

The Big Wheel

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Club Leaders



Erika Krennerich Chudy
President



Jennifer Hannah
President-Elect
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Jeremy Todd Watson
Treasurer

Events

April 23rd
Jonesboro Club Meeting April 23, 2024 - Jeff Molby, Chemo Riders

April 30th
Jonesboro Club Meeting April 30, 2024 - Beverly Parker

May 7th
Jonesboro Club Meeting May 7, 2024 - Casey Pearce, NYITCOM

May 14th
Jonesboro Club Meeting May 14, 2024 - Mayor Harold Copenhaver

Birthdays



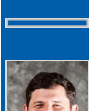
Jill Clogston
April 21st



Ernesto Saucedo
April 23rd



David L. Leonard
April 24th



Heather D. Coats
April 28th



Jon David Carmack
May 1st

This Week's Program -- April 23, 2024

American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program

Jeff Molby, a Rotarian from Caro, Michigan, has been volunteering for the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life for the last few years. He is a minimalist who loves to travel.

Last year he sold everything and set off on a two-year bike tour around the country in order to help people get to their chemo appointments. His mission is to raise money and recruit drivers to get patients to their lifesaving treatments. Cancer treatment often requires a ton of transportation, which is a huge burden on patients and their support systems. The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program has been helping with this problem for over 40 years. Road to Recovery works like Uber, except the driver is a volunteer and the goal is to save a life.

Since the pandemic, Road to Recovery has been incredibly short on drivers. So Jeff, as a semi-retired empty nester, took it upon himself to raise the alarm.

Come hear his story. Bring a friend or colleague.



In the News



Rotary Scholarship

Our Rotary scholarship was awarded to Kaleb Tedder of Nettleton High School. Kaleb plans to attend Arkansas State University and major in accounting.

Paul Harris Fellow

A Paul Harris Fellow was presented to Ms. Bobbie Timmerman, Nettleton Interact Sponsor. Ms. Timmerman has been teaching for 56 years. This is not the first Paul Harris she has received.



Good News â€" April 16, 2024

Notes taken by **Shaila Creekmore**

Jeremy Colton carried the Mic.

Will Branch had planned to give \$8 for his and his wife's 8th anniversary but only had \$5.

Jeff Purinton announced all the events and games coming up in A-State Athletics.

Gary Higgins announced his daughter Emma had secured an internship at Lockheed Martin.

Gregory Hansen announced that the A-State chess club would be hosting the Scarlet Championship and it was open to all players.

Norman Stafford gave a shout-out to A-State Men's and Women's basketball for recruiting some talented players.

Bonnie May gave \$3 in celebration of Will Branch's anniversary and to round out his \$8 donation.

Shaila Creekmore said her family had a great time watching the eclipse with her son and two other aerospace engineering majors from Mississippi State and also celebrated fellow Rotarian Josh Fletcher (Jonesboro University) who had retired from his time as Scoutmaster of Troop 134 after 14 years the previous evening.



Hatton Weeks
May 12th



Erika Krennerich Chudy
May 12th



Emelda LaVonne Williams
May 18th



Jeff Purinton
May 19th

Last Week's Program April 16, 2024

By Shaila C Creekmore

Clinton School of Public Service

Mallory Mounce, Director of Development and Alumni Services at the Clinton School of Public Service, joined us virtually during last week's meeting.

The Clinton School of Public Service was established in 2004 and was the nation's first school to offer a Master of Public Service degree. The vision was to offer a degree that could move into all sectors, including public, private business, health, and nonprofits. The program is a two-year degree and has three areas of focus.

The first year students are split into teams and paired with business partners across Arkansas. Mallory said Arkansas is uniquely positioned for this program because students have the opportunity to work with Fortune 500 companies located within the state; both urban and rural businesses, including agriculture; and a very involved, large network of nonprofits across the state.

During the summer after the students' first year, they participate in an international service project. To date, 94 countries have been impacted by these projects, and after this summer that number will increase to 99. In the nearly 20 years since the program began, students have 500,000 hours of combined field service work.

The final year of the program, students work with their assigned companies to build a project and complete their capstone. Many of these students go on to be employed by the companies they work with during their time at the school.

To get involved with the Clinton School of Public Service, Mallory said additional scholarship support to help students with tuition costs is needed, as well as more businesses to step up to partner with the students on their projects and capstones, and to hire their students after graduation. One goal of the school is to keep as many of their graduates in the state as possible to help build the local workforce.

Mallory also noted that Rotary International provides scholarships for students from across the world to attend tuition-free. She said some of these graduates go back to their home countries to create change among their own communities and some stay and work in America.

For more information on Clinton School of Public Service, click [here](#).



Report Card -- April 16, 2024

Total Active Members - 110
Active members - 65
Active-Service - 16
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Modern - 3
Active-LOA - 1
Active Rule of 85 members - 18
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 51
Active Members - 40
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 11 [Read More](#)