

## The Big Wheel

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## Events

August 27th

### **Jonesboro Club Meeting** **August 27, 2024 - CLUB ASSEMBLY**

**Speaker:** Jennifer Hannah, President, Rotary Club of Jonesboro  
**Subject:** Speed Dating: Getting to Know The Various Rotary Club of Jonesboro Committees

September 3rd

### **Jonesboro Club Meeting** **September 3, 2024- Whitney Fraley, CRDC**

**Speaker:** Whitney Fraley, 100 Families County Coordinator, CRDC  
**Subject:** Crowley's Ridge Development Council: Helping People, Changing Lives

September 10th

### **Jonesboro Club Meeting** **September 10, 2024 - Brad Hyde**

**Speaker:** Brad Hyde, Arisa Health, Community Liaison Director  
**Subject:** Arisa Health: Transforming Communities One Life At A Time

September 17th

### **Jonesboro Club Meeting** **September 17, 2024-Lauren Hopkins**

**Speaker:** Lauren Hopkins, Red Wolf Renaissance Fair  
**Subject:** Red Wolf Renaissance Fair: Raising Awareness of the Critically Endangered Red Wolf

## Birthdays

## This Week's Program -- August 27, 2024

### ***Speed Dating: Getting to Know the Various Rotary Club of Jonesboro Committees***

Rotary is not just a club to join. It's an invitation to endless opportunities. Come learn how you can become more involved in a committee that interests you.

Come and get involved!



## Save the Dates

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

***This is the last day you can donate 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 Waln said the school office runs out of backpacks for students after the first week of school, and they need them throughout the school year. *If you don't have time to buy backpacks, you can donate money and we will purchase them for you.*



### ***August 29 -- Members Social***

You are invited to Native Brewery on August 29.

## ***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>



## **Good News â€" August 20, 2024**

**Aaron Bell** carried the mic for Good News. Notes taken by **Shailla Creekmore**.

**Beverly Parker** recently saw a news story saying that there will be a need for a large number of Polio vaccines in Gaza when the fighting ends and that it was a reminder of why Rotary exists.

**Donald Cooper** said Arkansas Early Learning had received two new grants and was able to pull in 12 more counties into their program, with AEL now serving 23 counties.

**Melissa Martin** thanked those who were helping organize volunteers and those signing up to help for ServPro's NEA First Responder's Hero Day.

**Erika Chudy** was excited that her eighth grader got himself up early and ready to go to school on the first day and hoped the trend continues.

**Jeff Purinton** said A-State Athletics was starting off an exciting year of sports, including a 2-0 start for women's soccer.

**Cherisse Jones-Branch** was excited to have A-State students returning to campus and had already been able to help direct some new students on campus.

**Norman Stafford** was recently able to see and reconnect with an old friend and was looking forward to attending A-State Women's Basketball practice on Tuesday afternoon.

**Brenda Fasulo** said that Russ Shane said to tell everyone hello and that he was doing well in Florida.



James F. Gramling Jr.  
August 30th



Lisa K. Golden  
September 4th



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



Marilyn M. Hummelstein  
September 11th



John C. Deacon  
September 15th



Susan K Beasley  
September 16th



William D. Burnett  
September 17th

## Last Week's Program August 20, 2024

By Shaila C Creekmore

### ***St. Bernards Behavioral Health Provides Various Levels of Mental Health Support***

Kevin Bryon, Assistant Vice President for St. Bernards Behavioral Health Services, provided updated information on the various levels of mental health services available through St. Bernards Healthcare on Tuesday.

St. Bernards is the only in-patient mental health facility in the region with the only other available options being primarily in Little Rock and Memphis. St. Bernards currently runs three facilities with beds: St. Bernard's Behavioral Health Unit on Johnson Avenue, the Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit on Willett Road, and a 14-bed geriatric psych unit in Pocahontas.

The Behavioral Health Unit on Johnson Ave. has 76 beds in three units: low-acuity, high-acuity and geriatric. Patients must meet certain levels of mental health crisis to be admitted into these three areas, including being at a risk to themselves or others. Some patients are reprimanded by the courts for holding to address mental health and substance abuse issues. In the case of older adults, they may be suffering from dementia or other mental impairments that may require medication changes or other help.

On Willett Road, the Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit is a completely volunteer admissions facility and can house 16 individuals. This is one of only three such facilities in the state, with the other two being in Little Rock and Fort Smith. Some admissions come from local police departments who find themselves with individuals in need of help, but who have not committed a crime to warrant arrest. Upon admission, the patient is assessed by a nurse within 10 minutes and plans are put into place by a team to meet the needs of the individual. Bryon said the goal is to address needs, including medication, filing for Medicaid or other services, provide clothes, locate shelter if needed and discharge in a few days. For those who need longer care, four beds are reserved for patients to stay up to three months in recuperative care.

For those who do not need in-patient mental health services, St. Bernards Counseling Center on Matthews Avenue provides a variety of services for those with anxiety, depression, trauma and PTSD, grief/loss, or other needs. Bryon said telehealth services are also available, and this service has opened up services for many people, including in many of our rural communities. Telehealth also allows people more anonymity and makes it easier for those with time constraints during the day.

Bryon said if you or someone you know finds themselves in a mental health crisis, you can dial 988 to talk to someone immediately. This hotline is manned by trained professionals who provide free and confidential support.

To learn more about St. Bernards Mental Health services, visit <https://www.stbernards.info/services/behavioral-health/>



## Report Card -- August 20, 2024

By Alicia Dyer / Benson

**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: 5

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