

The Big Wheel

Club 2520, District 6150
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 Rotary Club of Jonesboro
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Club Leaders



Jennifer Hannah
President



Chad Chadwick
President-Elect



Alicia Dyer / Benson
Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson
Treasurer

Events

July 9th

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

July 16th

Jonesboro Club Meeting July 16, 2024- Chad Chadwick

July 23rd

Jonesboro Club Meeting July 23, 2024- Jagriti Chouhan, FOA

July 30th

Jonesboro Club Meeting July 30, 2024- Jim Bryant, Pinnacle II

Birthdays



Wesley R. Eddington
July 9th



Claudia Shannon
July 11th



Kathleen Doty Pruitt
July 21st



Bonnie Watkins May
August 5th

This Week's Program -- July 9, 2024

Serving Our Communities

Ritter Communications is a leader among regional independent communications providers, offering business, residential and wholesale customers advanced internet, phone, video and cloud services. It invests heavily in the communities it serves by deploying proven, best-in-class infrastructure and technology while coupling it with a world-class customer-focused experience.



Founded in 1906 and headquartered in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Ritter Communications is committed to growing and evolving to meet the demands of today's ever-connected world. Grain Management, LLC, a leading investor in the communications sector, is the majority owner of the company in partnership with E. Ritter and Company, which also operates Ritter Agribusiness and Ritter Investment Holdings.

Heath Simpson is the CEO of Ritter Communications. He joined Ritter in March 2020 as Chief Financial Officer following a nationwide recruitment campaign. His scope of responsibilities increased over his tenure with the company. He was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer in late 2022.

Come hear how Ritter serves our community and what plan it has for the future.

Good News -- July 2, 2024

Skip Smith carried the mic for Good News.

Chad Harbison served refreshments at the District Governor's Induction and received \$41 in tips.

Will Branch said he and his wife had a good time Saturday night at the DG Induction. He looked forward to the passing of the gavel because it meant new people were coming in and it was the beginning of a new Rotary year.

Melissa Martin is looking forward to SERVPRO's newly formed partnership with A-State Athletics.

DG Brian Rega introduced his guest, Josh Perez, who is a new intern at St. Bernards. This is the first organization Josh has come to visit. Also, he thanked members for attending his induction last week.

Norman Stafford is enjoying his daughter and her family's visit.

Cherisse Jones-Branch said that today was her first day as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Communication. It is also her 19th wedding anniversary.

John Deacon enjoyed **Brian Rega's** induction as District Governor and reminded everyone that Jonesboro has a huge impact on Rotary.

Last Week's Program -- July 2, 2024

The Passing of the Gavel

Before passing the gavel to new president Jennifer Hannah, President Erika Chudy presented awards and recognition to members for their work during the 2023-24 Rotary year.

Attendance recognition went to Will Branch, Chad Chadwick, Brenda Fasulo, Gregory Hansen, Ruth Hawkins, Dana Kennedy, Bonnie May, Al Poston, and Eugene Wing.

Distinguished Service was awarded to Ruth Hawkins, Mark Morrow, Bonnie May, Jennifer Hannah, and Jill Clogston.

Unsung Heroes were Eugene Wing, Dana Kennedy, Jennifer Hannah, and Jeremy Watson.

Service Above Self went to Chad Chadwick for arranging services projects and Will Branch for chairing the Shrimp Boil Fundraiser.



Rotarian of the Year was awarded to Jill Clogston.

Honored as volunteers for their service on the audio-visual for each meeting were Sam Hummelstein, Jon David Carmack, John Deacon, and Hatton Weeks.



Jennifer Hannah was then installed as President of the 2024-25 Rotary Year. She told the story of her involvement with Rotary as a child of Rotarian Jim Hannah and what role Rotary played in her life.



Installed as officers were Chad Chadwick, President-Elect; Alicia Dyer-Benson, Secretary; Melissa Martin, Public Image; Jill Clogston, Programs and Membership; Bonnie May, Vocational Service; Mark Morrow, Youth Services; Jeremy Watson,

Treasurer; Skip Smith, President-Nominee and Foundation; and Shaila Creekmore, Community Service.

Installed as Board of Directors were Brock Wooldridge, Jim Washam, Angy Abaunza, David Leonard, and Chad Harbison.

Report Card -- July 2, 2024

Active=67
Active-Modern=3
Active-Partner=3
Active-R85=15
Active-Service=17

Active-Service: 7
Active-Modern: 2
Active-R85: 6
Active: 34
Guest: 4

Attendance Calculations
Number Used for Attendance - 107
Active Members Present - 47
Make Ups - 0
Attendance Percentage for this meeting - 51% [Read More](#)