



### The Big Wheel

Club 2520, District 6150  
October 24, 2022  
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### Club Leaders



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Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Adam Robert Sartin  
Assistant Governor

### Events

October 25th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**October 25 - Dr. Ruth Hawkins**

November 1st  
**Reading to 1st - 4th Grade Students at Jbr Math & Science Magnet**

### This Week's Program -- October 25, 2022

*"How Much Do You Know about Polio?"*

Polio is a disabling and potentially deadly disease. It is caused by the poliovirus. The virus spreads from person to person and can infect a person's spinal cord, causing paralysis (can't move parts of the body). There is no cure for polio, but it can be prevented with safe and effective vaccination.

Ruth Hawkins has been a member of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro for many years and is currently serving as Rotary Foundation Chair. This week she will discuss polio in conjunction with World Polio Day. She will test our knowledge of how aware we are with the efforts of Rotary to eradicate polio in every corner of the world.



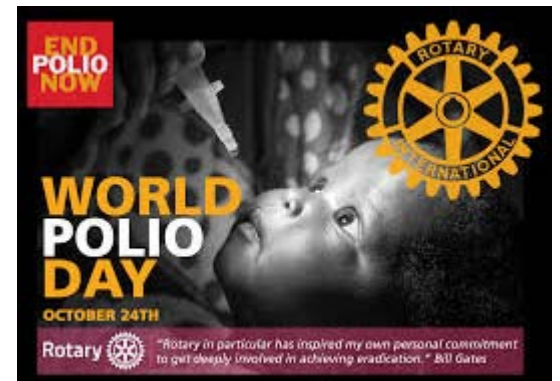
### World Polio Day October 24

*World Polio Day 2022 Theme: "A healthier future for mothers and children"*

World Polio Day is celebrated every year on 24 October. It was initiated by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who developed a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

World Polio Day provides an opportunity to highlight global efforts toward a polio-free world and honor the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines in the fight to eradicate polio from every corner of the globe.

This day commemorates global efforts toward a polio-free future, as well as the selfless sacrifices of those working on the frontline of the battle to eradicate polio from every corner of the world. Polio is contagious due to the ease with which the poliovirus spreads. Although the virus is now exceedingly rare because of modern interventions, it can impair the brain regions that govern respiration, resulting in death. Polio, which has no recognized therapy, can only be avoided through vaccination.



### 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

November 1st  
[Jonesboro Club Meeting  
November 1, 2022 - Vanna  
Headley](#)  
November 8th  
[Jonesboro Club Meeting  
November 8, 2022 - CASA](#)  
November 15th  
[Jonesboro Club Meeting  
November 15 - Jeff Purinton,  
A-State](#)

## Birthdays



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

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.)

## October 29 -- Drug Take-Back Day

Unused prescription drugs may be dropped off from 10 - 2 p.m. to be disposed of properly. This prevents drugs from being used by someone else.

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

## November 1 -- National Literacy Day

Tuesday, November 1st is National Family Literacy Day at the Jonesboro Math & Science Magnet School. Our club has been invited to provide volunteers (Rotarians, spouses, adult children, and friends are all welcome) to read in 30 minute time slots throughout the day between 8:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. You can register through Dacdb.

## December 12 - 13 -- Christmas at the Park

Christmas at the Park is a winter wonderland with over a half-mile drive-through of an estimated 65 collections consisting of almost 450 pieces with over 400,000 lights. Our Rotary club will be working from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Pay It Forward Success

On October 6, Houlihan's at Embassy Suites held a Pay-It-Forward event and donated a percentage of its proceeds to the Rotary Club of Jonesboro. The result was \$421 raised.

Thank you to the hard-working folks at Houlihan's!

## Good News -- October 18, 2022

**Chad Chadwick** carried the mic for Good News this week.

**Jeremy Colton** donated \$2 in honor of his daughter's second birthday.

**Norman Stafford** welcomed Bobbie Timmerman, Nettleton's Rotaract sponsor. **Al Poston** added that Mrs. Timmerman was featured on the Kelly Clarkston show for her dedication to teaching over fifty years.

**Emelda Williams** wished **Kenna Harrelson** a happy birthday.

**Mark Morrow** was watching **Will Branch** when his phone went off during Rotary (a \$1 fine if the phone goes off during a meeting). But Will had his phone turned off and avoided paying the penalty.

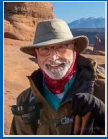
**Will Branch** announced World Polio Day on October 24th.

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

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

Richard Hartness presented an intriguing program chronicling his efforts to find out about his father. He began by reading a poem about a father who was absent for all the important events in his son's life. Hartness only knew that his father went to war and never came back.

One day when his mother was in assisted living, he took her "makeup kit." In the privacy of his home, he looked inside the case. It held letters and newspaper clippings and pictures instead of the usual makeup. Hartness



Sam W. Hummelstein  
November 5th



June Carole Morse  
November 6th



Cheryl Wall  
November 14th



Marie-Jose Patton  
November 15th



examined the contents. There were newspaper articles about World War II, pictures of people he didn't know, obituaries, and letters marked "personal -- do not open without permission." A special envelope was marked "Personal. In the event of my death, this is for Richard only." Three of the letters were written in 1945. In the last one, Hartness read that the writer said he had to go back to his wife and sons. At long last, he began to know his father.

He searched for many years. Sometimes he thought he knew where his father was, but he was mistaken. Hartness never got discouraged and eventually he pieced together

the story. He found that he had an older brother. The two had much in common. Finally Hartness received the closure he needed. He wrote a book about his search.

Hartness has also written several books about historical events but none as personal as *Someday . . . You'll Know!*

## Report Card -- October 18, 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 - 37  
Active Members - 29  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 8 [Read More](#)