



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program -- May 23, 2023

### *Reflections on the Arkansas LEARNS ACT*

Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed her Arkansas LEARNS legislation into law on March 8, 2023, inside the state Capitol. The LEARNS Act changes several aspects of the state's education system, including teacher pay, per-student funding, graduation requirements and literacy standards.



#### Key points

- \$50,000 minimum salaries for starting teachers
- \$2,000 raises for more veteran teachers and educator incentives of up to \$10,000
- Phased-in universal state-funded private school education account/voucher program
- Encourages traditional school districts to partner with open-enrollment charter schools to operate low-performing traditional schools
- Repeals the decades-old Teacher Fair Dismissal and the School Employees Fair Hearing acts

Join us as Luke Lovins, Superintendent of Bay School District, and Brett Bunch, Superintendent of the Brookland School District, will present their reflections on the LEARN.

### Our Tickets Are Here

Get your shrimp boil tickets and sell, sell, sell!

Each member is asked to sell a minimum of 5. You can pick up your tickets from **Nancy Elphingstone**.

## 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

May 23rd  
[Jonesboro Club Meeting May 23-Arkansas LEARNS ACT](#)

May 30th  
[Jonesboro Club Meeting May 30-Jay Craig, Comanche Warrior](#)

June 6th



# 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

Jonesboro Club Meeting June 6 -Henry Burrell, Founder, JBA

June 13th

Jonesboro Club Meeting June 13-Mike Marlar, Arkansas Artist

June 16th

2023 Shrimp Boil Volunteer Signup

## Birthdays



Michael R. Weaver  
May 28th



Lori Chandler  
June 2nd



Barbara J. Widner  
June 5th



Tony Thomas  
June 11th

## The future of Rotary

**Patrick Chisanga** Rotary Club of Nkwazi, Zambia

A surprise call to the headmaster's office is usually cause for concern. So when Patrick Chisanga was summoned to the office with seven other students, he remembers wondering, ***What have we done?***

The worry was short-lived. Waiting with the headmaster at that meeting half a century ago was Richard Farmer, a member of parliament from Chisanga's hometown in Zambia's Copperbelt region — and a Rotarian. Farmer and the headmaster had been in talks about starting an Interact club at the school, and the eight students had been hand-picked as the club's charter members. "This is the beginning of a long journey," Farmer told them — and for Chisanga, that held true.

After joining the new Interact club, he became its vice president and began sitting in on Rotary meetings to learn about what clubs do. He was selected to go to Kenya, where different Rotarians hosted him for a day or two, including the district governor who took Chisanga to see several Rotary projects in Mombasa. "I was so impressed," he said during an interview with former Interactor and current Rotarian Anniela Carracedo at the International Assembly in January. "I was so intrigued by this man, his commitment, and the heart he was displaying for the community."

The visit convinced Chisanga that Farmer had been right: This was a journey he wanted to continue. Today, Chisanga is a Rotary International director and an expert in corporate governance. He firmly believes that Interact is the future of Rotary. "If we can inculcate Rotary values and the spirit of service at that young age, it stays with you. It never leaves your mind," he says.

*from the May issue of Rotary magazine*

## Good News -- May 16, 2023

**Les Tainter** carried the mic for Good News.

**Marilyn Hummelstein** directed everyone to the table which held vests to buy for our shrimp boil and a signup schedule for working. Also, she announced that she and **Sam** were celebrating 50 years of marriage.

**Wes Eddington** is proud of his grandkids.

**Christie Mink** announced that she and her husband had been married 24 years.

**Les Tainter** celebrated 10 years as a Rotarian. He is a member of Cape Girardeau West.

**Marti Allen** just returned from a 10-day trip to Utah.

## Last Week's Program -- May 16, 2023



### ***Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History***

Our speaker last week was John Davis, who was recently named executive director of the David and Barbara Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History at the U of A's Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. He began the program by playing an excerpt from the Arkansas Memories Project (you can access this project by going to <https://pryorcenter.uark.edu/project.php?thisProject=4>).

The Pryor Center was created in 1999 at the urging of former US Senator David H. Pryor and Barbara Pryor of Arkansas, who have long had an interest in Arkansas history. The Center's mission is to document the cultural heritage of Arkansans by collecting audio and video resources to share with scholars, students, and the public.

Although tucked away in the northwest corner of the state, the mission is statewide. It collects oral and visual history of the famous, newsworthy, and everyday people of Arkansas. The Pryor Center records audio and video interviews about Arkansas history and culture, collects other organizations' recordings, organizes these recordings into an archive, and provides public access to the archive, primarily through the website at <https://pryorcenter.uark.edu>. The Pryor Center is the state's only oral and visual history program with a statewide, seventy-five county mission to collect, preserve, and share audio and moving image recordings of Arkansas history.

## Report Card -- May 16, 2023

Total Active Members - 106  
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 - 44  
Active Members - 43  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests-1 [Read More](#)