

The Big Wheel

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Events

January 2nd
[Jonesboro Club Meeting Jan 2 - Dr. Ruth Hawkins](#)

January 9th
[Jonesboro Club Meeting Jan 9 Jay Clevenger, Special Olympics AR](#)

Birthdays



[Gary Higgins](#)
January 3rd



[Alex Trufin](#)
January 4th



[Chad Harbison](#)
January 6th



[Will Branch](#)
January 20th



[John T. Sloan](#)
January 22nd

It's a New Year



This Week's Program -- January 2, 2024

The Importance of the Rotary Foundation

This week our very own **Dr. Ruth Hawkins** speaks about the Rotary Foundation. Hawkins, Rotary Foundation Chair, will share with us the 7 areas of focus that guide the foundation's global grant spending.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

The Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio; \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness and \$500 can launch an anti-bullying campaign and create a safe environment for children. The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a Board of Trustees.

The Foundation is at the heart of Rotary. Come hear what the Foundation does and how your money is spent.



Good News -- December 19, 2023

Jill Clogston carried the mic for Good News. Jill put money in the Good News can in honor of her great-great nephew and guests.

Jana Haskins gave money in honor of her son, Gunnar.

Norman Stafford added money in honor of the children who attended Rotary today,

Bonnie May thanked all the parents who brought their children to Rotary today to enjoy the Christmas celebration.

Will Branch honored his three guests today.

Brenda Fasulo said it was always good to see the children.

John Deacon honored his wife, Myra, and two of his grandchildren who were with him at Rotary.

Brian Rega gave money for polio eradication and said it was wonderful that the children here today don't have to worry about polio.

Last Week's Program December 19, 2023

Santa Claus and Fun and Games

This week's Rotary program was dedicated to the children and grandchildren of Rotarians. The young ones attended the meeting to take pictures with Santa Claus and to play games while the adults watched. **Chad Chadwick** led the group in a computer game and then children were dismissed to choose whatever game they chose. Sometimes adults joined in. Prizes were given to each child.

These pictures show some of the action.



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Report Card -- December 19, 2023

By Dana Kennedy

Total Active Members - 109

Active members - 61

Active-Service - 16

Active-Partner - 4

Active-Modern - 3

Active-LOA - 1

Active Rule of 85 members - 18

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 64

Active Members - 36

Friends of Rotary - 0

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 0

Guests - 28 [Read More](#)