

The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- January 7, 2025



Supporting DEI in Education & the Workplace

Evette L. Allen Moore Ph.D., serves as New York Tech's inaugural assistant dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion. While she is based at NYITCOM-Arkansas, she serves students, faculty, and staff at all New York Tech campuses. Prior to joining New York Tech, Moore served as assistant vice chancellor for diversity, inclusion and community engagement at Arkansas State University (Jonesboro, Ark.).

Allen Moore is a proud alumna of Arkansas State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in communication studies. She then went on to earn her Master of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of North Texas, her Master of Science in Family Studies from Texas Woman's University, and her Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education with an emphasis in Diversity and Higher Learning from the University of Denver. Allen Moore has more than twelve years' experience in higher education and equity work. She has worked in various areas on college campuses, including new student orientation, academic advising, and multicultural affairs, assisting with strengths-based approaches for social justice in education.

There are many ways to support DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) in education and the workplace. Dr. Allen Moore will discuss strategies and initiatives that can be implemented that can bring on a sense of belonging and higher engagement.

New Member

At the December 17th meeting, DG Brian Rega inducted Faye Scudder Tate as a new member of our club.



Welcome, Faye!



A Letter from a RYLA Attendee

Dear Jonesboro Rotary,

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity of attending RYLA this weekend. I was incredibly excited when I found out I had applied and got accepted! When I heard it was y'all that accepted me in specific, I was even more grateful. You were gracious enough to accept kids from your own city, plus some! So thank you. This weekend allowed me to meet new people, make lifetime friends, try all new things (such as ziplining which was sooo cool!) I definitely went out of my comfort zone and can happily say I tried plenty of new things, and that is thanks to you guys. I appreciate the opportunity you have given me, and will forever be grateful. Thank you again!

Love,
Ella Miller

Proposed Club Officers

Club Leaders



Jennifer Hannah
Treasurer-Elect
President



Chad Chadwick
President-Elect



Alicia Dyer / Benson
Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson
Treasurer

Events

January 7th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Jan 7
- Dr. Evette Allen Moore,

NYIT
Speaker: Dr. Evette Allen Moore,
Inaugural Assistant Dean, DEI,
NYIT

Subject: Supporting DEI in
Education & the Workplace

January 14th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Jan
14 - Dr. Kristin Johnson, A-
State

Speaker: Dr. Kristin Johnson,
Executive Director, The RESTORE
Hub, A-State

Subject: A.T.L.A.S Transition
Program: A Perfect Extension of
the H.O.W.L Transition Program

Birthdays

Chad Harbison
January 6th



James Rodney Primm
January 9th



Will Branch
January 20th



John T. Sloan
January 22nd

The following have been proposed as Club Officers:

- 25-26 President Nominee: Dana Kennedy
- 25-27 Club Treasurer: Jennifer Hannah
- 25-26 Membership Committee Chair: Melissa Martin
- 25-26 Foundation Committee Chair: Skip Smith
- 25-27 Club Director: Jim Gramling
- 25-27 Club Director: Carolyn Hudgins
- 25-27 Club Director: Aaron Bell
- 25-27 Club Director: Lyle Waterworth

Good News -- December 17, 2024

Michael Payson carried the mic for Good News. He announced that he enjoyed the Christmas program at church, had a good visit a his company from Arizona, and Christmas was 8 days away.

Claudia Shannon was cleaning out the attic and found lots of Rotary "stuff" from a relative that had been in Rotary. It will look good in our Rotary bookshelf.

Norman Stafford made his weekly contribution to eradicate polio.

Hatton Weeks applauded the A-State Women's Basketball Team on their 27th win.

Michael Roberts was happy to be an official Rotarian.

Emelda Williams was proud of our District Governor Brian Rega, proud to be a member of Rotary, and most of all, proud that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

DG Brian Rega's wife told him before their marriage that a birthday on Christmas Day means that one gets birthday presents and Christmas presents.

Danny Rainwater agreed the Christmas program at FUMC was great and if you missed it, you can see it on television Sunday at 7 p.m. He also has a birthday tomorrow. Several years ago, he was told he had a blockage, but now he is healthy.

Gregory Hansen was relieved the semester was over.

Brenda Fasulo said her sister's birthday was on Christmas, and she expected to celebrate her birthday and Christmas separately.

Last Week's Program -- December 17, 2024

Clinton School of Public Service

Our program on December 17 was presented via Zoom by Mallory Mounce, the Director of Development, and Aaron Whitt, Student Recruitment Manager, for the Clinton School of Public Service.

The Clinton School of Public Service is a two-year graduate program in the University of Arkansas System, located on the grounds of the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock. Founded in 2004 by the University of Arkansas & President Clinton, the school offers the nation's first Masters of Public Service and concurrent Master's degrees in Business, Public Health, Social Work, and Law.




The curriculum includes field service projects in Practicum (first year), International Public Service Project (summer), and Capstone (second year). Students who graduate are offered jobs in non-profit, for-profit, government (federal, state, local), education, philanthropy, environment, international service, law, health, or media. Many start their own organizations. Some enroll in PhD programs.

The Clinton School of Public Service is making a difference in the world.

Report Card -- December 17, 2024

Total Members = 113
Active=73
Active-Modern=3



Active-Partner=3
Active-R85=15
Active-Service=17
Staff Position=2

Active-Service: 7
Active-Modern: 1
Active-R85: 7
Active: 23
Guest: 3
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