

The Big Wheel

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Events

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



Mickey Latour
February 11th



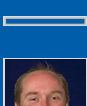
Robert L. Warner Jr.
February 12th



Mark Alan Morrow
February 12th



Gary Clark
February 19th



Robert C. Green
February 21st



Jeremy Todd Watson
February 24th

This Week's Program -- February 13, 2024

Inclusive Leadership

Our speaker this week is Dr. Evette Allen Moore, Inaugural Assistant Dean for diversity, equity and inclusion at New York Institute of Technology.

While she is based at NYITCOM-Arkansas, she serves students, faculty and staff at all New York Tech campuses. Prior to joining NYIT, Moore served as assistant vice chancellor for diversity, inclusion and community engagement at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. She is a proud A-State alum, where she earned her bachelor's degree in communication studies. She has more than 12 years experience in higher education and equity work. She has worked in various areas on college campuses, including new student orientation, academic advising, and multicultural affairs, assisting with strengths-based approaches for social justice in education.

Come hear Dr. Moore speak on leadership as she inspires hope in the world.



Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of fellow Rotarian **Cheryl Wall**. Cheryl was a member of our club for many years, and she will be missed.

Remember These Dates

Rotary Foundation Gala



The Rotary Foundation Gala for District 6150 will be held on February 23 at 6 p.m. in the Woodard McAllister 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!

Shrimp Boil Fundraiser

Our second annual shrimp boil will be June 14. This is the main fundraiser for our club, and we need everyone's help.

Good News -- February 6, 2024

Jim Washam carried the mic for Good News.

Norman Stafford applauded the table signs made by Foundation Chair **Ruth Hawkins**.

Bonnie May remembered that **Cheryl Wall** was a sweet lady and would be missed.

Hatton Weeks announced that he and his wife were married 8,354 days.

James McDaniel (from the University Rotary Club) said that he and **Mary Tucker** have been working on the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Their club has 200 tickets which sell for \$200 each. Tickets are still available.

Jeff Purinton praised the A-State basketball teams for leading the conference in scoring. He gave special recognition to Izzy Higginbottom and encouraged members to come out and watch her play.

Aaron Lubin, from Rotary Club 99, can't wait until the Red Wolves come to Little Rock to play.



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



[H. Steve Leslie](#)
March 10th

[Melissa Martin](#)
March 12th

Last Week's Program -- February 6, 2024

Veterinary Medicine at A-State

Our program last week was Dr. Glen Hoffsis, founding dean for Arkansas State University's upcoming College of Veterinary Medicine.



Dr. Hoffsis began the program by giving a brief history of veterinary medicine. In the late 1700's, Europeans worked on animals more than people because many people diseases were associated with animals. During the Civil War, the United States had almost no veterinarians and no schools. However, horses had to stay healthy because of the war and because the food supply was of animal origin. So America soon realized the important role veterinarians played in the war effort and in everyday life. In 1870 the United States opened its first veterinary medicine school; by 1885 Ohio State University opened the first veterinary medicine school for horses.

During this period, only men were allowed to be veterinarians. A woman was not strong enough to work on large animals. However, with the invention of tranquilizers, there was no longer any reason why women could not be veterinarians. It was not until the 1970's, that women readily chose veterinary medicine and now 85 percent of classes are female.

Currently there are 34 colleges in the United States, turning out around 4,000 veterinarians per year. Arkansas has no veterinarian schools and it is vastly underserved. However, ten schools in the United States are adding veterinary medicine to their curriculum, of which Arkansas State University is one.

Why has A-State taken the initiative?

- If already has a college of agriculture.
- It has a strong math and science program.
- It has student housing, food services, and financial aid.
- It has several pre-doctoral programs.
- It has a great faculty.

A-State plans to open its veterinary medicine programs in 2026. It anticipates 125 students per class for four years. Tuition will be \$17,000 per semester for in-state students and \$27,000 per semester for non-resident students. About 45 students now go to veterinarian schools. Most go to Louisiana and pay out-of-state tuition. A-State hopes to have at least 60 Arkansas students attend veterinarian school and the rest out-of-state students per year.

Report Card -- February 6, 2024

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 - 53
 Active Members - 42
 Friends of Rotary - 0
 Honorary members - 0
 Proposed - 0
 Guests - 11 [Read More](#)