

**Rotary Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

## 11:30 a.m. Pre-Meeting Entertainment: Music on Pandora

**12:00 noon, Program: Panel Discussion: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Engagement**



**Moderator, Kelley Bass, Executive Director, Museum of Discovery, RCLR Program Chair**



**Tamika Edwards, J.D., Special Advisor to the CEO, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Engagement, Central Arkansas Water**

Tamika S. Edwards, a native of Little Rock, AR, is the Special Advisor to the CEO on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Engagement Central Arkansas Water. She works across all departments and in partnership with community organizations to eliminate systemic organizational marginalization and promote inclusive practices for the betterment of the utility,

the communities CAW serves, and the water profession overall. This is a unique, groundbreaking position for the public sector in Arkansas and the water industry.

She has 20 years of experience in public policy and community development. Prior to CAW, Edwards served as the executive director of the Social Justice Institute at Philander Smith College, director of governmental affairs at Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, director of public policy at Southern Bancorp Community Partners, and community affairs specialist for former U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln.

Edwards was recognized by Arkansas Business in its 40 Under 40 class of 2010. In 2017, she was recognized in Arkansas Business Publishing Group's inaugural edition of The Arkansas 200 as a leader who influences the way we live, learn and do business in the state. She was listed in AY Magazine in 2020 as one of their Intriguing Women. In addition to serving in numerous community leadership roles, she is a contributor to Talk Business and Politics.

Edwards earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a Master of Arts in professional and technical writing from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and a J.D. from Bowen Law School.

**Brian E. Gittens, Ed.D., M.P.A., Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Dr. Brian Gittens specializes in strategic diversity and inclusion, organizational and leadership development, organizational assessment, and analysis, change

### Club Meeting

Little Rock  
Meets at Great Hall William J. Clinton Presidential Library  
1200 President Clinton Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
Time: Tuesday at 11:30 AM

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management, and talent management in support of optimizing organizational performance and quality initiatives. Brian is a diversity and inclusion executive, human resource professional, researcher, educator, and consultant with more than 29 years of operational and administrative experience. He has successfully led and collaborated on the design and implementation of organization-wide diversity and inclusion initiatives, organizational development programs, and competency assessments. Dr. Gittens is a graduate of the George Washington University EdD., Higher Education Administration-research focused on leadership development and organizational culture and Virginia Tech B.A. Communications and master's in public administration. He is a Certified Senior Professional of Human Resources and graduate of the AAMC Healthcare Executive Diversity and Inclusion Certificate program.



**Mary Ward, Chief People Officer, Acxiom**  
Mary Ward serves as Chief People Officer at Acxiom, leading all people initiatives and programs aligned to Acxiom's core values. Mary is focused on embracing an innovation agenda geared at engaging, building, and expanding value across all Acxiom employees. Prior to this role, Mary served as HR Business Partner in each of the business and shared services functions. Since joining Acxiom in 1998, Mary has held a variety of associate and leadership positions, including several Business Analyst positions, Client Services Manager, and Director of Client Services. With a passion for associate care, people and leadership development, Mary transitioned into Acxiom's HR organization in 2012. By coupling her business acumen with her passion for people, Mary leverages her broad cross-functional skills to ensure all Acxiom associates and leaders thrive at Acxiom. She provides leadership on several enterprise-wide strategic initiatives, including organizational development, diversity, equity and inclusion, compensation, operations, project/program management, talent management, acquisition, and development. Mary holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Arkansas Tech University. She lives in the Central Arkansas area with her husband Tim and their two children.

## Zoom Meeting Login for Tuesday, March 9, 2021



Time: Mar 9, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)



Join Zoom Meeting  
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## Upcoming Programs



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9 Panel: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Moderator, Alese Stroud, Founding CEO, Isaac.ai  
Tamika Edwards, Special Advisor to CEO on Diversity Equity Inclusion & Engagement, Central Arkansas Water  
Brian E. Gittens, Ed.D, MPA, Division for Diversity Equity & Inclusion, UAMS

Mary Ward, Chief People Officer, Acxiom

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The Travelers: Historic Past, Uncertain Present, Bright Future

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Value of Arts Education

## Vaccine Appointment Updates: including a volunteer opportunity

### VACCINE APPOINTMENTS MADE EASIER

*As reported by THV11, 99er Marty Schack, General Manager*

Governor Asa Hutchinson said in his press conference today, Monday March 8, 2021, there will now be a "statewide vaccination appointment system." This is supplementary to a calling a provider. Some have struggled with getting a vaccine, so the state is devoting 30 personnel to run a call center within the Arkansas Department of Health. This will begin today and you can call [1-800-985-6030](tel:1-800-985-6030) to talk to a provider.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED VACCINE CLINICS

*From our 99ers at Baptist Hospital, Troy Wells and Lena Moore and friend of Rotary Cara Wade, Director of Corporate Commications Baptist Health*

I'm following up with your extremely generous request to help with volunteer needs at the hospital. I'm pasting below a brand new link that our Foundation has put together for people to sign up and then they will be in touch with the individuals.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Volunteer page is now live.

Here is the link,

<https://www.baptisthealthfoundation.org/other-ways-to-give/volunteer/>

Thank you so much for reaching out to me. Please let me know if this will work for you guys.

### TRANSPORTATION TO VACCINE SITES AVAILABLE

*From the office of 99er Charles Frazier:*

### ROCK REGION METRO OFFERING FREE TRANSIT RIDES TO SCHEDULED COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

*Riders Can Show Proof of Appointments to Operators for Free Rides to Vaccinations*

Rock Region METRO is offering free rides to COVID-19 vaccinations starting Monday, March 8 through May 31, 2021, with a possible program extension later if feasible.

◆As more vaccinations become available, it's critical to have Arkansans who seek a COVID-19 vaccination be able to get that vaccine with few to no barriers,◆ said Charles Frazier, Rock Region METRO chief executive officer. ◆The METRO team has been providing essential public transit service to the central Arkansas community before and during the pandemic, and we are happy to do what we can to remove transportation barriers and assist the state in its vaccination efforts.◆

The free rides will be in effect for the trips riders are taking to and from scheduled COVID-19 vaccination appointments and will be provided on METRO fixed route bus service, METRO Links paratransit service and METRO Connect on-demand microtransit service. Riders may simply show their operators their appointment confirmation (an email or printed appointment paperwork is sufficient), and they will ride free on the day of their appointments.

This announcement comes as additional mass vaccination sites are being announced throughout the community, such as the COVID Vaccine Clinic at the Centre at University Park operated by the

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in partnership with the City of Little Rock (6401 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Little Rock, served by METRO Route 3 Baptist Medical Center). Other locations offering COVID-19 vaccinations that are served by METRO include:

Walmart Store #124, 8801 Baseline Rd., Little Rock

Served by Routes 22 University Ave./Mabelvale and 23 Baseline/Southwest

Kroger, 8824 Geyer Springs Rd., Little Rock

Served by Route 22 University Ave./Mabelvale

Express RX, 10100 Stagecoach Rd., Little Rock

Served by Route 23 Baseline/Southwest

Baptist Health Little Rock, 9601 Baptist Health Dr., Little Rock



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## Birthdays


Emily Louise Money  
March 9th

Robert F. Birch  
March 9th

William C Dunkum  
March 11th

Steve Kinzler  
March 12th

Veysel Erdag  
March 15th

Served by Route 3 Baptist Medical Center  
Baptist Health North Little Rock, 3333 Springhill Dr., North Little Rock  
Served by Route 10 McCain Mall  
City Pharmacy, 1801 Broadway, Little Rock  
Served by Route 14 Rosedale  
Freiderica Pharmacy, 400 W. Capitol Ave., Suite 101A, Little Rock  
Served by Routes 3 Baptist Medical Center, 13 UA  Pulaski Technical College and 14 Rosedale  
Medicine Man Pharmacy (2520 Main St., North Little Rock)  
Served by Route 10 McCain Mall  
Cornerstone Pharmacy Rose City (4307 E. Broadway St., North Little Rock)  
Served by Route 18 McAlmont

This list is not exhaustive; visit [healthy.arkansas.gov](https://healthy.arkansas.gov) for all central Arkansas vaccination locations and clinics. Find more information on METRO service at [rrmetro.org](https://rrmetro.org) under the Services tab; check for active service alerts, including ongoing COVID-19-response-related service alerts, at the top of the webpage and under the Service Alerts menu of the free METROtrack mobile app. Currently, state-approved COVID-19 vaccination sites are open to all people in the state COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Phase 1A and the following groups of people in Phase 1-B: Arkansans age 65 and older, education workers (including K-12, child care and higher education) and food manufacturing workers.

## Events

No Events found

