

## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program -- October 31, 2023

### *His Vision for A-State Basketball*

Our speaker today is Coach Bryan Hodgson. Hodgson, was announced as A-State's new Head Coach for the men's basketball team in March, 2023. He has long been regarded as one of the top recruiters and assistant coaches in the nation with 15-plus seasons as a collegiate coach. Hodgson brings 15-plus seasons of collegiate coaching experience to Jonesboro, including six of the last seven NCAA Tournaments and a combined 15-2 record in Division I conference tournaments.



Adopted at the age of two, Hodgson has been an active participant in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program throughout his career. He is the founder and president of Coaching Love, Inc., established to benefit at-risk youth, particularly those in the foster care system and those waiting to be adopted.

Hear Hodgson's vision for A-State basketball. Bring a fellow basketball fan to Rotary.

## Important Projects

### *50/50 Raffle Fundraiser -- October 1-31*

Purchase a ticket or one thousand tickets for \$1 each. Half of the 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.

### *Food Bank Volunteering -- November 21*

We will meet at the Food Bank for lunch and then pack boxes afterward.

### *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.

## Good News -- October 24, 2023

**Will Branch** carried the mic for Good News.

**Hatton Weeks** donated in honor of Dr. Dillaha, our speaker.

**Norman Stafford** gave money for polio eradication.

**Adam Sartain** went to the game on Saturday.

**Wes Eddington** gave money for polio eradication.

Dylan Graham, Westside Interact student, hoped everyone was healthy and happy.

Stacy Sample Wright, Westside Interact sponsor, said she drove a bus the last time they came to Rotary but this time she drove a van.

**John Deacon** said the Jonesboro golfers were in first place until they put up the last team. Then they were in last.

## Club Leaders



Erika Krennerich Chudy  
President



Jennifer Hannah  
President-Elect  
Public Image Chair



Dana L. Kennedy  
Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson  
Treasurer



Will Branch  
Assistant Governor

## Events

October 31st  
Jonesboro Club Meeting  
October 31, 2023- Coach  
Bryan Hodgson

November 7th  
Jonesboro Club Meeting  
November 7, 2023 -Dr. Amy  
Schmidt

November 14th  
Jonesboro Club Meeting  
November 14, 2023-  
Shawnee Cooper

## Birthdays



Monty May  
October 31st



Todd S. Welch  
October 31st



Nancy Elphingstone  
November 3rd



Sam W. Hummelstein  
November 5th



June Carole Morse  
November 6th



Donald Cooper  
November 10th



Mackenzie R Fogarty  
November 10th



Justin McFarland  
November 11th



Cheryl Wall  
November 14th



Marie-Jose Patton  
November 15th



Chad Chadwick  
November 27th

**Brian Rega** announced the University Rotary Club was 100% Paul Harris fellows.

**Ray Keller** gave money in honor of his brother who had polio.

**Mark Morrow** gave money for Polio Plus.

## Last Week's Program -- October 24, 2023

*If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.*

Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, spoke to our club last Tuesday. She reported on the progress towards World-wide Polio Eradication.

To begin, Dr. Dillaha gave us a brief history of the disease. Poliomyelitis is a highly contagious viral disease that strikes children's nerves and causes paralysis and death. It is spread from person to person through contact with stool, as well as respiratory droplets. Many people show no symptoms, but one out of two hundred people infected becomes paralyzed. There is no cure for this disease.

The first major outbreak in Arkansas occurred in 1937 when 344 cases were reported. By 1949 there were 992 cases in Arkansas and St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock was overrun with children on iron lungs. Dr. Jonas Salk developed the first polio vaccine and testing began in 1952 in Pennsylvania. This testing expanded to 44 states and the vaccine was licensed in 1955. Dr. Albert Sabin, a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, developed the second vaccine in 1961 and it rapidly became the vaccine of choice.

Polio Plus was launched in 1985. Polio was paralyzing or killing 1,000 people a day, so Polio Plus's first initiative was to tackle global eradication. Rotary's focus was advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness building. By 2020, polio had been eradicated in all but two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan. There is a constant surveillance for future outbreaks.


Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

When a child is given the vaccine, his pinkie is painted purple.



## Report Card -- October 24, 2023

Total Active Members - 104  
Active members - 56



Active-Service - 16  
Active-Partner - 4  
Active-Modern - 3  
Active-LOA - 1  
"Active Rule of 85" members - 18  
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 47  
Active Members - 45  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 2  
Guests - 1 [Read More](#)