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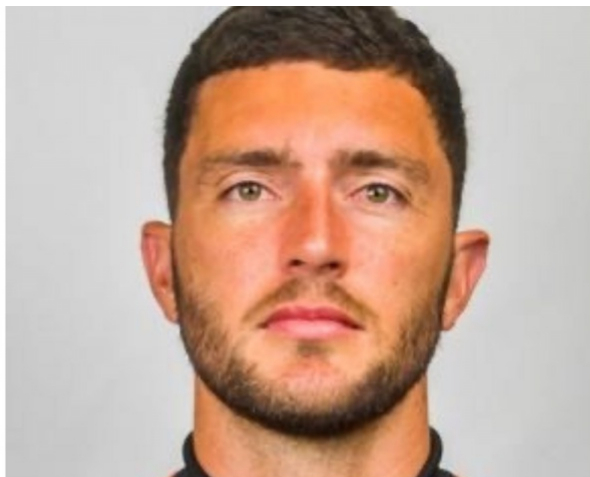
## Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

11:30 a.m. Buffet Opens | 12 p.m. Program Begins  
Great Hall, Clinton Center

### Kickin' It with the Little Rock Rangers

Soccer is big, and the **Little Rock Rangers** have been a key part of the popularity growth in Central Arkansas. Join us as we learn more about Little Rock's only semi-professional league and the growth of so **Matt Jones**, next week's panel will feature **Jonathan Wardlaw**, president and general manager of the Rangers, **Nick Doyle**, head coach, and **Ante Jazic**, technical director for the Rangers. The Little Rock Rangers Soccer Club, an American soccer team, was founded in 2016 and played its inaugural season in 2016. The Rangers play in the USL League Two, a national semi-professional league Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.

The Little Rock Rangers were accepted to play in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) in 2015. In 2018, the Rangers had a 7-4-3 season and qualified for the 2019 Open Cup, "the nation's oldest 2021. The team mostly consists of high school and college-aged players, therefore the team is entirely amateur in order to preserve the college players' NCAA eligibility. The Little Rock Rangers Soccer Club i central Arkansas area by bringing in top-quality players and coaches. The Little Rock Rangers Academy, run by the club, provides opportunities for children ages 1 to 18 to develop their soccer skills with coac soccer club scholarships to underprivileged but motivated children in the area through extra revenue from ticket sales and donations received.



#### Matt Jones

Matt Jones, former star quarterback at the University of Arkansas, grew up in Van Buren and had a standout high school career in football and basketball before being recruited to play for Arkansas for the 200 time starting quarterback from 2002 -2004. He was also a two-year letterman in basketball at Arkansas, appearing in 28 games in his career. Jones was drafted in the 2005 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jagi

During his freshman season at Arkansas in 2001, Jones led the Razorbacks to a thrilling seven-overtime win against Ole Miss. In 2002, Matt led Arkansas to a share of the SEC Western Division Champions pass to Decor Birmingham in the closing seconds of the season finale against LSU has become known by most Arkansans as "The Miracle on Markham." In 2003, Jones led Arkansas to another seven seasons.

In 2022, Matt joined the on-air team at ESPN Arkansas as co-host of *Halftime with Phil Elson*. He also appears on other programs and podcasts produced by ESPN Arkansas.

#### Jonathan Wardlaw

Jonathan Wardlaw is a Little Rock native, entrepreneur and founder of the Little Rock Rangers. In addition to serving as president and general manager of the Little Rock Rangers USL2 team, he is also co-ow Arkansas's Landscape Architecture program and played competitive soccer growing up.

#### Nick Doyle

Nick Doyle is the new head coach for the Little Rock Rangers USL League Two Men's team but has been involved in the Rangers program since its inception as a player, Club Captain from 2016-2023, a Africa, but played college soccer in Conway and is married to an Arkansan. Nick is also currently soccer assistant coach at Hendrix College.

#### Ante Jazic

Ante Jazic is technical director for the Rangers program and a Rangers Academy co-owner. Ante retired from professional soccer after a career as a 10-year starter in the European Leagues followed by seve the European leagues, he played for teams in Croatia, Austria and Russia. In the U.S., he played for the LA Galaxy and for Chivas USA. A native Canadian from Nova Scotia, Ante is a former captain and men and they have three children.

### Zoom Login for April 23, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### [This Week at Club 99](#)

### **Business & Professional Leader of the Year: Elizabeth Glasbrenner and College Scholarship Presentations**

This week we came together to honor **Elizabeth Smiley Glasbrenner** of Smiley Technologies as our 2024 Rotary Club of Little Rock Business and Professional Leader of the Year.

It's safe to say we were all inspired and moved by her speech, which highlighted how she has balanced the many duties of a CEO with motherhood and family obligations, including helping her amazing daughter recognize Elizabeth's unique blend of leadership, vision for customer service excellence, commitment to her family and her dedication to community service. Her modesty coupled with her genuine interest in being a leader and very deserving of Club 99's Business & Professional Leader Award.

Elizabeth is also part of the first father-daughter duo we have recognized as her father, **Walter Smiley**, was honored with the same award in 1989. She is also the third multi-generational recipient following Wi

Along with the Business and Professional Leader of the Year, we also recognized winners of Rotary Club of Little Rock's annual **College Scholarships Program**. Congrats to students from **University of Arkansas** for their accomplishments. We can't wait to see what the future holds for these bright students!











### Members Caught Having Fun This Week

Our members "caught" having fun are all about Service Above Self this week!

**Fire Awards Chair Becky Finney, President-Elect Nominee Molly McNulty and Club Executive Director Karen Fetzer** visited Little Rock Fire Department's Station 3 to present a special Allen Wayne wonderful day in celebrating our city's true heroes!



Huge congrats to all of our amazing members who give back to **Dunbar Magnet Middle School** in so many ways. We were honored to accept an award on their behalf this week at the annual **Little Rock Sc Club 99 Service Chair Dan Parker**, along with **President Natalie Ghidotti, Gigi Parker, Mitsy Tharp** and **Karen Fetzer**, attended the awards banquet to accept a Partners in Education Award from LRSD joined us on stage to be recognized. The facility and administrators at Dunbar Magnet Middle School nominated the club. Special thanks to Dan, who has volunteered many hours at Dunbar and coordinated a







## Special Events and Meetings

### UPCOMING SOCIALS

**Family Hike and Cookout**  
June 8, 2024

More details to come, but mark your calendar now!

### AFFINITY GROUP GATHERINGS

#### BOOK CLUB MAY

Monday, May 6, 2024  
3 p.m.

Location: Arkansas Business Publishing, 114 Scott St., Little Rock, AR 72201  
à€œLincoln on Leadership: Executive Strategies for Tough Timesâ€ by Donald Phillips  
Host: Mitch Bettis

### WOMEN OF ROTARY

#### APRIL

Friday, April 26  
Location: Zoom  
Host: Kathleen Lawson

#### MAY

Friday, May 31  
Location: Zoom  
Host: Lena Hayes

#### JUNE

Friday, June 28  
Location: Zoom

### SERVICE

#### APRIL

**Drug Take Back**  
Saturday, April 27  
9 a.m. - noon  
Park Plaza Mall Parking Lot  
Chair: Courtney Little

#### MAY

Gibbs Magnet International Fest  
Friday, May 3  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Gibb Magnet School  
Service Chair: Dan Parker

International Fest is a vibrant celebration of cultures from around the world, featuring various activities, games, and entertainment. To ensure the event runs smoothly and is enjoyable for all attendees, Gibbs M during the specified time frame.

Volunteers from the Rotary Club have always played a crucial role in the success of community events. Your involvement will not only contribute to the smooth operation of the International Fest but also showca

Volunteers can register at the following link: <https://bit.ly/GibbsVolunteers>

Upcoming Programs

April 2024  
23 Kicking It with the Little Rock Rangers  
30 Arkansas LEARNS Act with Secretary of Education Jacob Oliva and Panelists

2023-2024 Club Leadership



2023-2024 Leadership Team

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