

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

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

July 9th
Jonesboro Club Meeting July 9, 2024- Heath Simpson, Ritter

July 16th
Jonesboro Club Meeting July 16, 2024- Chad Chadwick

Birthdays



Jarrett Free
June 24th



Kenneth Ray Keller
June 27th



Wesley R. Eddington
July 9th



Claudia Shannon
July 11th



Kathleen Doty Pruitt
July 21st

This Week's Program -- June 25, 2024

The Magic of Rotary

Brian Rega is no stranger to Rotary. He has held almost every office there is! Now he is about to embark on yet another leadership role in Rotary. He will begin his duties July 1 as the Governor of Rotary District 6150.

In his day job, Rega is the Director of Senior Services/Housing for St. Bernards Healthcare. He has worked at St. Bernards Village since 1998. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1985 in Communications from Arkansas State University.

As Brian will tell you, Rotary isn't just a club to join, but rather an invitation to endless opportunities. Rotary District 6150 is fortunate to have Brian as Governor for the 2024-25 year.

Come hear Brian talk about his new venture as District Governor. It should prove to be informative and entertaining.



Service Project for June

Collecting Diapers

This is the last meeting of the month and the last chance to bring your donation of diapers to 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.

Don't forget to bring your donation!

Good News -- June 18, 2024

Good News notes taken by Ruth Hawkins.

Hatton Weeks put \$5 in the bucket in special appreciation for the Shrimp Boil cooking crew, given the hot temperatures in the boiling pots, as well as the heat overhead.

Les Tainter reported that after the Arkansas Treasure Hunt program the week before, he looked for his name on the list of those who had money to be claimed. As a result, he received a check for \$178. He urged everyone to check regularly for their names on the list, as it is continuously updated.

Marti Allen said she searched for her name as well and got back \$117.

Norman Stafford noted that not long after the Shrimp Boil, a Jonesboro firefighter told him how pleased they were at the fire station to receive some of the leftover shrimp. He put another dollar in the Good News bucket (with help from **Brock Wooldridge**) to express how happy he was to see **Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch** back at club meetings after a leave of absence.

Carolyn Hudgins reported that she had been contacted by a community member telling her how great the Shrimp Boil dinner was and thanking Rotary.

Gregory Hansen visited the Eddie Mae Herron Center in Paragould on June 13 for a celebration in recognition of the center's director, Pat Johnson. She was honored by community members as a recipient of the 2024 Bess Lomax Hawes National Heritage Fellowship through the National Endowment for the Arts. She is one of only three people in Arkansas to receive this recognition in the more than 40 years of the program. Rotarian **Cherisse Jones-Branch** made remarks at the event.

John Deacon reminded all of the club's long record of producing Rotary District Governors. He stressed the importance of club members attending the District Governor induction ceremony for our own **Brian Rega** on June 29 at the Cooper Alumni Center, A-State campus. Let's all show our support for Brian, as well as the club and the district.

Last Week's Program -- June 18, 2024

By Ruth A. Hawkins

Shrimp Boil Update

Net proceeds from our Shrimp Boil fundraiser held June 14 were well above last year's take up by 15 percent! That was the good news delivered by Shrimp Boil Chair **Will Branch** in last week's program, which was a report on the fund-raising event. The club raised \$14,710 last year, with \$17,000 cleared this year, including ticket sales and sponsorships.

Will noted that 520 tickets were sold, plus 16 distributed to sponsors. Of those, 441 meals were picked up. Meals not claimed and/or leftover shrimp were delivered to the police and fire stations and the Beck Center for Veterans.

The net total does not yet include assessments. Will reminded the club that everyone was expected to sell at least five tickets, as this is the club's only fundraiser. Those who did not purchase or sell at least five tickets (\$125 worth) will be assessed for this amount, which will be added to total sales.

Will also reported that all items borrowed for the event have been returned and all bills are paid. He expressed special appreciation to the Shrimp Boil Committee, volunteers, ticket purchasers and sponsors.

And now, on to next year!



Report Card -- June 18, 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 - 42
Active Members - 41
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 1 [Read More](#)