

# Rotary



# Club of Little Rock

Tuesday, March 5, 2019



**Great Hall, William J. Clinton Presidential Library**  
**11:30 a.m. Buffet Opens 12:00 noon Program Begins**

**A.J. Gary, Director**

**Arkansas Department of Emergency Management**

A.J. Gary first entered public service as a member of the Arkansas Air National Guard, serving from 1980 to 1984. His career in law enforcement began in 1982 with the Conway Police Department, in Conway, Arkansas. A.J. was the first Conway officer selected to

attend the FBI National Academy, from which he graduated in June of 1990. A.J.'s law enforcement career included criminal investigations, narcotics, SWAT and patrol. He came up through the ranks and was appointed Interim Police Chief in 2000 and served there until 2001. After 20 years of service to the citizens of Conway, A.J. retired in 2002 at the rank of Major, Patrol Division Commander.

A.J. then accepted a job as Chief Security Administrator for Air Transport International LLC, an international Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 121 air carrier. In this capacity, he was responsible for all international and domestic security related issues involving the airline, including security training for flight and cabin crews, facility security, and regulatory compliance with Transportation Security Administration and FAA. He also served on the safety and security committees of the Cargo Airline Association and the National Air Carrier Association.

A.J. returned to law enforcement in 2007 when he accepted the position of Chief of Police for the city of Conway. During his time as Chief, A.J. was appointed to the Criminal Justice Institute Advisory Board and served as chair of the legislative committee for the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police (AACP). In 2014, A.J. received the Arkansas Chief of the Year Award from his peers in the A.

In June 2016, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson appointed A.J. as Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management and the State Homeland Security Advisor. He serves on the Arkansas School Safety Commission, Arkansas Governor's Earthquake Advisory Council, State Emergency Response Commission, Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) Executive Committee and AWIN Intergovernmental Working Group, and on the board of directors for the Central United States Earthquake Consortium.

A.J. has a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and a master's degree in Public Administration. When not working, A.J. spends time with his wife, three children and two grandchildren. He also enjoys fly-fishing, golf and making custom pens.

## Nominations Open for Business & Professional Leader

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Rotary Club of Little Rock Business and Professional Leader of the Year award. Nomination form is attached to this email.

The Rotary Club of Little Rock is seeking nominations for the 2019 Business & Professional of the Year Award. This distinguished, annual award recognizes non-Rotarians for service to the state and local communities in both civic and professional areas. A nominee should be a recognized leader known for having made substantial contributions to the growth of our community and state.

Nominations are due by March 12, 2019. You will be notified if your candidate is selected. The winner will be notified by the Selection Committee Chair and President of the Rotary Club.

Individuals are recognized at the Rotary meeting to be determined. A contribution is made on the individual's behalf to the Rotary Foundation and they are recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

## 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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## Club Leaders



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President - Nominee



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Secretary

## SAVE THE DATE!

By Karen H. Fetzer on Thursday, December 6, 2018

**The Rotary Club of Little Rock Proudly Presents  
2019 Police & Fire Awards Banquet**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Wally Allen Ballroom, Statehouse Convention Center

Doors Open 11:00 a.m. Program Begins 12:00 noon

*Don't miss the opportunity to honor the members of the LR Police & Fire Departments who serve and protect our citizens*

*Here's a short video courtesy of KARK from last year's banquet:*

<https://www.kark.com/news/local-news/honors-for-lr-police-firefighters/1084187232>

## Signature Project - Volunteer Training



All volunteers for the Club 99 Signature Project with Dunbar Middle School must complete forms and training overseen by the Little Rock School District Volunteers in Public Schools Department (LRSD ViPs). This training will be offered specially for Club 99 members on March 12 and April 2, before and after Rotary. Sessions are approximately 1 hour - session times will be 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on both dates.

Paperwork can be completed in advance. Forms will be available at Rotary tomorrow and are attached to this email. You will note the

form must be notarized - a ViPs staff member will be available to notarize our forms at the above session times and dates.

## Upcoming Programs

Meetings are held in the Great Hall of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library, unless otherwise noted  
Buffet line open at 11:30 a.m. Meetings begin at 12:00 noon

### March 2019

5 Arkansas Department of Emergency Management: Dr.

AJ Gary

12 Lesley Nalley, CEO, Hot Springs Village

19 Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor, City of Little Rock

26 Police & Fire Awards Banquet - LOCATION CHANGE - State House Convention Center



## One District One Book - Save the Dates



Announcing the 2019 One District One Book project with the Little Rock School District. This year's book - *The Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill. This will be our 3rd year participating and sponsoring this project.

*Twelve-year-old Rufus Mayflower is a genius at figuring things out. The young African-American boy can draw a map to most anywhere in Cleveland, make a pattern for saddlebags, and calculate to the penny how much money a project will need. He also has a good sense of what things should cost. So when he is annoyed by the prices in the drugstore, Rufus decides to make his own, less expensive*

*toothpaste. Katy, his best friend, is eager to help him, and it's not long before the two pals are in business. As Rufus and Katy develop a recipe, do taste tests, and put their friends to work packing the toothpaste, a wonderful story of success and friendship unfolds. This fun, breezy story set in 1960s Cleveland, Ohio contains many real-life mathematical problems which the characters must solve to succeed in their budding business.*

Save the dates - invitation/sign up to participate will be sent at a later date  
April 12, 2019: Spring Kick-off assemblies in each elementary school - Rotary volunteers needed at each school

May 1, 2019: Culminating Event - Clinton Presidential Center - Rotary volunteers need to staff our booth



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**TBA - various schools - Shark Tank competition - Rotary volunteer judges needed**

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## Inquiring Minds Want To Know

The membership engagement committee invites you to share accomplishments and significant happenings in members' lives. It has become our tradition to acknowledge these items from the podium at the last meeting of the month. Report your own or report on behalf of another member - just report!



### Events

March 5th <a href="#">Rotary Club of Little Rock - Weekly Meeting</a>	March 12th <a href="#">Rotary Club of Little Rock - Weekly Meeting</a>
March 19th <a href="#">Rotary Club of Little Rock - Weekly Meeting</a>	March 26th <a href="#">Rotary Club of Little Rock - Weekly Meeting</a>
April 2nd <a href="#">Rotary Club of Little Rock - Weekly Meeting</a>	



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### Birthdays

Jessica Marie Wilson  
March 4th  
Dan C. Cowling  
March 5th  
Anita Middleton  
March 6th  
James Chesshir Jr.  
March 7th  
Leonard S. Hasson  
March 8th  
Robert F. Birch  
March 9th

Emily Louise Money  
March 9th  
Kenny Clark  
March 9th