



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- December 13, 2022



The Magic of Scott Davis

Scott Davis has been performing magic professionally for the past 30 years. He has performed in every county in the state of Arkansas. From the stages of Las Vegas casinos to resorts nationwide, his unique blend of comedy and magic has been seen by over a million people from across America. He has been featured on television affiliates for ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox. He has even opened for comedian Jay Leno.

Come and be entertained by Scott. This should be a fun meeting.

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

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?

Our Club's News

Our Club Makes Donation

President Will Branch presented a check for \$1,500 to June Williams. June represents New Vision, a non-profit organization providing eyeglasses to children in El Salvador.

Events

December 13th
Jonesboro Club Meeting
December 13th - Scott Davis

Birthdays

Julienne Pollard Pentecost
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



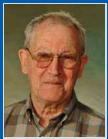
Robert S. Appleton
December 28th



Jeremy Colton
December 28th



Rachel Guerin
December 29th



Harry Puddephatt
December 30th



Gary Higgins
January 3rd

Chad Harbison
January 6th



Our Club's Recognition

President Will Branch presented the 2021-2022 100% Participation recognition for donations to the Rotary Foundation to Past President **Gary Clark** and Past Rotary Foundation Chair **Carl Cates**.



Our Annual Shop with a Cop

Mark Morrow organized the annual Shop with a Cop. Our club provided \$100 gift cards for 40 children. Focus Bank waived their card fees. Modern Woodmen was on site at the FOP Lodge providing a hot breakfast for all. Academy Sports and Gigi's Cupcakes also participated.



Academy

SPORTS+OUTDOORS



Good News -- December 6, 2022

David Martin carried the mic for Good News.

When **Norman Stafford** went to a basketball game last week, he lost his wallet. However, four days later it was returned to him.

Jon David Carmack congratulated everyone who attended the Christmas Parade.

Beverly Parker applauded her guests, Susan White and Carlos Ramos, on the awesome team they made when decorating the City Water and Light Park.

Jill Clogston and her husband celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

Hatton Weeks welcomed the Valley View Interact group that attended today's meeting.

Dana Kennedy credited **Sam Hummelstein** for making volunteering for Christmas at the Park possible.

Vanna Headley said her company, Empower, was growing. They hired two more technicians this week. She also said they raised \$620 for the Salvation Army.

Al Poston is turning 21 for the fourth time this Friday. He will ring the bell for the Salvation Army this Saturday.

Brock Woolridge announced that no one was hurt in the wreck.

Mark Morrow said Shop with a Cop was a success.

Stuart Shaw's friend who works at Academy Sports didn't know it was Shop with a Cop day Saturday. He saw one child holding a ball and wearing the biggest smile ever. Stuart applauded the event for making a difference in children's perception of police officers.

Last Week's Program -- December 6, 2022

The Future of Big River Steel

Daniel Brown, Senior Vice President of Advanced Technology Steelmaking and COO of Big River Steel, spoke to our Rotary Club on December 6. Big River Steel, located in Osceola, is expanding its operations and building another plant next door to its current plant. The expansion will double Big River Steel's hot-rolled steel production capacity to 3.3 million tons annually.

Big River Steel was acquired by the United States Steel Corporation, a leading steel producer. U. S. Steel serves the automotive, construction, appliance, energy,



containers, and packaging industries with high value-added steel products such as advanced high-strength steel.

Completing the plant in 2016, Big River Steel finds Arkansas to be a great location. The Mississippi River is near for transporting. The company has received full cooperation from Gov. Hutchinson and the people of the area. Arkansas Northeastern College offers specific

coursework to work at the plant. Sixty percent of the employees come from Arkansas. The remaining employees come from surrounding states.

Steel for electric automobiles is scheduled to open July 2023. Steel for roofs in June 2024. The plant also has other products on the agenda.

Brown painted a positive image of the company in Arkansas.

Report Card -- December 6, 2022

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 - 51
Active Members - 39
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 12 [Read More](#)