

**The Big Wheel**

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**Club Leaders**



Erika Krennerich Chudy  
President



Jennifer Hannah  
President-Elect  
Public Image Chair



Dana L. Kennedy  
Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson  
Treasurer

**Events**

June 18th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting June 18, 2024- Will Branch**

June 25th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting June 25, 2024- Brian Rega, DGE**

July 2nd  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting July 2- Passing the Gavel/Club Awards**

**Birthdays**



Russ Hannah  
June 21st



Jarrett Free  
June 24th



Kenneth Ray Keller  
June 27th



Wesley R. Eddington  
July 9th



Claudia Shannon  
July 11th

**This Week's Program -- June 18, 2024**

***Shrimp Boil Update***

**Will Branch** is the immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro and the current chair of our Annual Shrimp Boil. He also serves as an Assistant Governor for Rotary District 6150.

Will led the effort in getting our first Shrimp Boil off to a great start last summer and worked hard with his team to bring Jonesboro our second annual Shrimp Boil. The Shrimp Boil was the Friday evening of Father's Day weekend.

This is our club's one and only fundraiser. We will hear from Will as to the success of this year's Shrimp Boil. Thank you, Will Branch, for your leadership.



**Pictures from the Shrimp Boil**



## Service Projects

### ***June Service Project -- Diapers***

Our service project for the month of June is diapers. These will be donated to Mama 2 Mama. Any size of diaper, NB - 5T, can be donated.

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.

Bring your donation any time this month.

## Good News - June 11, 2024

Good News Mic carried by **Donald Cooper**. Notes taken by **Shaila Creekmore**.

**Will Branch** had a good trip to the Buffalo River, the shrimp boil was wrapping up, and he will be sharing about it on Tuesday.

**Norman Stafford** celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife.

**Jill Clogston** said her son received \$1,000 back from the Auditor's office as part of The Great Arkansas Treasure Hunt.

**Nancy Elphingstone** will be set up at the June 18 meeting to do registrations for the District Governor induction.

**Christie Matthews** celebrated her 32nd wedding anniversary in Lake Tahoe and had a good trip.

**Allen Craig** was happy to announce he is going to be a grandpa for the first time.

**Shaila Creekmore** had a smooth trip to Hawaii with no delays or travel issues.

## Last Week's Program - June 11, 2024

By Shaila C Creekmore

### ***Are you owed money?***

Arkansas State Auditor Dennis Milligan's office is charged with returning more than \$400 million to residents of Arkansas in unclaimed money, and he encouraged all members to check to see if they are owed money.

Milligan said funds in The Great Arkansas Treasure hunt comes from abandoned bank accounts, over-payments, abandoned safety deposit boxes, payroll checks not collected, insurance or other payments not collected from deceased family members, and other means. He pointed out that these funds do not come from the state, but it is money not claimed by the rightful owner. In addition to money, it also includes items usually found in abandoned safety boxes that include jewelry, collector's items, war medals and other items.



The average amount owed to those on the list is \$125, but the highest amount paid out was \$1.2 million to a lady in Hot Springs from her late father's stock holdings. One in four Arkansans are owed money. Milligan said his goal was to pay back \$30 million this year and his office has already done \$35 million. While in Jonesboro, Milligan's staff set up a mini office at the Jonesboro Municipal building and had more than \$20,000 claimed that morning.

This money not only includes individuals but also businesses and organizations. One of these organizations included the now disbanded Rotary Metro Club. Milligan presented a check for \$10,738.48 to Dennis Zolpher, former Metro Club president, and Erika Chudy. Erika said after much discussion between the three clubs, it was decided to put the money into an account that serves the needs of Rotary Park and Fort Rotary at Craighead Forrest Park.

Milligan encourages everyone to check the website on a regular basis, as new money comes into his office every day. To see if you are on the list, go to <https://www.claimitar.gov/>.



## Report Card -- June 11, 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 - 58  
Active Members - 49  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 9 [Read More](#)