

The Big Wheel

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Events

May 21st

Jonesboro Club Meeting May 21, 2024 - Jessica Maddox

May 28th

Jonesboro Club Meeting May 28, 2024 Brionna Palmer, Mama 2 Mama

Birthdays

Jeff Purinton
May 19th

Jared White
May 26th



Michael R. Weaver
May 28th



Lori Chandler
June 2nd



Barbara J. Widner
June 5th

Carolyn B. Hudgins
June 8th



Tony Thomas
June 11th

This Week's Program -- May 21, 2024

The Mission of Facet Dance Collective

Facet Dance Collective's mission is to bring classical and contemporary dance to Arkansas communities and to give adult recreational dancers of all body types, identities, and backgrounds opportunities to perform. Facet Dance Collective is committed to providing excellent quality performances while also bringing relatable stories and characters to the stage.



Jessica Maddox, who started dancing at the age of 3, is co-founder of the collective. Maddox is a pediatric physical therapist during the day and pursues ballet dancing in her free time. She teaches ballet classes to teenagers and adults.

Come hear how dance can create stronger communities. Bring a friend or colleague.

Save the Date

May 1-28 -- Fill the Pack -- Summer Food Program

We will be assisting Westside Schools with replenishing their food supplies for their summer backpack program. Donations will be accepted for the month of May. Item examples: boxed Ravioli's, canned fruit, peanut butter, breakfast bars, Pop-Tarts, cereal, etc.

June 14 -- Shrimp Boil Fundraiser

All Hands on Deck! This is our 1 big fundraiser of the year. Come to one of our Shrimp Boil meetings at 11:00 before our Tuesday meetings or contact **Will Branch** to learn how you can help.



The Rotary Club of Jonesboro's 2024 Shrimp Boil. Pickup is June 14, 2024, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rotary Centennial Plaza, downtown Jonesboro.

Bring a check or cash for your Shrimp Boil Fundraiser tickets. They are \$25 each, and we are asking each member to sell five, so purchase them from Will Branch and then sell or give them away. This is our club's only fundraiser and the source of support for community projects, awarding scholarships, and providing service opportunities.

June 29 -- District Governor Induction

DGE Brian Rega will be inducted as District Governor on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the Cooper Alumni Center, at 5:30 p.m.

Good News â€" May 14, 2024

Gary Higgins carried the mic for Good News.

Shaila Creekmore took the notes.

Mickey LaTour reported that his brother had been in a serious work accident and was in danger of losing his eye, but has recovered fully with no vision impairment.

Emelda Williams gave in honor of Mayor Harold Copenhaver who was her student at Arkansas State.

Mike Payson, a visiting Rotarian, moved to Jonesboro two weeks previous had just received his vehicle following the move.

John Deacon also gave in honor of Mayor Copenhaver and said Jonesboro was a great city due to the leadership the city has had over the years.

Bonnie May honored the life of Rennell Woods who had spent his life in service to those in the community and whom Bonnie had trained to take over CityYouth as director when she left the position.

Last Week's Program May 14, 2024

By Shaila C Creekmore

Mayor Provides Update on City

Mayor Harold Copenhaver spoke on Tuesday about the needs, challenges and progress of the city, beginning with noting the continued increase in the population, which is now nearing 80,000.

Copenhaver noted that while Jonesboro is not known for tourists, the city has many reasons to visit. In February, Jonesboro hosted the 50th annual Governors' Conference on Tourism with approximately 500 individuals from across the state. The convention center at Embassy Suites is bringing many conferences and events to the area, as well as sporting events held in the city's parks, including Joe Mack Campbell Park, Southside Softball Complex, the Jonesboro Pool Center, and Craighead Forest Park. A ribbon cutting for 13-miles of recently completed soft surface trails at Craighead will bring more cyclists to the area, as well as connections continuing to be made on bike trails throughout the city connecting parks, neighborhoods and the A-State Campus. A new pool at Parker Park should be open within a couple of weeks.



Copenhaver said the city continues to work in collaboration with the state to improve roadways in the city and also remarked that the budget for adding sidewalks has now doubled. Work will begin soon to expand runways at the airport as well as build a new terminal to replace the one destroyed in the 2020 Tornado.

The city has invested greatly into protecting the citizens of Jonesboro, according to Copenhaver with crime rates decreasing over the past three years. The city council passed raises to the city police force without raising taxes and has increased the numbers of police cruisers in the department over the last 18 months. The Real Time Crime Center now includes 700 cameras located across the city and they are being used to solve crimes, look at traffic patterns and concerns, and provide needed information for police before they enter a scene. Copenhaver said Jonesboro is the first city in the state to invest in a crime center and now is the model for several other cities following the lead. [Read More](#)

Report Card -- May 14, 2024

Total Active Members - 107
Active-Service - 75
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Modern - 3
Active-LOA - 1
Active Rule of 85 members - 18
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 56
Active Members - 49
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 7 [Read More](#)