

Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

11:30 AM Buffet Opens | 12:00 Noon Meeting Begins Great Hall, Clinton Center

The Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: A Conversation with Justice Annabelle Imber Tuck

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials, a pivotal moment in history that brought justice to war criminals and laid the foundation for modern international law. Join us for a compelling discussion with **Justice Annabelle Imber Tuck**, former Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court and the first woman elected to the court. Justice Tuck will explore the profound impact of the Nuremberg Trials on global justice and human rights while reflecting on the enduring lessons that continue to shape international law today.



Born in Heber Springs, Arkansas, on July 15, 1950, Annabelle Imber Tuck has dedicated her life to the pursuit of justice, legal excellence, and public service in Arkansas and beyond.

Justice Tuck made history in 1997 as the **first woman elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court**, where she served with distinction until her retirement in 2009. Her judicial career began in 1984, when she was appointed by Governor Bill Clinton as Circuit Judge for Pulaski and Perry Counties. In 1989, she was elected as Chancery and Probate Judge, where she presided over the landmark *Lake View* school funding case, declaring Arkansas's public school finance system unconstitutional.

She holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law, where she was Comments Editor of the *Arkansas Law Review*, and completed additional legal studies at the University of Houston and the New York University School of Law. She earned her undergraduate degree magna cum laude in Government from Smith College, including a junior year abroad in Geneva.

Since retiring from the bench, Justice Tuck has served as Jurist-in-Residence and Public Service Fellow at the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law, mentoring students and supporting public service initiatives.

Her extensive leadership includes chairing the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, the Pulaski County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, and currently, the Arkansas Independent Citizens Commission. She also held board roles with the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace, and numerous legal and civic organizations.

Justice Tuck's commitment to public service extends deeply into the community, including leadership roles with **Our House**, **Jewish Federation of Arkansas**, **Congregation B'nai Israel**, and **The Interfaith Center**. She currently serves as **President of The Mussar Institute** and is active with the **International Women's Forum Arkansas Chapter**.

Her contributions have been recognized with many prestigious awards, including the Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame, Legal Hall of Fame, Tikkun Olam Award, and the Just Communities of Arkansas Humanitarian Award.

Justice Tuck's legacy is marked not only by her trailblazing role on the bench but also by her unwavering dedication to justice, education, and compassionate community leadership.

Zoom Login: 04.22.2025

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Upcoming Programs

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April 29: Little Rock Port Authority: A Legacy of Economic Growth, Bryan Day, Executive Director

Founded in 1959, the Little Rock Port Authority was created with the mission of "driving economic development by providing a world-class transportation hub connecting Arkansas to the global economy." Today, the Port of Little Rock stands as a testament to that vision, playing a critical role in the state's economic landscape. Bryan Day, Executive Director of the Little Rock Port Authority, will discuss the Port's history, its current impact, and its exciting future. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the Port of Little Rock: Past, Present, and Future.

May 2025

May 6: Celebrating 20 Years of Miracle League Arkansas

The Miracle League's mission is to provide special-needs families with the opportunity to find inclusive communities through the joy of America's favorite pastime baseball. Since the first Miracle League field was built in Conyers, Georgia, in 2000, the initiative has grown into a nationwide movement. In the spring of 2005, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International, the Little Rock Rotary Club 99 took inspiration from this movement and brought the Miracle League to Central Arkansas. Through the dedication of Club 99 members, who raised the necessary funds, the Miracle League field was constructed at Junior Deputy Park. This year, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Miracle League Arkansas—an inspiring success story and a powerful testament to Club 99's lasting impact on our community.

May 13: 80 Years of Workforce Development at UA-Pulaski Tech College (UA-PTC), Summer deProw, Ph.D., Chancellor

Founded in October 1945 as the Little Rock Vocational School, UA-PTC has evolved over the past 80 years into a cornerstone of workforce development, playing a vital role in supporting the state's economic growth. In February 2017, the institution became part of the University of Arkansas System, marking a new chapter in its history. Join us as Chancellor Summer deProw reflects on the school's rich history, highlights recent achievements, and shares her vision for the future of UA-PTC.

May 20: Battle of Fallujah 20th Anniversary, Dr. Jamie Griffin, Head of School, Episcopal Collegiate

Dr. Jamie Griffin, Head of Episcopal Collegiate School, will share his remarkable story as an aircraft maintenance officer with Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 242, the "Bats," during their historic 2004-2005 deployment to Iraq. Stationed at Al-Asad Airbase, the Bats maintained a record-setting operational tempo, flying F/A-D Hornets, delivering over 8,000 flight hours and 400,000 pounds of precision ordnance in support of coalition forces, including critical air support during Operation Phantom Fury's Second Battle of Fallujah and Iraq's first democratic elections in January 2005.

The talk goes beyond military history - it's a compelling exploration of leadership, resilience, and teamwork under pressure. Jamie will share insights from this awardwinning deployment, honored as "Marine Fighter Squadron of the Year" in 2005, and share strategic lessons that continue to guide his leadership in education today. Whether you're inspired by aviation, history, or practical leadership strategies applicable to any field, this presentation will captivate and inspire.

May 27: Business Professional Leader of the Year, Chris Johnson, Chair and College Scholarships, Sarah Beth Estes, Chair

Special Events and Meetings

Club 99 Social Event - mark your calendars

April 23, 2025, Club 99 Friends and Family Night at Dickey Stephens Park Arkansas Travelers v. Midland 3rd Base Plaza Gates Open: 5:35 PM Buffet Opens: 6:05 PM Game Starts: 6:35 PM

New Member Orientations

Chair: Melissa Hendricks Time: 12 Noon - 1 PM - Lunch Provided Location: Rotary Office, 425 W. Capitol Ave. (Simmons Tower), Suite 735 Monday, April 21, 2025 (revised date)

Affinity Group: Club 99 Book Club: Chair Sarah Bennings

Date: May 7, 2025 Time: 12:00 noon - lunch provided Location: Episcopal School, 1701 Cantrell Road Host and Moderator: Jamie Griffin Book: 10 to 25: The Science of Motivating Young People: A Groundbreaking Approach to Leading the Next Generation and Making Your Own Life Easier by David Yeager

July 2025 Host: Kristina Bolhouse

Affinity Group: Women of Rotary Chair: Kim Kirkman Time: 8:15 AM Via Zoom Dates & Topics: April 18, 2025, Enneagrams

May 30, 2025, Designing Your Life June 27, 2025, Wrap Up: Life to the Fullest

Service Opportunities:

May 10, 2025, Miracle League Club 99 Buddy Day, Coordinator, Charlie Kreps April/May, TBA, Dunbar Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Coordinator Beth Barnes May 12 (tentative), Dunbar Honors Assembly, Coordinator, Beth Barnes

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