



## The Big Wheel

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## Events

October 18th  
[Jonesboro Club Meeting](#)  
[October 18 -Richard Hartness](#)

October 25th  
[Jonesboro Club Meeting](#)  
[October 25 -Dr. Ruth Hawkins](#)

November 1st

## This Week's Program -- October 18, 2022

### *Someday . . . You'll Know!*

Richard Hartness is the president of the Northeast Arkansas chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and commander of the Red Wolf Alumni Battalion at AState in Jonesboro, where he received a commission in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1967. His scholarship in Russian history and geography of the USSR, enhanced with a top-secret clearance, and branch training in Military Intelligence, helped earn him an assignment as the Order of Battle officer at V Corps G2 in Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany, just before the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia. For his performance during those tense days, he received an Army Commendation Medal.

The subject is the inspiration behind his personal advocacy for Arkansas topics initially came from listening to his maternal grandmother describe her family photograph collection. This was enhanced through fifty-eight years of curiosity about his soldier-father.

Come hear Hartness talk about how his research led to him to write a book about his father.



## Dates to Remember

### *October 27 -- Rotary Foundation Dinner*

This event is held Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM, at Heifer International, 1 World Avenue in Little Rock. The speaker is Beth Stubbs, RI Director Nominee for 2023. Register on [dacDB](#).

### *October 28 -- Last Day to Purchase Anywhere in the World Tickets*

There are only 500 tickets to sell in all of our District. The winning ticket will pay for **two (2) roundtrip airline tickets**, economy fare, to anywhere in the world they want to go *and dinner for two (2)* at the destination chosen by the winner. (Some restrictions apply.)

*Every Rotary Meeting -- Have you noticed the cards on your tables?*

## People of action around the globe

**As Rotary and its partners mark World Polio Day on 24 October, we're highlighting a few of the ways Rotary members and their communities have advanced the fight over the past year.**

By Brad Webber

## Canada

Vancouver Rotarians plugged in to their local connections to spotlight End Polio Now in British Columbia. Three landmarks — BC Place Stadium, the geodesic dome of Science World, and the City Hall clock tower — were set aglow for World Polio Day in 2021. Ron Suzuki, a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise and a retired city recreation director, used his connections to line up

## Jonesboro Club Meeting November 1, 2022 - Vanna Headley

November 8th

## Jonesboro Club Meeting November 8, 2022 - CASA

### Birthdays



Kenna S. Harrelson  
October 18th



Kapil Bajaj  
October 23rd



Vanna Headley  
October 23rd



John M. White III  
October 24th



Dana L. Kennedy  
October 25th



Alicia Dyer  
October 25th



Christie Matthews Mink  
October 28th



Brenda S. Fasulo  
October 28th



Todd S. Welch  
October 31st



Monty May  
October 31st



Nancy Elphingstone  
November 3rd



Paul E Cossey  
November 3rd



Kristina M Pulliam  
November 4th

support from city leaders, including Mayor Kennedy Stewart, who recognized the day by proclamation. As a college student in the early 1970s, Suzuki undertook fieldwork in the polio wing of a hospital. "I got to know all the patients and was inspired by their courage and how they coped with this horrible disease," Suzuki says. "Till this day I am still haunted by the sounds of the machines that helped them breathe."

### United States

The Interact club at Honesdale High School in Pennsylvania held its Purple Pinkie Project in February to spread the word about polio eradication. Club members went live on the radio, canvassed local businesses for contributions, and solicited dollar donations in exchange for coloring pinkies purple during school lunch breaks and basketball games. The club raised \$1,000, and members of the Rotary Club of Honesdale added \$500 for the cause. An online "twinning" with the Interact Club of Chubby Cheeks Spring Valley in Goa, India, allowed the clubs to exchange tips on matters purple pinkie and beyond. "These students are networked and organized," says Brian Fulp, the Interact club's adviser, "and the community responds through donations."

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### Good News -- October 11, 2022

**Norman Stafford** carried the mic for Good News.

**Marvin Day** recognized two guests, Rick Crawford and David Manns.

**Wes Eddington** got a compliment today -- job well done.

**Beverly Parker** reminded everyone that today was the last day to register to vote. She reminded everyone to support the library.

**Brock Wooldridge** said that today was the first day that Bancorp South became Cadence Bank.

**Jill Clogston** welcomed her colleagues that were visiting today and our speaker, Dr. Todd Shields.

**Len Frey** wished his daughter a happy 35th birthday.

**Emelda Williams** welcomed Dr. Todd Shields and Len Frey to Rotary and reminded everyone to vote.

**Brian Rega** told everyone to open their pockets to raise funds for KASU.

**Adam Sartin** was happy to see several members of the morning club visiting Rotary, especially Len Frey.

Dr. Todd Shields happily announced that yesterday ASU received a \$100,000 donation.

### Last Week's Program -- October 11, 2022

#### *New Chancellor at A-State*

Dr. Todd Shields, the new chancellor at A-State, was our guest speaker at Rotary last week. After briefly talking about himself and his career moves, he focused on changes in education on the university level and how A-State is reacting to those changes.

In a few years, there will be a 5-6 percent drop in the number of eighteen-year-olds. Many students are offered good jobs right out of high school. After working at these jobs for several years, they realize they can't be managers without degrees, but they have families to support and can't afford to quit their jobs and go back to school. So they go back to school online or at night.

Also, students nowadays feel comfortable texting, not talking. Usually they never meet the persons they text. Interaction with people doesn't happen. Today's technology is creating a different world. The university must accommodate these students or lose them to institutions that will.

Although his career as chancellor has just begun, Shields is well aware of practices in Arkansas as well as nationwide. He spent 26 years at Fayetteville in various positions at the university. He understands





Sam W. Hummelstein  
November 5th



June Carole Morse  
November 6th



Cheryl Wall  
November 14th



Marie-Jose Patton  
November 15th

how education is changing and how A-State must meet that change. Students no longer change for the institution. The institution changes to meet the demands of the student.

## Report Card -- October 11, 2022

### Membership

Total Active Members - 109

Active members - 51

Active-Service - 30

Active-Partner - 5

Active-Modern - 3

Active-LOA - 1

"Active Rule of 85" members - 19

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 53

Active Members - 41

Friends of Rotary - 0

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 0

Guests - 12

Attendance Percentage for this Meeting: 42.3%

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