

The Big Wheel

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Events

January 9th

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

Birthdays



[Will Branch](#)
January 20th



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

[Amy Hughes](#)
February 3rd



[Joe Turney](#)
February 6th

This Week's Program -- January 9, 2024

Special Olympics Arkansas

The mission of Special Olympics Arkansas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. Special Olympics Arkansas is supported by individual donations, private and corporate sponsorship, state appropriation, grants, and special fundraising events. This financial support provides training, equipment, and competition for the athletes free of charge.

Jay Clevenger, Senior VP, Centennial Bank, served three years on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Arkansas. He is a current member of the executive committee for Special Olympics Arkansas and also is a past president (2005) and current treasurer for the Rotary Club of Jonesboro-University.



Theresa Book has been a Field Representative for Special Olympics Arkansas since 2014, covering Northeast and Northcentral Arkansas. Her responsibilities include bringing awareness and growing programs; engagement of athletes and families and volunteers at local, area and state events. She partners with law enforcement and businesses to support and engage in fundraising.

Come to the meeting and hear how Special Olympics is working in Arkansas. Bring a friend or colleague.

January Is Peanut Butter Month

Bring Peanut Butter

Our January service project is to bring peanut butter. Bring as much as you can. It will be donated to the A-State Food Bank at our January 23 meeting.

Our January 23 meeting will be held at the Judd Hill farmers market.



Good News -- January 2, 2024

Aaron Bell carried the mic for Good News.

President Erika Chudy gave \$20 to honor the twenty projects we completed in the first half of the Rotary year.

Norman Stafford gave money for the eradication of polio.

John Deacon's fellow grandfather is doing well in ICU after having surgery.

Gregory Hansen invited Rotarians to donate blood at the upcoming drive to be held this week at St. Bernard's Auditorium.

Melissa Martin showed the stuffed animals which were bought for the Children's Foundation. The children are those who have suffered from a tragedy such as fire or accident.

PP Will Branch announced it was not too early to start working on the shrimp boil fundraiser. He urged members to volunteer to head up the project.

Donald Cooper won third overall in his age group in the Resident Run for Mission Outreach.

Emelda Williams gave \$500 to the Rotary Foundation. She was honored to have **Dr. Ruth Hawkins** as Rotary Foundation Chair and today's speaker.

DGE Brian Rega will travel to International Assembly (IA) in Orlando, FL. He will truly experience the internationality of Rotary when he joins over 500 District Governors Elect for an intense week-long training.

Last Week's Program -- January 2, 2024

The Rotary Foundation

At our meeting last week, **Dr. Ruth Hawkins** explained how Rotary projects --both globally and in our district -- are funded. Dr. Hawkins gave an overview of the Rotary Foundation, as well as a report card for our club. The Foundation is a 501 (c3) charitable organization, and its mission is to help Rotary members advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

The Foundation is made up of three major funds: the Annual Fund/Share, PolioPlus, and the Endowment. To give an idea of where our club stands, these are amounts contributed to the Annual Fund over the past five years -- ranging from about \$14,000 to almost \$16,000.

Contributions to the Annual Fund are invested for three years. When the three years mature, the investment earnings pay for operating expenses of the Foundation. Then, the entire principle is divided 50-50, with half going to global projects and half coming back to our district to be used for district projects and club projects. In our club, Shop with a Cop, Literacy programs, and Interact Scholarships are being supported through these funds for this year.

Projects supported by these funds include seven broad areas.

- Promote Peace
- Fight Disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

We get other recognition for contributions to the annual fund. We get points towards being Club of the Year if every member gives.

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Report Card - -January 2, 2024

Total Active Members - 109
Active members - 61
Active-Service - 16
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Modem - 3
Active-LOA - 1
Active Rule of 85 members - 18
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 41
Active Members - 38
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 3 [Read More](#)

