



## The Big Wheel

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## Events

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

December 5th  
Jonesboro Club Meeting Dec  
5, 2023 -Dr.Temma Balducci,  
A-State

## Birthdays



Cheryl Wall  
November 14th



Marie-Jose Patton  
November 15th

Chad Chadwick  
November 27th

## This Week's Program -- November 14, 2023

### ***Bringing Awareness and Prevention of Human Trafficking***

Shawnee Cooper is an Ambassador for Arkansas for the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS). Shawnee was awarded Rotarian of the Year 2022-2023 for her work on combating human trafficking.

She began her Rotary life in 2015 as a member of the Rotary Club of Saline County After-Hours that she helped charter with husband Dennis in December 2021 in district 6170. She has served as Club President, District Conference Chair, District Grants Chair and Assistant Governor.

Shawnee is adamant about bringing awareness and prevention to the horrific act of trafficking humans. Come hear what she has to say and bring a friend.



## New Member



On November 7, **Amy Hughes** was introduced as our newest member.

Welcome, Amy!

## Important Dates

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

We will meet at the Food Bank to pack boxes. This event is immediately following the Food Bank's Big Fill. No meeting or lunch provided. An online sign-up will be sent via email.

### ***Shop with a Cop -- December 2***

Contact **Mark Morrow** to see how you may be able to help on Saturday, December 2. This event allows police to connect with the community through shopping with underprivileged children.

### ***Christmas with Santa -- December 19***

Santa will be attending our meeting! Bring your child, grandchild, or neighbor's child. We will have games and goodies for the kids.

### ***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.



[Les Tainter](#)  
November 30th



[Terell Bowie](#)  
December 1st



[Eugene J. Wing](#)  
December 4th



[Jennifer Hannah](#)  
December 6th



[Beverly C. Parker](#)  
December 8th



[Norman Edward Stafford](#)  
December 8th



[Al Poston](#)  
December 9th



[Julienne Pollard Pentecost](#)  
December 11th

### *Polio Plus Society*

Become a charter member of the PolioPlus Society (PPS) by committing a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund. Society members receive a special PPS pin, an End Polio Now bracelet, and a certificate.

## Good News – November 7, 2023

**John Deacon** carried the mic for Good News. **Shaila Creekmore** took notes.

**Bonnie May** gave \$2 for **Brenda Fasulo** who was in Bald Knob celebrating her mother's 85th birthday and was sad she had to miss her favorite annual presentation of the Humane Society.

**Wes Eddington** loves the beautiful Arkansas weather this time of year.

**Erika Chudy** celebrated the A-State win over the Ragin Cajuns the previous Saturday.

**John Deacon** was pleased with the Razorbacks win over Florida.

**Ruth Hawkins** asked for members to add their change to the buckets on the tables for the Rotary Foundation.

## Last Week's Program – November 7, 2023

By Shaila C Creekmore

### *Finding a Forever Home*

Dr. Amy Schmidt, Director of the Northeast Arkansas Humane Society, spoke to the membership in last week's program about the many facets of the animal shelter.




- **Shelter** - The NEAHS shelters animals and cares for them until they can find their forever home.
- **Adopt** - Adoption is the goal. They work to find the perfect fit for both the animal and the family.
- **Rescue** - Dr. Schmidt said rescuing animals is one of the best parts of the job and one of the hardest parts of the job. They rescue dogs, cats and horses who have been neglected, malnourished, abused or abandoned.
- **Vet** - Dr. Roger McMillan serves as the shelter's veterinarian. He provides routine care, including vaccines, and emergency care for animals coming into the facility. All animals are also spayed or neutered before they are adopted.
- **Educate** - Volunteers and staff appear each week on Midday with Diana Davis to provide information about the shelter. NEAHS also has two welfare investigators who most often work with pet owners to teach them how to best care for their animals.
- **Support** - The center has a food pantry for families needing help feeding their animals. The animals are sometimes transported to community events to interact with the community.
- **Fundraise** - Events are held to raise funds for all of the needs of NEAHS.

Dr. Schmidt said community support is vital to the work of the Humane Society, and they are always in need of volunteers and donations of supplies and funds. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- **Adopt** - Visit NEAHS to find your next furry family member.
- **Donations** - An Amazon wish list is available for items to purchase and ship directly to the shelter. Hollywood Feed will also deliver your purchase to the shelter.
- **Monetary donations** - You can give directly through their website [www.neahs.org/](http://www.neahs.org/), by Venmo or Paypal, or by mail to 6111 E. Highland Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401.
- **Memorial Honorariums** - Give in honor or memory of a person or a pet.
- **Memberships** - Various levels of membership are available for continual support of NEAHS which also gives discounts to area vets and businesses.
- **Supplies** - cleaning supplies are a great need of the shelter as well as treats, toys, old towels and blankets and other items. Supplies for horses are also needed. A full list can be found on their website. [www.neahs.org/](http://www.neahs.org/)

## Report Card -- November 7, 2023

Total Active Members - 105



Active members - 57  
Active-Service - 16  
Active-Partner - 4  
Active-Modern - 3  
Active-LOA - 1  
"Active Rule of 85" members - 18  
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 38  
Active Members - 30  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 8 [Read More](#)