



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- January 24, 2023

The State of Journalism in Today's World

Roy Ockert served as the editor of the Jonesboro Sun from 2001 to 2012. Though retired, he still writes the occasional column for our local paper. He is a 1967 graduate of Arkansas State University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. He obtained his Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 1971.

Ockert will present today's program. Come hear one of Jonesboro's most respected journalists.



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Rotary Foundation
Chair



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Assistant Governor

Save the Date

February 10 -- Have-A-Heart Wish-A-Thon

President Will Branch sent out an email with the link for signing up for the Have-A-Heart Wish-A-Thon. Be sure to choose the "Jonesboro-Caraway Road & Highland Intersection." When you arrive that day, go to the camper that will be set up in Mattress King's parking lot and the volunteers will take it from there.

What's your table topper today?

Table Toppers -- The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Foundation Awareness

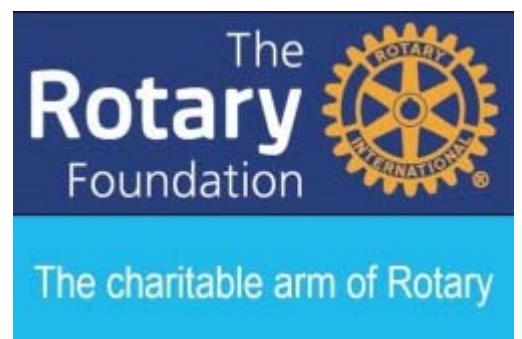
Have you looked at the cards on your tables lately?

Each week there is a different card at your table that ties Rotary projects and giving areas to a significant national or international day, week, or month.

One of our club goals is to be an "Every Rotarian, Every Year Club," which means clubs must achieve a minimum annual fund contribution of \$100 per capita, and every dues-paying club member should participate.

The easiest way to do this is through our \$10-a-Month Club, so please consider joining if you are not already contributing.

We hope these weekly cards will remind you of the importance of your gifts to the Rotary Foundation.



Good News -- January 17, 2023

Jeremy Colton carried the mic for Good News.

Norman Stafford couldn't go to Denver to see his daughter and family at Christmas because snow

Events

January 24th
Jonesboro Club Meeting
January 24- Roy Ockert

Birthdays

John T. Sloan
January 22nd



Misty Bridger
January 31st



Joe Turney
February 6th



Robert L. Warner Jr.
February 12th



Mark Alan Morrow
February 12th



Gary Clark
February 19th

prevented his traveling. They ended up using Skype but it just wasn't the same. Last week his daughter and her family visited her parents.

Emelda Williams said the speaker today was a big University of Mississippi fan.

Brian Rega was really glad to see Past President **Gary Clark** at the helm today.

Last Week's Program -- January 17, 2023

A-State College of Agriculture Continues to Move Forward

Dr. Mickey Latour, Dean of the A-State College of Agriculture, gave our program last week. He began by saying that over the past 100 years, A-State has evolved from a regional school of agricultural instruction to a place where education is still the primary mission, but now it includes an extensive public outreach programming and research activities. Students are prepared by meeting the community and collaborating with farmers and people in the farm industry.

Not only do they receive degrees, but they receive crop certification. They go out in the field and diagnose problems. They have more hands on experience. They are prepared for entry and career advancement in the food, fiber, and natural resources industry, which involves production (farming), agribusiness and value-added processing, public service and rural leadership; and for entry and advancement in the manufacturing and industrial technology industries.



A-State receives many grants which provide equipment and services where students are trained to work in the ever changing world economy and acquire enhanced marketability for a wide range of careers. For example, the College of Agriculture received a \$500,000 grant to expand and improve the laboratory space devoted to livestock research. A-State will pursue full USDA inspection approval for its processing area. It is a game changer for students, and will greatly enhance their educational experience. The state of the art facility sells meat to the public.

Latour stated that A-State has come a long way from its inception and will continue to evolve so that its students will be prepared for the future.

Report Card -- January 17, 2023

Total Active Members - 100
Active members - 51
Active-Service - 23
Active-Partner - 5
Active-Modern - 3
Active-LOA - 1
"Active Rule of 85" members - 17
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 46
Active Members - 33
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 13 [Read More](#)