

## The Big Wheel

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## Events

May 28th

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

June 4th

**Jonesboro Club Meeting June 4, 2024 Sarah Doss, DJA**

## Birthdays



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



Russ Hannah  
June 21st

## This Week's Program -- May 28, 2024

### ***The Mission of Mama 2 Mama***

Mama 2 Mama, a new nonprofit organization in Jonesboro, provides services, advice, and connections for mothers, especially those who struggle financially. They also host a podcast in which they discuss the struggles of motherhood and promote resources for mothers.

Brionna Palmer is the Founder and Executive Director of Mama 2 Mama. Her mission is to help moms, babies and young children in need in Northeast Arkansas.

Palmer holds diaper drives regularly to help families struggling to afford diapers. In March, the organization started its Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance Program. Mama 2 Mama recently celebrated their one-year anniversary. Palmer works to secure partnerships within the community.

Come learn more about Mama 2 Mama and how you can help them make a difference in our community.



## 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.

*This is the last meeting of the month. Don't forget to bring your donation for the backpack program!*

### ***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. Signup sheets for working the shrimp boil will be available June 4.



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.



Jarrett Free  
June 24th

## Travel to South Africa with Rotarians

### ***The Rotary TuTu Desk Campaign***

This adventure will provide enduring memories and emotions . . . but that will be just the beginning. In addition to a international adventure, those who join us will:

- Explore the sights, sounds, and history of South Africa.
- An opportunity to see the "Big Five" of Africa's wildlife.
- Hand over TuTu Desks to the deserving children of South Africa.
- Build friendships with fellow Rotarians.

This trip to South Africa will offer you an unforgettable experience - from the wildlife to the urban life, you will see the range and beauty of South Africa. You will also provide service to others while getting to meet and know the South African Rotarians.



Howard Tours was selected to design and operate this tour. Owned and operated by Rotarians, we have operated hundreds of tours for private, educational, and humanitarian organizations. We are a tour company and not a travel agency. We do not sell to the general public. Instead, we select and purchase the travel services directly from the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc. and sell directly to the people who will make the trip.

For a complete itinerary and more information, see **President Erika Chudy**. *Space is limited.*

## Good News -- May 21, 2024

**Melissa Martin** carried the mic for Good News.

**Jeff Purinton** applauded the A-State Golf Team for beating U of A, Fayetteville. He also said "Hell on Wheels" was good and members should see the show.

**Marilyn Hummelstein** is celebrating her wedding anniversary Tuesday. She said she was fortunate to have married her best friend.

**Michael Payson** received his car two weeks after moving and received his big screen television yesterday.

**Emelda Williams** put money in the Good News can to celebrate **DGE Brian Rega** becoming the new District Governor next year.

**Norman Stafford** also applauded **DGE Brian Rega** and gave money to eradicate polio.

**DGE Brian Rega** is attending the Rotary International Convention in Singapore next week and serving on one of the Breakout sessions which will discuss Rotary's vision.

**Alicia Dyer** got married last weekend. Her new name is Benson.

**Marti Allen** just got back from Virginia.

## Last Week's Program -- May 21, 2024



### ***What do you picture when you think of dance?***

Our program last week was presented by Jessica Maddox, co-founder of the FACET Dance Collective. The Collective hopes to break down the barriers that prevent participation. It is dedicated to bringing classical and contemporary dance to the community and giving adult dancers of all bodies, identities, and backgrounds opportunities to perform.

The project began when Maddox went to Miami for a ballet workshop. She noticed that there were only three participants from Arkansas. When she returned home, she and Kelsey Maloney-Steiner set out to make a company where all dancers would have the opportunity to be inspired and uplifted by dance. Adults who are passionate about performing are rarely afforded the opportunity to perform. Facet Dance Collective is

committed to providing excellent quality performances while also bringing relatable stories and characters to the stage. In these universal stories we relate to each other and build stronger communities.

The weather was such a relatable story. Maddox showed an excerpt from "Great Sky," which the group performed. The dancers' passion was perceived by the audience.

Maddox also integrates dance moves in her work as a physical therapist. She believes that anyone, regardless of age, body type, or ability, can be a dancer.



## Report Card -- May 21, 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 - 41  
Active Members - 37  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 4 [Read More](#)