

Rotary
Little Rock



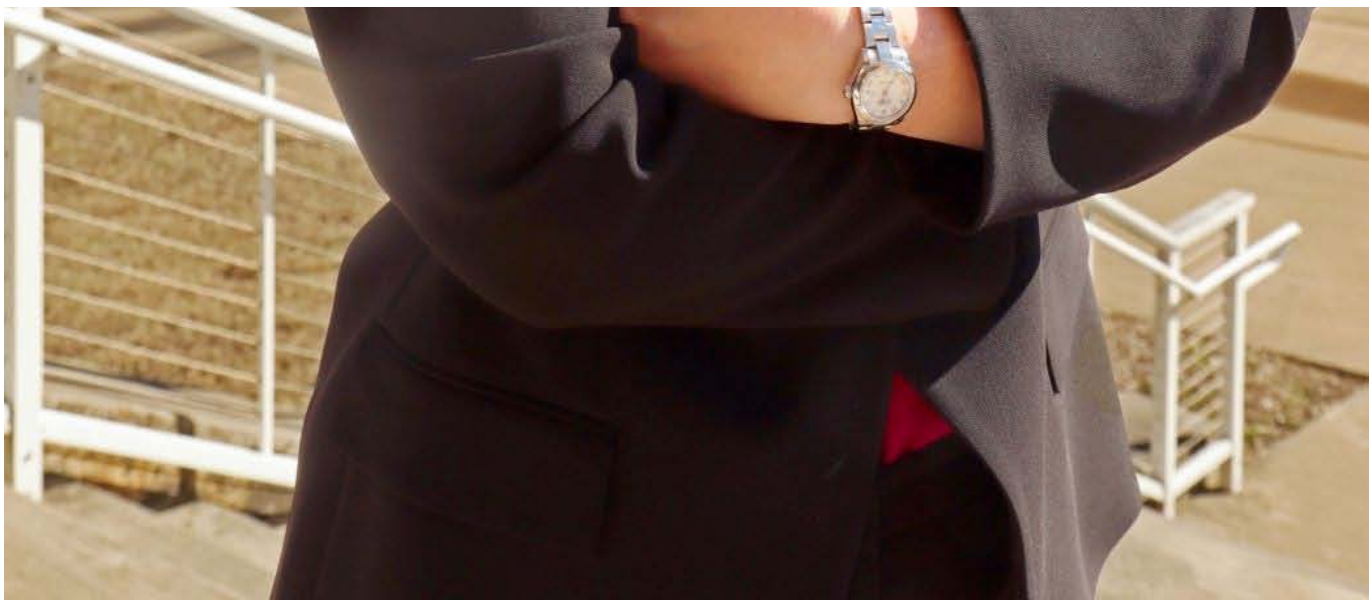
Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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

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

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Dr. Summer DeProw began serving as Chancellor at the University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College on Jan. 2, 2023. Previously, she served as UA-PTC's Provost and before arriving at UA-PTC, Dr. DeProw served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Assessment and Accreditation at Arkansas State University (A-State) in Jonesboro. She had been with A-State for six years and started as the Director of Assessment. She was promoted to Assistant Vice Chancellor after two years in the Director's position.

She has a strong background working with international and other diverse student populations. In 2014, DeProw graduated from the University of Mississippi's (UM) doctoral program in Higher Education, where she researched student intercultural competence development, postsecondary education systems in South Africa, and the history of faculty participation in campus integration during the US Civil Rights era. Dr. DeProw was named outstanding doctoral student by the University of Mississippi's School of Education.

During her career at Williams Baptist University, she instructed and mentored many international students from Asia, Africa, Europe, and Central and South America, as well as a multitude of historically disadvantaged domestic students. DeProw served for 18 years as Business Department Chair at Williams Baptist University and earned Associate Professor rank.

In addition to her post-graduate work, Dr. DeProw holds a Bachelor's degree in accounting, an MBA, and a Specialist in Community College Teaching from A-State. DeProw has served higher education since 1997 and, throughout her career, has mentored hundreds of students, developed curriculum and programs, coached national award-winning collegiate teams, participated in economic and workforce development, and served many faculty and staff.

Zoom Login: 05.13.2025

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Upcoming Programs

May 2025

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

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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

July 2025

Host: Kristina Bolhouse





















Affinity Group: Women of Rotary
Chair: Kim Kirkman
Time: 8:15 AM
Via Zoom
Dates & Topics:
May 30, 2025, Wrap up: Life to the Fullest

Service Opportunities:
May 10, 2025, Miracle League Club 99 Buddy Day, Coordinator, Charlie Kreps

May 9, Dunbar Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Coordinator Beth Barnes

May 20, Dunbar Honors Assembly, Coordinator, Beth Barnes

Club Leaders

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