



The Big Wheel

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Events

October 17th
[Jonesboro Club Meeting
October 17, 2023 - Dr. Calvin
White](#)

October 24th
[Jonesboro Club Meeting
October 24, 2023 - Dr.
Jennifer Dillaha](#)

October 31st
[Jonesboro Club Meeting
October 31, 2023 - Coach
Bryan Hodgson](#)

Birthdays



[John P. Miles II](#)
October 10th

This Week's Program -- October 10, 2023

"Grab and Go" to Centennial Plaza

This week is a hands-on meeting to beautify the downtown Rotary Centennial Plaza. The city has bought the plants. The Rotary Club will plant them.

Instead of the usual lunch, this Tuesday we will have box lunches and go in car pools to the plaza to work. Wear your Rotary vest and bring your gardening gloves.



Save the Date

Rotary Centennial Plaza Beautification -- October 10

We will have our regular Tuesday meeting and lunch at the auditorium. We will cut that short and head to the plaza for a beautification hour.

Rotary District Golf Tournament -- October 13

Like to play golf? Join the team on Friday, October 13, at the Ridges at Willow Creek in Wynne. See **Mark Morrow** for more information.

Drug Take Back Day -- October 28

We will assist JPD with collecting old medicine items. More info to come.

50/50 Raffle Fundraiser -- October 1-30

Purchase a ticket or one thousand tickets for \$1 each. Half of funds raised will go to St. Bernards Foundation in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The other half will go to a lucky winner who bought a ticket.

Become a Social Media Influencer

Raise money for the Rotary Foundation. Get 1000 people to donate \$1. Winner gets to go to the Foundation Dinner in Jonesboro in February.

Imagination Library

For a \$26 donation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, you can provide books for a child. If a child is signed up at birth, he'll receive up to 60 different books by the time he reaches the age of five, when he officially ages out.

2024 Polio Immunization with Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, India

Say Goodbye to Polio

Howard Tours is planning a trip to India to participate in the 2024 Polio National Immunization Day activities in late January/early February 2024. The 12-day trip will engage members in a hands-on role in the eradication of this disease.

Howard Tours has worked with Indian Rotary leadership to organize an immersive itinerary. Although we have finalized the planning for this trip,



[Kenna S. Harrelson](#)
October 18th



[Kapil Bajaj](#)
October 23rd



[Dana L. Kennedy](#)
October 25th



[Alicia Dyer](#)
October 25th



[Brenda S. Fasulo](#)
October 28th



[Christie Matthews Mink](#)
October 28th



[Monty May](#)
October 31st



[Todd S. Welch](#)
October 31st



[Nancy Elphingstone](#)
November 3rd



[Sam W. Hummelstein](#)
November 5th



[June Carole Morse](#)
November 6th



the final dates of the NID activities are pending approval of the Indian Government, which we expect in the next couple of weeks.

This may be one of the last such trips as Rotary's effort to eradicate polio is closing in on the finish line.

For more detailed information, please visit the Howard Tours website: [2024 Polio NID Trip](#)

If you have any questions, please contact **President Erika Chudy**.

Good News – October 3, 2023

Gary Higgins carried the mic for Good News. **Shaila Creekmore** took the notes.

Chad Chadwick gave money to have Gary walk across the room.

Gregory Hansen will be presenting at the Jonesboro Public Library about book banning as part of a program with Amnesty International.

Norman Stafford was able to hear former state Senator Joyce Elliott speak at a recent event.

Beverly Parker provided more information about the upcoming service project at Rotary Centennial Park.

Brian Rega gave in honor of **Marie-Jose Patton** putting together the newsletter each week.

Mark Morrow gave money to help Gary get his steps in.

Shaila Creekmore talked about Stafford and Frigo talking about Rotary's role in spreading the Polio vaccine across the world during that morning's show.

Jon David Carmack said JYPN had used Rotary Centennial Plaza the previous week as part of their conference and said it was a great space for their event.

Last Week's Program -- October 3, 2023

By Shaila C Creekmore

The Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation

The Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation serves as the fundraising and lobbying arm of The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and was created in 1982 to support the mission of the Commission. The foundation's primary goals are to assure the future of hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation in Arkansas; to engage and encourage young people to become involved in the outdoors; and to acquire and provide financial support for properties and facilities for conservation, wildlife habitat, and land for game and fish management programs.

Current programs of The Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation include:

- Leaving a Legacy allows donors to bequest land and property to the foundation to be used for access, recreation or habitat.
- Impact Fund helps support critical conservation programs and projects.
- Arkansas Outdoor Society is a partner organization designed to connect young adults to participate along with mentors for hunting and fishing events.
- Academics Afield introduces college students to hunting and shooting sports.
- Get It for Game Wardens provides needed equipment for wardens not covered by state funds.



The Foundation also holds various events across the state each year including the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet, South Arkansas Outdoor Social, Kids Zone at the Big Buck Classic, trap tournaments, gold tournaments and more. Last year, foundation events raised more than \$1.14 million and had more than 4,000 in attendance.

Presenter Jacob Harper, Events and Programming Coordinator with the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation, spoke about a recent gift of 240 acres on the Arkansas River near Pine Bluff to the foundation. The Andy Simmons Outdoor Skills Farm will be used for youth education in hunting and fishing and hunting for veterans.

For more information on the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation, visit www.agff.org.

Report Card -- October 3, 2023

By Dana L. Kennedy

Total Active Members - 101

Active members - 55

Active-Service - 16

Active-Partner - 4

Active-Modern - 3

Active-LOA - 1

"Active Rule of 85" members - 18

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 45

Active Members - 38

Friends of Rotary - 0

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 1

Guests - 7 [Read More](#)