



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program -- August 30, 2022

### **Johnny Cash Boyhood Home & Southern Tenant Farmers Museum**

The Historic Dyess Colony: Johnny Cash Boyhood Home preserves a federal agricultural resettlement community, which provided a fresh start for nearly 500 impoverished Arkansas farm families, including the family of music legend Johnny Cash.

The Southern Tenant Farmers Museum enhances knowledge and understanding of tenant farming and agricultural labor movements in the Mississippi River Delta, in an effort to preserve the history and promote the legacy of sharecropping, tenant farming and the farm labor movement.

The Arkansas State University Heritage Sites office develops and operates historic properties of regional and national significance in the Arkansas Delta. These sites provide educational resources for formal and informal learning, including serving as living laboratories for students in the university's Heritage Studies Ph.D. program. In addition, they serve as economic catalysts in communities where they are located by attracting heritage tourists from around the country.

Our speaker is Penny Toombs, director. Come hear what is happening at these two historic sites.



## Club Leaders



Will Branch  
President



Erika Krennerich Chudy  
President - Elect



Dana L. Kennedy  
Secretary



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Treasurer  
Club Service Chair



Jennifer Hannah  
President - Nominee  
Vocational Service Chair



Ruth A. Hawkins  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Adam Robert Sartin  
Assistant Governor

## Events

August 30th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**August 30, 2022 - Penny Toombs**

September 6th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**September 6, 2022 - Destinee Rogers**

## Don't Forget These Dates

### **September 7 -- Help the Food Bank**

We will pack boxes at the Food Bank, 3410 One Place, on Wednesday, September 7, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in.

### **September 7 -- Annual E-cycle Event**

The Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce, Green Business Committee is collecting recycle electronics, computers, cell phones, and batteries Wednesday, September 7, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. at the chamber office, 1709 E. Nettleton Avenue **OR** they will come to you. Pick-ups available from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Email [cwhite@jonesborochamber.com](mailto:cwhite@jonesborochamber.com) to schedule your appointment.

### **September 10 -- Jonesboro Walk to Defeat ALS**

On Saturday, September 10, 6:00 p.m. at Joe Mack Campbell Park, there will be a walk to defeat ALS. It is a short kid-friendly, handicap accessible walk through the park. There is no cost to attend. We will be walking to honor Rotarian Philip Jackson.

### **September 17 -- Centennial Park Celebration**

Our club in conjunction with the University Club will rededicate Centennial Park on Saturday, September 17. Register online or see President Will Branch.

## Paul Harris Recipients

**District Governor David Menz** presented four members with Paul Harris pins for their continued support. Pictured with the District Governor are **Will Branch, Dana Kennedy, Gary Higgins, and Carl Cates.**

## Birthdays



Kassie Wright  
August 28th



Anthony M. Rampley  
August 28th



James F. Gramling Jr.  
August 30th



Lisa K. Golden  
September 4th



Brian Rega  
September 8th



Dewey Sifford  
September 9th



LeAnn Morrow  
September 9th



Lisa B. Frazier  
September 9th



Debbie Eddington  
September 10th



Marilyn M.  
Hummelstein  
September 11th



John C. Deacon  
September 15th



Susan K. Beasley  
September 16th



William D. Burnett  
September 17th



## Good News -- August 23, 2022

**Chad Harbison** carried the mic for Good News.

**Hatton Weeks** put money in the can for polio eradication. He reminded everyone that polio has been in the news lately.

**Wes Eddington** was glad that a pesky mosquito went away.

**Norman Stafford** showed everyone the autographed book written by our guest speaker June Williams.

**Mark Morrow** corrected last week's good news. His son Mason got engaged to Harleigh Hamilton and Mark is going to be a proud father-in-law. (So sorry, Mark, for the error.)

## Last Week's Program -- August 23, 2022

***A New Vision***



"When we are young, the pages of our lives turn slowly it seems, but as we get older the pages turn faster almost as though they are being flipped rather than turned."

June Williams presented an inspirational program to our club last week. When she went through trying times due to the death of her husband and later COVID, her life was turned upside down. She began teaching English as a Second Language. There she met Dr. Samuel Tejada, a student who had recently come here from El Salvador. They became friends and soon June started New Vision, a non-profit that furnished eyeglasses for children in El Salvador.

New Vision has supplied over 200 eyeglasses to children in El Salvador. Dr. Tejada works in El Salvador as a doctor and oversees the acquisition of a building and equipment for the clinic. June is the face and voice of New Vision here. She gets people to donate money to buy the glasses. She wrote a book, "A New Vision, Finding My Way When Life Turned Upside Down," and all the proceeds from the sale of the book go to

support the mission of New Vision. After a career in teaching, June now considers New Vision her purpose in life.

## Report Card -- August 23, 2022

### Membership

Total Active Members - 112

Active members - 52

Active-Service - 31

Active-Partner - 5

Active-Modern - 3

Active-LOA - 1

"Active Rule of 85" members - 20

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 43

Active Members - 41

Friends of Rotary - 0

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 1

Guests - 1 [Read More](#)