

## The Big Wheel

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 Rotary Club of Jonesboro  
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## Club Leaders



Jennifer Hannah  
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 Secretary



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## Events

August 13th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**August 13, 2024- Lauren Willette**  
**Speaker:** Lauren Adams Willette, Fieldwork Coordinator, Arkansas Folk & Traditional Arts  
**Subject:** Building Cross-Cultural Understanding

August 20th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**August 20, 2024- Kevin Byron**  
**Speaker:** Kevin Byron, Assistant VP for Behavioral Health Services, St Bernards Med Center  
**Subject:** Services Provided by St. Bernards Behavioral Health

## Birthdays



Beverly Bartels  
 August 18th



Jennifer P Goad  
 August 21st



Jeffrey T. Griffin  
 August 24th



James F. Gramling Jr.  
 August 30th



Lisa K. Golden  
 September 4th

## This Week's Program -- August 13, 2024

### ***Building Cross-Cultural Understanding***

Founded in 2019, the Arkansas Folk & Traditional Arts (AFTA) is a statewide public folklore program with a mission to document, present, and sustain Arkansas folk arts and tradition.

Lauren Adams Willette is the Folk Arts Fieldwork Coordinator for AFTA. She is tasked with coordinating programming and outreach for AFTA. She completes folklore fieldwork and research related to Arkansas folklore and folklife. She also coordinates their three mainstay programs, which include the Apprenticeship Program, the Community Scholars Training Program and the Arkansas Folklife Web Series.

Come hear Lauren speak on how the program keeps folk arts alive. Please bring a guest or colleague with you to the meeting.



## Save the Dates

### ***August -- High School Backpacks***

We will collect backpacks for Nettleton High School the entire month of August. These will need to be large capacity backpacks for 9-12 grade students. Counselor Amanda Wain said the school office runs out of backpacks for students after the first week of school, and they need them throughout the school year. Last day to donate is August 27.



### ***September -- First Responder's Hero Day and ALS Walk***



On **September 9**, we will be helping with ServPro's NEA First Responder's Hero Day. Sign up's will be held in August.

We will also participate in the ALS walk once again this year. It will be

held Saturday, **September 14**, beginning on the Arkansas State University Student Union Lawn. Please sign up through our team page on the ALS site:

<http://web.alsa.org/goto/RotaryClubofJonesboro>



## Join the \$10 a Month Club

- Also known as the Annual Fund, ShareFund, or Every Rotary Every Year
- Funding goes to support Rotary's seven areas of focus:
  - promoting peace
  - fighting disease
  - providing clean water and hygiene
  - saving mothers and children
  - supporting education
  - growing economies
  - protecting the environment
- Along with supporting international and district projects, a portion of these funds come back to us for our own club projects



William Campbell  
September 6th



Brian Rega  
September 8th



Dewey Sifford  
September 9th



LeAnn Morrow  
September 9th



Lisa B. Frazier  
September 9th



Debbie Eddington  
September 10th

## Good News -- August 6, 2024

**Alan Pillow** carried the mic for Good News. He began by putting in money in honor of our guest speakers Lee Wells and Shelly Anderson.

**Norman Stafford** contributed money for the polio eradication and promised it will be cooler.

**Gregory Hansen** is going on vacation to Little Rock with his wife, Betsy.

**John Deacon** announced it was his mother's 98th birthday. Last week his family held their annual Deacon Family Reunion.

**Nancy Elphingstone** has been on an Alaska cruise. The trip was fun but the least favorite thing was the airport shutting down on the way.

**Don Cooper** will spend next week in Washington D.C.

**Mickey Latour** had a thank-you note for Rotary from the leadership group he brought last week. Also, the College of Agriculture is again partnering with Arkansas Hunters to provide snack sticks for school children across the state in efforts to battle food insecurity.

**Skip Smith** said that guest Steve Ewart was his former high school coach.

**Ruth Hawkins** announced the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum's 25th anniversary.

**Norman Stafford** was happy to see guest Steve Ewart.

## Last Week's Program -- August 6, 2024

### *Update on Jonesboro Economical Transportation*



???????Lee Wells, Director of Jonesboro Economical Transportation (JET), led the program on August 6. He was assisted by Shelley Anderson, Marketing Coordinator.

JET is currently operating three fixed routes in the Jonesboro city limits. For those with functional mobility limitations, JET provides paratransit service. On A-State football dates, JET provides a game day shuttle running to and from the stadium to downtown Jonesboro.

JET is committed to providing the Jonesboro community with the best transit experience possible.

- It is economical.
- It is environmentally friendly.
- It is easy to use.
- It is community driven.

All fixed routes stop at the Regional Transfer Center to connect to other JET routes, providing access to almost all of Jonesboro city limits. Buses make 139 stops in the city. Daily schedules operate from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; the schedule on Saturday operates from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets from origin to destination cost \$1.25 per person; 90 cents for A-State students; 60 cents for seniors, veterans, disabled, and children. Passes may be purchased at a discount. Future plans include adding routes and partnering with A-State.

## Report Card -- August 6, 2024

**Total Members** = 107

Active=67

Active-Modern=3

Active-Partner=3

Active-R85=15

Active-Service=17

Staff Position=2

Active-Service: 7

Active-Modern: 2

Active-R85: 5

Active: 31

Guest: 3 [Read More](#)