

The Big Wheel

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Events

January 28th

Jonesboro Club Meeting Jan 28 - Veronica Trimarchi, Camfil

Speaker: Veronica Trimarchi, Marketing Communications Manager, Camfil APC

Subject: Empowering Young Women

February 4th

Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 4- Dr. Gregory Hansen, A-State

Speaker: Dr. Gregory Hansen & Leslie Hester, Delta Gateway Museum, Founding Director

Subject: Delta Gateway Museum: Honoring Leslie Hester's Contribution to Arkansas Heritage

Birthdays



Amy Hughes
February 3rd

This Week's Program -- January 28, 2025

Empowering Young Women

Our program this week is about empowering young women both in the workplace and in their daily lives. Veronica Trimarchi is passionate about helping women become empowered.

Veronica has been with Camfil since 2014. She started out as their Graphic Designer and Marketing Assistant in her current position as Marketing Communications Manager. Trimarchi graduated from A-State in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism/Graphic Communications, followed by earning her Master's Degree in Mass Communication in 2016. In 2023, she completed her Doctor of Philosophy in Communication and Media Studies from the University of Memphis.

Come to the meeting and hear how Veronica helps women become empowered. Bring a friend or colleague.



Service Project -- Bring Peanut Butter



Our service project for January is to collect peanut butter. We will donate the peanut butter to the A-State Food Pantry.

Bring peanut butter to the meeting or donate money to buy peanut butter.

Good News -- January 21, 2025

Brock Wooldridge carried the mic for Good News. He contributed money and said he not cold now.

Brenda Fasulo had three pieces of news. (1) **Bonnie May's** husband, **Monty**, had recent surgery for an abdominal aneurysm and is now in the ICU. (2) **Al Poston** is not here because of illness. (3) **Norman Stafford** had surgery and is recovering.

Gregory Hansen made an announcement about Shelterbox. Shelterbox is an organization that provides emergency shelter resources after disasters. He distributed forms for those who would like to make a donation.

Robert Green knew today's speakers since he was nineteen years old and praised their work.

Hatton Weeks applauded the A-State basketball team. He said if we wanted to watch the game, it would be replayed on Thursday at 8 p.m. He also applauded his fourth grader for making the honor roll.

Donald Cooper woke up to ice on his windshield.

Jeff Purinton also applauded the men's basketball team. He announced that the women's team had won six games in a row.

DB Brian Rega gave to eradicate polio. He was happy that he had a new washer and dryer at home.



[Joe Turney](#)
February 6th



[Mickey Latour](#)
February 11th



[Robert L. Warner Jr.](#)
February 12th



[Mark Alan Morrow](#)
February 12th



[Gary Clark](#)
February 19th



[Robert C. Green](#)
February 21st



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February 24th

Last Week's Program -- January 21, 2025

Freedom Is Not Free, It Must Be Protected

The program today was about why capitalism is critical to America's future and why we must understand the impact of economic policy on freedom. Presented by Dr. David Rankin, former president of Southern Arkansas University and a published author, and his daughter, Dr. Beth Anne Rankin, author, the program was an informative warning that we may lose some of our freedoms if we do not limit the power of the government. They spoke about their latest book, *The Economics of Freedom*.



Dr. David Rankin, a college professor of economics and finance, was influenced by four economic professors who dramatically affected his professional life. One was Milton Friedman. Friedman contended that the "only alternative to freedom is force." The second was Walter Williams. He presented the downside of minimum wage to illustrate the difference between economic intentions and economic results. The third was Thomas Sowell. His work dealt with discrimination and the differences that are unfair. The fourth was Arthur Laffer. He argued that tax cuts can actually increase total tax revenue rather than decrease it.

Our founding fathers saw how government failed and how capitalism would allow for more freedom. They wrote the Bill of Rights to guarantee that government would not have too much control. But today, society seems to embrace socialistic principles which give control to the government in exchange for promises of free stuff.

- Socialism focuses on the distribution of income and wealth.
- It rarely focuses on the CREATION of income and wealth.
- Socialism creates more taxes and government programs.
- It creates more government mandates.

Socialism cannot exist without a large and coercive government.

Capitalism can. It allows for (1) private property, (2) freedom of enterprise, (3) competition, (4) reliance on supply and demand, (5) opportunity for profit, (6) limited role for government, and (7) entrepreneurship.

Rankin contends that "[w]e must not support economic systems that do not value freedom."

For more information, Dr. Rankin's website is <https://rankineconomics.com>

Report Card -- January 21, 2025

Total Members = 114
Active=74
Active-Modern=3
Active-Partner=3
Active-R85=15
Active-Service=17
Staff Position=2

Active-Service: 4
Active-Modern: 2
Active-R85: 2
Active: 29
Guest: 3
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