

The Big Wheel

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President



Jennifer Hannah
President-Elect
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Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson
Treasurer

Events

February 6th

Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 6 -Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Founding Dean

February 13th

Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 13 -Dr. Evette Allen Moore, NYIT

February 20th

Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 20- Phil Shupe, Shupe & Assoc.

February 27th

Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 27 -Michael Jackson, Diego Ranch

Birthdays



Joe Turney
February 6th



Mickey Latour
February 11th



Robert L. Warner Jr.
February 12th



Mark Alan Morrow
February 12th



Gary Clark
February 19th

This Week's Program -- February 6, 2024

A-State College of Veterinary Medicine



Dr. Glen Hoffsis was named as the founding dean for Arkansas State University's upcoming College of Veterinary Medicine in June 2023. One of America's top veterinary administrators, Hoffsis has served as dean of two of the nation's largest and most prestigious vet colleges, Ohio State University and University of Florida, and recently guided the creation of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn.

Along with providing day-to-day leadership as A-State continues its pathway toward accreditation and opening, Hoffsis will guide the university's search for its permanent dean.

Come hear about this new venture for A-State.

[Robert C. Green](#)
February 21st



[Jeremy Todd Watson](#)
February 24th

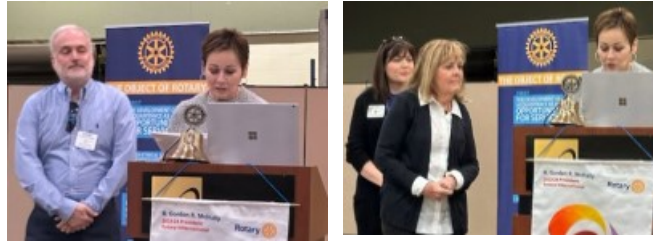


[Don O'Neal](#)
March 5th

Newsworthy Items

New Members

Robert Green and **Carolyn Hodgins** joined our Rotary Club on January 30.



Welcome, Robert and Carolyn!

Paul Harris Fellows and Society

Four members achieved Paul Harris recognition. **Lisa Golden, Ruth Hawkins, Dana Kennedy,** and **June Morse** were awarded certificates and pins.



Shrimp Boil Fundraiser

Several members met to discuss plans for the Second Annual Shrimp Boil. PP **Will Branch** led the group. The event will be held in June, the Friday before Father's Day.

Rotary Foundation Gala

The Rotary Foundation Gala for District 6150 will be held on February 23 at 6 p.m. in the Woodard McAlister Family Club Room at Arkansas State University. Entertainment will be provided by Thump Daddy of Memphis.



Special recognition will be given to the Foundation Ambassadors. Our club's ambassador is **Jill Clogston**. Anyone able to give \$10 to the Rotary Foundation, please do so through Jill Clogston's #givebutter page found on her Facebook page or our club's page.

Opportunities for sponsorships are available.

Get your tickets today!
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Good News -- January 30, 2024

Nancy Elphingstone carried the mic for Good News.

Past President **Will Branch** said the Birthday song was the first time he had been serenaded by Al Poston. Also, Will gave a brief history of the Rotary bell.

Jeremy Colton and his wife had twin girls.

District Governor Elect **Brian Rega** gave a program about Rotary to the NEA Homebuilders Association. He brought the director of the builders group, Stephen Goad, as a guest to Rotary.

Brenda Fasulo has a grandson who is named after her husband. Her daughter is expecting a baby.

Norman Stafford admitted that Brian's guest was his student thirty years ago.

Gregory Hansen said that the Delta Small Prints show honored Evan Lindquist.

Jeff Purinton got his Rotary badge today. He praised the A-State basketball team.

John Deacon went to see Charlotte's Web and had a fantastic time. He also thanked PP **Will Branch** for organizing last year's Shrimp Boil Fundraiser and getting ready for this year's Second Annual Fundraiser.

Last Week's Program -- January 30, 2024

Imagine the Worst Thing Happens -- Who Would You Call?

No one ever calls 911 and says they are having a good day.

Thus began, Ronnie Sturch, Director of E-911 for Craighead County.

In 1967, the 911 Call was established in the United States. The first 911 call was made in 1968. In Arkansas, 911 was established in 1985.

In Craighead County, we have

- one director of E-911
- one deputy director
- one training coordinator
- two shift supervisors
- 20 full-time communicators
- three part-time communicators

Each person receives extensive training and is certified. E-911 is a tough job. Even after training, some people cannot take the stress.

In 2023, E-911 took 71,000 calls. Broken down, the volume of E-911 calls included emergency calls, non-emergency calls, and dispatched calls. The dispatched calls were for law enforcement, fire department, and ambulance providers. Call for medical emergencies dispatch both ambulances and fire departments so that someone will reach the victim as soon as possible.

Every call requires the answers to who, what, when, where, and if there are intoxicants or firearms involved. Answers to additional questions include description (such as the suspected vehicle), direction of travel, and a phone number.

In bad weather, the tornado siren system is set off. We have the second-largest system with 33 sirens. Each siren is tested at noon on Thursdays. If you have a storm shelter, you should register it with E-911; that way they will alert personnel to check it after a storm to see if someone is trapped inside.

We are very fortunate to have the E-911 system in our area. It is available 24/7 365 days a year to take calls and dispatch help when the worst thing happens.



Report Card -- January 30, 2024

Total Active Members - 110
Active members - 62
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 - 44
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 3 [Read More](#)