

The Big Wheel

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Events

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

June 11th
Jonesboro Club Meeting June 11, 2024 Thomas Burchfield

Birthdays



Lori Chandler
June 2nd



Barbara J. Widner
June 5th



Carolyn B. Hudgins
June 8th



Tony Thomas
June 11th



Russ Hannah
June 21st



Jarrett Free
June 24th



Kenneth Ray Keller
June 27th

This Week's Program -- June 4, 2024

Downtown Jonesboro Alliance: Eat, Shop, Live

Established in 2010, the Downtown Jonesboro Alliance is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide community outreach and to promote downtown Jonesboro as the place to eat, shop and live. The aim is to increase pedestrian traffic and commerce in the shopping, arts and restaurants, and entertainment for all Downtown Jonesboro businesses. The organization is made up of a board of directors, four committees, staff personnel and many local volunteers. As a Main Street America Accredited program, Downtown Jonesboro Alliance is a recognized leading program among the national network of more than 1200 neighborhoods and communities who share both a commitment to creating high-quality places and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development.



Sarah Doss has been Executive Director of the DJA since January 2022. Come hear what plans are for the DJA. Bring a friend or colleague.

Sign Up to Work the Shrimp Boil

Shrimp Boil Fundraiser

The sign-up sheets for working at the shrimp boil fundraiser are now available. Look for the table with **Marilyn Hummelstein** and place your name and time under the category you want.

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.



Don't forget to 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. The deadline for ticket sales is June 7th so we will have a good estimate of the food needed (that's this Friday).

This is our club's only fundraiser and the source of support for community projects, awarding scholarships, and providing service opportunities.

Good News -- May 28, 2024

Cherisse Jones-Branch carried the mic for Good News.

Shailla Creekmore won't be here next week because she and her husband are taking a trip to Hawaii for their anniversary.

Brenda Fasulo said that within 11 1/2 weeks, she had four more grandchildren.

Gregory Hansen was pleased that his former mythology student, Jessica Maddox, gave the program last week.

Al Poston gave thanks to Ryan Vaughan and the KAIT 8 weather staff for the thorough weather information last weekend.

DGE Brian Rega was supposed to be in Singapore for the Rotary International Convention but because of missed flight connections, was here instead.

Last Week's Program -- May 28, 2024

The Mission of Mama 2 Mama

Brionna Palmer is the Founder and Executive Director of Mama 2 Mama. She presented last week's program to make people aware of the organization.

Mama 2 Mama is a community-driven initiative committed to building a strong foundation for our present and future generations of mothers in Northeast Arkansas. Mama 2 Mama is classified as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its mission is to provide a substantial amount of solutions and resources to the communities of mothers who are unable to receive necessities due to hardship. It intends to lift the barriers of physical, physiological, and financial demands of families by distributing supplies and services for immediate and long-term needs.

Mama 2 Mama began because each year in the United States, 1 in 5 women suffer from a mental health disorder during the perinatal period, the time between pregnancy and the year after childbirth. It is estimated that 500,000 mothers are affected yearly. These mothers learn how to mask their mental health conditions.

How does Mama 2 Mama impact the mothers it serves? Being a relatively new organization, it is still learning how to reach mothers and how to help them. One way to help mothers is to provide diapers. It holds diaper drives holds diaper drives regularly to help families struggling to afford diapers. In March, the organization started their Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance Program.

Mama 2 Mama recently celebrated their one-year anniversary. It works to secure partnerships within the community which serve low-income families who receive Medicaid, SNAP, and WIC.

