

**Rotary**  
Little Rock



**Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

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

**Little Rock Port Authority: Current Impact and Exciting Future**  
**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.





Bryan Day has dedicated more than thirty-five years to state and local government, consistently focusing on building and strengthening communities. Since June 2014, he has served as the Executive Director of the Little Rock Port Authority, which was established in 1959 to “drive economic development by providing a world-class transportation hub connecting Arkansas to the global economy.”

Before leading the Port Authority, Bryan spent two decades with the City of Little Rock, where he held key roles including Assistant City Manager and Director of Little Rock Parks and Recreation. His public service career began in 1987 with the Arkansas State Park system.

As Executive Director of the Port, Bryan oversees more than 50 industries within a 5,000-acre industrial park. He also manages the Port Authority Railroad, the Industrial and Slackwater Harbors, and Foreign Trade Zone 14. In 2023 alone, the Port of Little Rock handled approximately 9,000 railcars and 800,000 tons of river cargo.

Bryan is deeply engaged in both professional and community service. He serves on the St. Louis Federal Reserve Transportation Advisory Council, the Central Arkansas Library Foundation Board, the Board of Visitors for UA Pulaski Technical College, the MBTC Maritime Transportation Advisory Board, the Arkansas District Export Council, the UALR School of Business Advisory Council, and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre Board of Directors. He also currently serves as President of the Arkansas Oklahoma Port Operators Association.

Bryan earned both his undergraduate degree and Master of Public Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is also a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School’s Senior Executives in State and Local Government program.

Outside his professional endeavors, Bryan enjoys an active lifestyle. He is an avid biker, hiker, and camper, with a deep appreciation for America’s national parks—particularly the wilderness areas in his home state of Arkansas. He is also a proud father to a daughter who is a nurse at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago and a son who is a loan officer with First Service Bank of Arkansas. At home, he’s the beloved human to one very spoiled Labrador Retriever.

**Zoom Login: 04.29.2025**

Join Zoom Meeting  
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**Upcoming Programs**

**April 2025**

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**May 2025**

**May 6: TBA**

**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 award-winning 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**

**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**  
**May 30, 2025, Wrap up: Life to the Fullest**  
Chair: Kim Kirkman  
Time: 8:15 AM  
Via Zoom

**Service Opportunities:**  
**Drug Take-Back Day Booth at Park Plaza**  
**Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025**  
Chair: Courtney Little  
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - volunteers for afternoon shift needed  
Location: Southwest Corner of Park Plaza Mall Parking Lot

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

**Club Leaders**

	<a href="#">Jason Chacko</a> President		<a href="#">Mitch D. Bettis</a> President-Elect		<a href="#">Molly McNulty</a> President-Nominee		<a href="#">Natalie Ghidotti</a> iPast President
	<a href="#">Drew Harper</a> Treasurer		<a href="#">Greg McCarroll</a> Treasurer-Elect		<a href="#">Amy Meins</a> Secretary		<a href="#">Rachel O'Neal</a> Sergeant-at-Arms
	<a href="#">Juli Brandenberger</a> Club Director		<a href="#">Nathan Coulter</a> Club Director		<a href="#">Becky Finney</a> Club Director		<a href="#">Lena Hayes</a> Club Director
	<a href="#">Tanya James</a> Club Director		<a href="#">Viji Kuruville</a> Club Director		<a href="#">John Monroe</a> Club Director		<a href="#">Wendy Wood</a> Club Director
	<a href="#">Ross Burnett</a> Membership Chair		<a href="#">Chris Mangum</a> Club Programs Chair		<a href="#">Jamie Higgins</a> International Service Chair		<a href="#">Dan Parker</a> Club Service Chair