocols as we begin a new year in the life of our organization.

Be sure to come to support the club's new officers and board members.

### RI president-elect announces 2022-23 presidential theme

by **Ryan Hyland**

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, **Imagine Rotary**, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

Jones, who will make history on 1 July by becoming Rotary's first female president, gave a live online address to precede Rotary's annual training event for district governors from around the world, the International Assembly. The assembly was rescheduled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and will now be held virtually 7-14 February.

Jones told the incoming governors about a chance she took when a member asked for assistance in getting a young peace activist out of Afghanistan during the U.S. troop withdrawal last year. At first unsure how she could help, she relied on "that certain Rotary magic" and contacted a former Rotary Peace Fellow she had met a few years earlier. Less than 24 hours later, the activist was on an evacuation list, and soon she was on her way to Europe.

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### Good News -- June 21, 2022

**Al Poston** carried the mic for Good News.

**Mark Morrow** announced that **Izzy Baughn** was a semi-finalist in the Miss Arkansas 2022 pageant this weekend. She also won the Service Above Self award.

**Emelda Williams** said that June 21 marked her 65th anniversary.



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Club Director



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Club Director



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Bulletin Editor



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International Service Chair



[Gary Higgins](#)  
iPast President



[Adam Robert Sartin](#)  
Assistant Governor

## Events

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

## Birthdays

[Kenneth Ray Keller](#)

**Jennifer Hannah** shared three bits of news. They were that 1) today is her dad's birthday; 2) she came home safely from Ireland and had a great trip; and 3) she got engaged!

**Wes Eddington** reminded everyone that today was voting day.

**Audrey Guinn** is back in Jonesboro. Her husband, **Blake**, is still going back and forth between Nashville and Jonesboro.

**Carl Cates** challenged all Rotary tables to put money in the bucket for polio eradication. He announced that there were four candidates for chancellor of ASU.

**Erika Chudy** echoed Carl's announcement and said there was a meeting today at 2:30 with one of the candidates. This meeting was open to the public and she would have more information about the other candidates.

**Brenda Fasulo's** Rotary table accepted the challenge of Carl's table.

**Hatton Weeks** played golf this past weekend. It was the first time since September.

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



### **CW&L Rates Below National Average and Now It Has Solar**

Slade Mitchell, Energy Marketing Administrator for Jonesboro City, Water, and Light, presented an informative program at last week's meeting. He began by giving a brief history of the company, ending with CW&L new solar energy park.

CW&L's comparative rates are well below the national average for residential, commercial, and industrial rates. Water rates are also substantially lower than the national average. This means that CW&L customers save money. In order to keep the rates low, CW&L performs regular maintenance and stays ahead of costly repairs.

Why is CW&L going solar? For one, CW&L is exploring other projects to replace its coal plants. Wind is a possibility, but wind doesn't do well in Arkansas. There have been significant gains in solar energy technology. Natural gas powered, nuclear and other options have also been explored. In the end, it will probably be a

combination of energy sources.

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. The new park will last thirty years. It will supply energy to 1600 homes. It is nearing completion.

## Report Card-June 21, 2022

By Dana L. Kennedy

### Membership

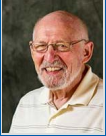
Total Active Members - 117  
Active members - 51  
Active-Service - 34  
Active-Partner - 5  
Active-Modern - 5  
Active-LOA - 1  
"Active Rule of 85" members - 21  
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 35  
Active Members - 30  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
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June 27th

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



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



[Claudia Shannon](#)  
July 11th



[Hannah Wimpy Stroupe](#)  
July 21st



[Kathleen Doty Pruitt](#)  
July 21st



[Tara Bellomy](#)  
July 23rd