



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- June 6, 2023

Jonesboro Business Associations Mission: Building Community thru Business Relationships

Today's speaker is Henry Burrell.

Henry Burrell has been in Senior Management at the national level in the Food and Beverage industry for over 30 years, specializing in strategic planning of market turn around, restaurant development, and bench planning. Leading through a collaborative approach with all key partners at all levels of the organization, he is now using those talents to impact our community and his experience and passion will be used as a non-profit business leader in driving organizational success and empowering our high-performing board members.

As the founder of the Jonesboro Business Association, his goal for JBA is to

- provide thoughtful and visionary executive leadership that is inclusive and transparent
- present strategic options and plans for the organizations impact and gain board approval as needed to carry out our work
- apply innovative thinking and performance measures
- foster a culture of collaboration
- inspire a business-orientated, professional results-driven environment across the organization



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Good News -- May 30, 2023

President Will Branch announced things were going well with the shrimp boil fundraiser, and he's very proud of the ticket sales effort!! We are in the home stretch so please keep selling and turn in all the money next Tuesday, or by next Thursday (June 8th) so we can get the shrimp ordered. Please, please, please make every effort you can to help volunteer at our event! Whether it's all day long or two hours - the club NEEDS you!

Last Week's Program -- May 30, 2023

By LaBrittany B Bledsoe

A Comanche Warrior Visit

Dr. Jay Craig is a distinguished veteran, former District Governor of Rotary, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, amongst many other accomplishments and titles. He is very proud of his Native American heritage, and of being an official Warrior of the [Comanche Nation](#). Dr. Craig's presentation was full of laughter and inspirational knowledge as he shed light on his heritage.

Dr. Craig begins his speech by showing his appreciation to those who served in the military in honor of Memorial Day. He then led us with a prayer which was sung. He informed us that Native Americans sing their prayers and that specific prayer was created by a warrior.

He described how his beautiful uniform was created and what each piece symbolized. Native American uniforms can range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. This stunning uniform had eagle feathers, which hold a spiritual power. For instance, if you are dancing and a feather falls, everything stops, and you must apologize in front of everyone and seek

Events

June 6th
[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
 June 20th
Jonesboro Club Meeting June 20-Craighead County Sheriff

Birthdays



Barbara J. Widner
 June 5th



Tony Thomas
 June 11th



Russ Hannah
 June 21st



Jarrett Free
 June 24th



James V. Hargis
 June 24th



LaBrittany B Bledsoe
 June 26th



Kenneth Ray Keller
 June 27th



Henry A. Germer
 July 2nd



forgiveness.

This led to his discussion on how we have different heritages and customs that follow those. He made the point that we are more alike than we think. Dr. Craig describes several humorous examples using personal recollections of when he witnessed different customs amongst different heritages.

The Comanche Nation's native language is "N?m?n??" (NUH-MUH-NUH) which means, "The People". They are known as the "Lords of the Plains". Their tribe is currently located in [Southwest Oklahoma](#). The Comanche tribe learned to master skills while horseback riding and gained a tremendous advantage in times of war. They are known for their strong warriors and having the finest horses. Dr. Craig stated he was tied to his first horse at a very young


age. Their tribal ethos is that they don't celebrate the government when using red, white, and blue, they celebrate warriors!

Dr. Craig recommended a book by [S.C. Gwynne, Empire of the Summer Moon](#). This book goes more in depth about what he discussed during his presentation.



Report Card -- May 30, 2023

By Dana L. Kennedy
 Total Active Members - 108
 Active members - 59
 Active-Service - 23
 Active-Partner - 5
 Active-Modern - 3



Active-LOA - 1
"Active Rule of 85" members - 17
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 47
Active Members - 39
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed -0
Guests-8 [Read More](#)