

Rotary
Little Rock



Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

Battle of Fallujah 20th Anniversary

Dr. Jamie Griffin, Head of School, Episcopal Collegiate

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Dr. Jamie Griffin has dedicated more than 30 years to independent schools, gaining experience as a student, teacher, coach, and administrator. After graduating from The Episcopal Academy in Merion, Pennsylvania, he attended Blair Academy as a postgraduate before receiving an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, where he majored in political science and competed on the varsity wrestling team. Upon graduation, Jamie was commissioned an Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving over six years on active duty, including a deployment to Iraq from 2004 to 2005. During his service, Jamie was honored with the Navy and Marine Association Junior Officer Leadership Award for Marine Forces Pacific.

Returning to The Episcopal Academy, Jamie taught history, coached soccer, wrestling, and tennis, and served as a grade-level dean of students. His career advanced at The Haverford School, where he earned a Master's in education leadership from Cabrini College and was a recipient of the Preparing Boys for Life Award. In 2015, he became the Head of the Upper School at Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, Tennessee. After six years of service at BGA and earning a Doctorate in Education from Vanderbilt University, Jamie was appointed Head of Episcopal Collegiate School. He also serves on the Board of the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools and is a member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock.

Jamie and his wife, Maureen, have been married for 24 years and are proud parents of Episcopal Collegiate students Xavier '27 and Mary Austin '27.

Club 99 Welcomes Leadership Greater Little Rock Class XL Graduates, Tuesday, May 20!



We're excited to welcome many of the recent graduates of Leadership Greater Little Rock (LGLR) Class XL to next week's program. This historic class—the largest in LGLR history—was chaired by 99er **Billy Roehenbeck** and co-chaired by 99er **Molly McNulty**. LGLR is led by Executive Director 99er **Kellen Davis** and 99er **Mallory McClure** through the Little Rock Regional Chamber, and we're proud to support their continued impact.

The Rotary Club of Little Rock is honored to sponsor the **Karen Heard Fetzer Rotaract Leadership Award**, which provides a scholarship for participation in LGLR to a Little Rock Rotaract member. This year's recipient is **Chris Dudley**—congratulations, Chris, on your graduation with Class XL! We also extend our warmest congratulations to fellow 99er **Nikki Courtney**.

All LGLR alumni and 99ers are encouraged to wear both your LGLR badge and your 99 badge on Tuesday.

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Upcoming Programs

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

Special Events and Meetings

Thank you 99ers!

Drug Take-Back Booth at Park Plaza, Saturday, April 26!

Thank you, Courtney Little for coordinating and to volunteers, President Jason Chacko, Juli Brandenberger, Elizabeth Clogston, Rob Delaney, David Michael, Charlie Porter, Cyndy VanVeckhoven and Maha Witherington.



Miracle League Buddy Day, Saturday, May 10!

Thank you, Charlie Kreps, with assistance from daughter Harper for coordinating and to volunteers, Ross Burnett, and Casey, Rob Delaney and Tabitha, Rick Fleetwood, Barry Goldberg, Lena Hayes, Susan Johnson, Molly McNulty and Tom, Rachel O'Neal, Denver Peacock and Presley and Hudson, Pam Smith.



Upcoming Opportunities:
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 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 Kuruvilla 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