



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- April 25, 2023

This week's program will be **President Will Branch** discussing our fundraiser. This is very important to our club. Please make it a point to be present.

Rotary Club of Jonesboro

SHRIMP BOIL
FUNDRAISER

BENEFITING THE ROTARY CLUB OF JONESBORO

JUNE 16TH | 4-8 PM
ROTARY CENTENNIAL PLAZA
355 S. CHURCH STREET IN DOWNTOWN JONESBORO

\$25 PER PERSON
LIMITED WALK UP QUANTITIES AVAILABLE
1 POUND PEEL & EAT SHRIMP
RED BEANS | RICE | CORN | POTATOES

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

April 25th
Jonesboro Club Meeting
March 28 - Mayor Harold Copenhaver
May 2nd
Jonesboro Club Meeting May 2- Jerry Elphingstone

In the News

Nettleton Scholarship Recipient

Eden White was awarded a Rotary scholarship. She is a student at Nettleton High School and will attend A-State in the fall.

(Pictured are **President Will Branch**, Eden White, Carmen Suiter [Eden's mother], and **Mark Morrow**.)

Congratulations to Eden.



District Golf Tournament

Birthdays



David L Leonard
April 24th



Jon David Carmack
May 1st



Joe Williams
May 5th



Erika Krennerich Chudy
May 12th



Hatton Weeks
May 12th



Emelda LaVonne
Williams
May 18th



James R. Peachey
May 19th

Rotary
District 6150

**2023 Golf
Tournament**

Friday, May 19
10AM Shotgun Start

THE RIDGES AT VILLAGE CREEK

4144 Highway 284
Wynne, AR 72396

**\$500
PER TEAM**

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS \$150
BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR \$200

- FOUR PERSON TEAMS
- 18 HOLE SCRAMBLE
- LUNCH SERVED
- MULLIGANS FOR SALE

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Good News -- April 18, 2023

Jon David Carmack carried the mic for Good News.

Carl Cates will be traveling to St. Louis tomorrow to see his daughter receive her PhD. This makes three PhD's for the Cates family.

Jon David Carmack is going to A-State's celebration of Earth Day on April 21 from 10-1. Craighead Electric, along with other businesses, has a booth there.

Norman Stafford announced he is able to garden.

Brenda Fasulo's granddaughter, Layla, was baptized last night.

Wes Eddington went to a car museum at Mt. Petit Jean last weekend and saw some fine older cars.

Will Branch and his wife have been together seven years. Ask him how many days, hours, seconds that's been.

Mark Morrow gave \$2 to cover Will's good news.

Last Week's Program -- April 18, 2023

Growing Arkansas' IT Talent Pipeline

Today's program was given by Bill Yoder and Lonnie Emard. Yoder is the executive director of Arkansas Center for Data Sciences (ACDS). Emard has 40 years experience in the IT profession. ACDS partners with companies large



and small across all industries to facilitate apprenticeship programs across the state of Arkansas.

On a given day, there are 2500 job openings for IT people. There are 700 graduates with IT majors in Arkansas per year. Simple math will show that the demand is much larger than the supply.

ACDS is working to close this gap. IT affects all industry. ACDS has the ability to train employees for specific IT jobs. It recruits businesses all over Arkansas. Funded mainly by grants, these services are offered at no cost to the employer and the program is open to everyone.

Among the employer benefits and cost savings:

- free recruiting services with a diverse candidate database
- free project management
- free customized training per apprentice
- Arkansas state tax credit of \$2000 per apprentice

ACDS trains through apprenticeships. A registered apprenticeship is an employer-driven model that combines on-the-job learning with related classroom instruction that increases an apprentice's skill level and wages.

Their vision is for Arkansas to become a global leader in the transformation of existing industries through the application of data analytics and related computing capabilities involving the integration of technical and business skills, advancement of talent pipelines and ongoing upgrades to relevant workforce skills.



Report Card -- April 18, 2023

Total Active Members - 105
Active members - 56
Active-Service - 23
Active-Partner - 5
Active-Modern - 3
Active-LOA - 1
"Active Rule of 85" members - 17
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 39
Active Members - 32
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests-7 [Read More](#)