

Illuminate the Rock



RCLR Tuesday, August 9, 2022

About the Program:

On Tuesday, we will launch a new innovative quarterly panel series where we explore in depth some of the challenges facing our city and community with thought leaders and experts on the front lines of tackling these problems. For this first one, we'll take a deeper dive into Little Rock's Growing Homeless Crisis.

Homelessness in the Little Rock region takes on many forms, from families couch surfing until they get back on their feet, to individuals in need of behavioral health services who are living on the street. The impact of homelessness is visible from Ndsdsorth Little Rock to West Little Rock and points in between. Salvation Army area commander Bill Mockabee will facilitate an essential and urgent conversation featuring Aaron Redin, Founder and CEO of The Van; Errin Stanger, Director, The Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub at Winrock International; and Michelle Barnes, Director of Housing at Our House. Panelists will identify the region's growing needs and point to cities and solutions that are making a difference in a growing national crisis. Please make plans to join us.



Bill Mockabee Michelle Barnes Errin Stanger Aaron Reddin

11:30 a.m. Networking and Buffet Open
Program at Noon
Great Hall, Clinton Center
Virtual Option: Zoom

Bill Mockabee, Area Commander for Salvation Army of Central Arkansas

Mockabee and the Salvation Army have revamped the organization's social service programming to be client-centered and provide wrap-around case management. Under his leadership, the organization has forged new partnerships with other service providers in the region and the Salvation Army recently began a mission planning study that will help identify the biggest needs within the community and opportunities for The Salvation Army to step in and fill any service gaps.

Michelle Barnes, Director of Housing at Our House

Barnes has served as director of housing at Our House since 2012. Our House empowers homeless and near-homeless families and individuals to succeed in the workforce, in school and in life through hard work, wise decision making, and active participation in the community. Barnes is a board chair of Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (CATCH) and has also served on the board of both Lucie's Place and Pulaski County CASA.

Errin Stanger, Director of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub at Winrock

Errin Stanger is the Director of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub. Stanger has more than 20 years of experience in fundraising, public relations, urban planning, community development, event coordination, educational programming, and membership development. She has devoted many years to serving and researching homeless needs and evaluating best practices for serving the homeless. She is currently serving on multiple boards including the North Little Rock Chamber, Argenta Downtown Council, Shorter College, and Refuge.

Aaron Reddin, Founder and CEO of The Van

Aaron Reddin, a native Arkansan, has spent the last 17 years combating homelessness in Pulaski County. Reddin launched The Van in 2013 with a mission of locating and loving the city's unsheltered and homeless neighbors by delivering food, water, clothing and hygiene products to homeless camps, city alleyways, bridges and the woods. Additionally, Reddin, through The Onc, Inc., has launched the Russ Buss in Russellville and the Mission Machine in Searcy.

Did You Miss, Gary P. Nunn?

Texas legendary singer-songwriter Gary P. Nunn, one of the founding fathers of Austin's progressive country music scene, was our guest on Tuesday - and we had a great time! He shared stories of how Austin grew into one of the hottest music scenes, and even performed a couple of his biggest hits. We were also proud to present him with an Arkansas Traveler certificate! As many of you know, the certificate expresses the state's highest recognition to out-of-state visitors who have contributed to the progress, enjoyment or well-being of the State of Arkansas. Congratulations, Gary. Thanks for joining us on Tuesday. And special thanks to his agent, D. Foster, and to Rex Nelson for moderating. You can watch video of the program here.

Service

At the meeting, Dunbar Magnet Middle School Chair Dan Parker shared details about our first service opportunity, Dunbar's Back-to-School Bash and Cookout on Wednesday, August 17! The club has committed to passing out "welcome back" goody bags and cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for the Dunbar students and parents. Thank you, Don Cole, for providing your grill and expertise! We will also need help stuffing the bags at the Club 99 office after our August 9th meeting. Please sign up for this fun inaugural event here.

Socials

And don't forget our Ottenheimer International Youth Program Welcome Reception on Monday (invitation posted below). Thank you, T. Martin, for hosting us!

We're bringing back our Club 99 Dinner Parties on Sept. 27. No noon meeting that day. Please save the date for dinner that evening.

New Members

We also welcomed four new members. Congratulations and welcome Whitnee, Stacy, Amy, and Chris.

As always, looking forward to seeing you on Tuesdays at the Clinton Center!

- President Denver Peacock, RCLR 2022-2023

Welcome to Club 99



Whitnee Bullerwell, Arkansas Municipal League

Amy Dafler Meaux, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



Stacy Hurst, Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism

Chris Mangum, Servato

Zoom login for August 9, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

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Upcoming Programs

August 2022

- 8 OIYP Welcome Reception (evening social)
- 9 Little Rock's Growing Homeless Crisis Panel Discussion
- 16 Stay Tuned
- 30 Envisioning 30 Crossing Design and Ideas Competition Winners

September 2022

- 6 Superintendent Dr. Jermall Wright, Little Rock School District
- 13 Showtime's The Circus Contributors Mark McKinnon & Jennifer Palmieri
- 20 Commissioner Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference
- 27 Club 99 Dinner Parties (evening event replacing Tuesday noon meeting)

October 2022

- 4 CEO Clarie Babineaux-Fontenot, Feeding America
- 11 Annual Little Rock Fire Awards Presentation
- 18 District Governor David Menz, Rotary International District 6150
- 25 Author Sam Quinones, *Empire of Pain*, *Dreamland*, *Least of These*
- 27 District 6150 Foundation Banquet featuring Club 99 Farmers Feed the Children project in Romania | project partners Ovidu Spinu and Viorel Bunea from Cluj-Napoca Romania (evening social)

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