



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program -- November 15, 2022

### Get to Know Jeff Purinton



Arkansas State University System President Dr. Chuck Welch announced May 4, 2022, that Jeff Purinton, a highly-respected and veteran athletics administrator who most recently spent the last seven years as part of the Alabama Athletics Department's executive staff, has been named the Red Wolves' Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Purinton comes to A-State following a 15-year stint at the University of Alabama, but his path to Jonesboro also included professional stops working with the Orange Bowl Committee (2006-07) and the Florida State Athletics Department (1994-2006) while also having a national presence on multiple college football committees.

Come and get to know one of A-State's newest member.

## Club Leaders



Will Branch  
President



Erika Krennerich Chudy  
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Dana L. Kennedy  
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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

## No Meeting Next Week

Next week is Thanksgiving!

In order to allow time for celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not meet on Tuesday, November 22.

Hope your holiday is filled with good food, laughter, and good memories. Don't forget to give thanks.

## Happy Thanksgiving!



## Wanted: Creamy Peanut Butter

Our club will be collecting peanut butter. Creamy is preferred. Any size, any brand will do.

We will donate these to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

Participate in this service project by bringing your donation to the meeting.

## Events

November 15th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**November 15 - Jeff Purinton,**  
**A-State**

November 29th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**November 29-**

## Birthdays



Cheryl Wall  
November 14th



Marie-Jose Patton  
November 15th



Chad Chadwick  
November 27th



Eugene J. Wing  
December 4th



Jennifer Hannah  
December 6th



Norman Edward  
Stafford  
December 8th



Beverly C. Parker  
December 8th



Al Poston  
December 9th



Julienne Pollard Pentecost  
December 11th



## Yours for the asking

There's a right way to make a request of someone

**In 2016, Linda Morrow**, a workforce development director at an Ontario hospital, received an alarming late-night email from her administrative assistant, Christine Duval. Duval's daughter, Jessie, had fallen ill while traveling in Peru and wound up in a hospital in the remote mountain city of Huaraz. Duval received a digital image of Jessie holding up a sign with the hospital's name, but she was unable to reach her daughter and was frantic.

A member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Morrow contacted other club members. One of them, Mary Jean Gallagher, an educator who had been to Peru several times and visited Huaraz, reached out to someone she knew there.

Within minutes, Morrow received an email saying that a good Samaritan was heading to the hospital to make sure Jessie was OK. A second email arrived soon after: Jessie was suffering from a gastrointestinal issue and needed medication and to be rehydrated. Someone was with her and would remain until she recovered. On Monday morning, Duval came into Morrow's office at Windsor Regional Hospital with tears of gratitude in her eyes.

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## Good News -- November 8, 2022

**Marti Allen** carried the mic for the Good News.

**Wes Eddington** said his work computer got hacked last week, but not to worry. He doesn't keep any personal information on citizens of Craighead County. Just their names and addresses.

**Beverly Parker** reminded everyone to go vote.

**Crystal Bruner** announced that her work is sponsoring BASTAS (Be a Santa to a Senior). You can adopt a senior and buy Christmas presents. These seniors are in nursing homes and have no families. Make someone's Christmas brighter. See Crystal if you're interested. Most people spend \$40 - \$50 per senior. For gift ideas, click on <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/X9ELMBMVZ9JB/guest-view>

## Last Week's Program -- November 8, 2022

### **"Nobody listens to me."**

Jeremy Irvin is a CASA advocate and he trains CASA volunteers. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. It consists of mostly volunteers who look out for foster children. The children are in the program because their parents aren't able to take care of them for various reasons. The advocates speak out for the children.

However, there are more children than there are CASA volunteers. One hundred volunteers cover about 60



percent of the foster children. Some foster children are in the system for years. Some have been in thirty placements in five years.

A CASA volunteer might ask a foster child, "What is the number one thing I can change about your life?" The child's answer may well be that no one listens to him. The volunteer can listen and, if feasible, help the child get what he needs. The volunteer can ensure that every abused and neglected child has a voice in court and a friend by his side. The volunteer can continue advocating for him until he reaches a safe and permanent home.

CASA of the 2nd Judicial District serves in Craighead, Greene, Clay, Poinsett, and Mississippi counties.

For more information about CASA, see [neacasa.org](http://neacasa.org)

## Report Card -- November 8, 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 - 36

Active Members - 30

Friends of Rotary - 0

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 0

Guests - 6 [Read More](#)