



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program - December 6, 2022

At Our Core, We're a Technology Company; We Just Happen To Make Steel

Situated on 1,300 acres in Osceola, Ark., USA, Big River Steel was thought by the late John Correnti to be "Steel Mill Heaven." Its location in the fastest-growing steel-consuming region in the U.S. is ideal, and its proximity to the Mississippi River and direct access to the BNSF Railway indeed lighten the load of shipping and logistics.

In February 2022, United States Steel Corporation announced Daniel (Dan) R. Brown as the new Senior VP of Advanced Technology Steelmaking and Chief Operating Officer of Big River Steel Works. In this role he is responsible for flat roll steel production currently in place and planned in Arkansas utilizing Electric Arc Furnaces (EAF), Endless Strip Production (ESP), electrical steel and advanced finishing facilities.

Brown joined U.S. Steel in July 1994 as a Management Associate in the Mon Valley Works Cold Mill and continued through a series of positions of increased responsibility in the United States and Europe.

Come hear the story of this company and how it is offering jobs in Arkansas.



Save the Date

December 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. **Tuesday, December 13, 2022**, is Rotary's day to volunteer for [Christmas at the Park](#) - our community's annual holiday drive-through light show. Santa will also be there to greet children (of all ages).

The two Rotary clubs in Jonesboro will provide volunteers on this day.

Volunteers will work in two-hour shifts - 5 pm to 7 pm and/or 7 pm to 9 pm in one of four locations - Front Gate, Meet & Greet, Photo Helper or Santa's Assistant.

Sign up now on dacDB.

Have you noticed your table topper lately?

Bay Interact Donation

Club Leaders



Will Branch
President



Erika Krennerich Chudy
President - Elect



Dana L. Kennedy
Secretary



Nancy Elphingstone
Treasurer
Club Service Chair



Jennifer Hannah
President - Nominee
Vocational Service Chair



Ruth A. Hawkins
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Adam Robert Sartin
Assistant Governor

Events

December 6th
[Jonesboro Club Meeting](#)
[December 6th, Daniel R. Brown](#)

December 13th
[Jonesboro Club Meeting](#)
[December 13th - Scott Davis](#)



The Bay Interact Club donated \$240 to eradicate polio. The monies were the proceeds from selling Halloween donuts. Pictured are **President Will Branch**, Rotarian and Interact Sponsor **Kristy Cates**, Bay Interact Student Karlee Pedersen, and Bay School Superintendent Dr. Luke Louchs.

Nominations for 2023-24

The Nominating Committee for the Rotary Club of Jonesboro proposes the following individuals for club leadership beginning July 1st, 2023- the new Rotary year. In accordance with our By-Laws, this will serve as the first of three public readings. The second and third readings will take place December 6th, and we will hold a vote on December 13th. These are to be submitted to Rotary International by December 31st.

Returning Directors (2nd year of 2nd Term):

Jeremy Colton
Skip Smith
Barbara Widner
Brock Wooldridge
Jarrett Free

Proposed Directors (2 year term):

Christie Matthews Mink
David Martin
Steve Leslie
Alicia Dyer
Glenn Lovett
Bonnie May

Proposed Officers:

Dana Kennedy- Secretary (2nd year of her term)
Jeremy Watson- Treasurer
Will Branch- Immediate Past-President
Erika Chudy- President
Jennifer Hannah- President-Elect
Chad Chadwick- President-Nominee

Retiring Directors:

Jon David Carmack
Chad Chadwick
Audrey Guinn
Ernesto Saucedo
Christie Matthews Mink (did not complete her full term due to illness)
Jennifer Hannah

Supporting Goodfellows

Donation to Goodfellows

Mark Morrow announced that we have been asked to help support Goodfellows. The Jonesboro Jaycees, who originally sponsor the event, disbanded on April 30 after 70 years of service to the community. However, they ensured their projects would keep helping the Northeast Arkansas community.

Though it is too late in the year to offer much support, Mark said we would do more next year. For this year, our club took up a donation of \$465 at the last Rotary

Birthdays



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 Penter
December 11th



Jeremy Wooldridge
December 17th



Cherisse R. Jones-
Branch
December 17th



Joy Vaupel
December 20th



Crystal P Bruner
December 23rd



Jennifer L Rega
December 25th

Pamela Ann Haun
December 26th



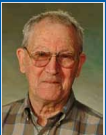
Robert S. Appleton
December 28th



Jeremy Colton
December 28th



Rachel Guerin
December 29th



Harry Puddephatt
December 30th



Gary Higgins
January 3rd

meeting.



Good News -- November 29, 2022

Norman Stafford carried the mic for Good News. He began by urging everyone to donate because it was the Day of Giving.

Crystal Bruner was thankful for having a great Thanksgiving at her mom's. Lots of family members were present.

Bob Appleton represented his table and put in \$17, jokingly to pay for counseling for **Eugene Wing**.

Brian Rega put in \$1 because he was sitting at a table by himself.

Dana Kennedy, her husband, and two of her grandkids got to go to the Christmas at the Park preview. She urged everyone to sign up to work at the park on December 13.

Norman Stafford put in more money because his wife, Betty, had successful knee replacement surgery.

David Leonard shared both good and bad news. His two-year-old grandson was diagnosed with Type I diabetes, but he turned it around and made everyone watch him get the shots.

John Deacon celebrated four grandkids' birthdays at the Bass Pro Shop in Memphis.

Several Rotarians put money in the Good News can without sharing any good news.

Last Week's Program -- November 29, 2022

"I can't parent this child that I'm carrying."



Caleigh Parker started Arrow Adoptions six years ago after a young pregnant woman asked her to take her unborn child. Caleigh couldn't say no. However, she soon realized that except for turning the child over to social services, there were zero options for pregnant women who for various reasons were not able to raise the children they were carrying.

She partnered with an attorney and set out to fill the void in the community. She works with the expecting parents and the attorney works with the adoptive parents. Arrow Adoptions is closing on the 49th adoption.

Caleigh is interested in the well-being of both the child and the mother. She helps the mother find services available to her and oversees the pregnancy through the birth of the child. If the expectant mother is agreeable,

she attends the birth because no one should have to go through this process alone. After the birth, she takes a bag with hygiene products and a blanket and supports the mom.

Most mothers stay in contact with Caleigh after the birth of their children. Some share their experiences with other expectant moms. Even if the birth mother changes her mind about giving up the child, Caleigh keeps in contact.

Caleigh hopes to expel the stigma attached to a mother who says she cannot take care of the child she is carrying. She is interested in putting the child in safe homes and the well-being of the mother. She works to raise community awareness about this subject.

For more information about Arrow Adoptions, go to arrowadoptions.org

Report Card -- November 29, 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 - 38

Active Members - 31

Friends of Rotary - 0

Guests-7

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 1

Guests - 7 [Read More](#)