



Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

French Colonial Influence in Arkansas: Judge Morris "Buzz" Arnold

Did you know that Arkansas Post, established by the French in 1686, predates both New Orleans and St. Louis as the first French (and first European) establishment in the Mississippi River Valley? Ever thought about how Arkansas culture was influenced by being a former French colony? Did you know there was a Revolutionary War battle in Arkansas? Join us as retired federal judge and historian Morris "Buzz" Arnold shares his insights on the French colonial influence in Arkansas.



Morris S. Arnold taught law for fifteen years and has spent the last forty years as a judge on three federal courts: the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas; the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review. In addition to these day jobs, he has enjoyed a forty-five-year side hustle as an author and has published five books, contributed to two textbooks, and written more than two dozen articles on the subject of colonial Arkansas. He lives in Little Rock with his wife of thirty-two years, Gail Kwaak Arnold.

Zoom Login for August 6, 2024

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Special Events and Meetings

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ottenheimer International Scholars Program: 2024 Madagascar, Welcome Reception

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Date: Monday August 5, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Historic, Award-Winning Powell House, 2623 W. Markham

Hosts: Bev Foster and T. Martin Davis

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Dunbar Back to School Cookout Bash

Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024

Time: 4:30 PM - 6:50 PM

Location: Dunbar Magnet Middle School, 1100 Wright Ave.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Book Club

Date: Wednesday, August 14

Time: 12:00 noon -1:00 PM, lunch provided

Host: Steve Straessle

Book: Stolen Focus by Johann Hari

Location: CHS Library

Parking: Park in the front lot (second entrance off University Avenue) and check in at the front office.

Upcoming Programs

August 2024

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13 "Bend Don't Break", Author Frank O'Mara

In recognition of the close of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, we have one of Arkansas' most successful former Olympians, Frank O'Mara (three-time Olympian and two-time World Champion in the 3000 meters, and former Alltel executive) discussing his new book, *Bend Don't Break*, with fellow Little Rock runner and business person, Gary Taylor. The book chronicles Frank's running and business accomplishments and setbacks and how they prepared him for his new fight against early-onset Parkinson's disease. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds going to Parkinson's research.

20 Providence Park, Errin Stanger, CEO

Chronic homelessness is a problem that plagues most cities today, and unfortunately, Little Rock is no exception. Providence Park is a 50-acre master-planned community providing affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for individuals coming out of chronic homelessness. Join us as Errin Sanger, Founder and CEO of Providence Park, discusses her vision for the project. Attendees will also participate in an in-meeting service project to fill care packages for homeless people, in collaboration with the Central Arkansas Library System (which shelters many homeless people during hot summer and cold winter days).

27 Ottenheimer 2024 Presentation: Madagascar

Come hear our visiting Ottenheimer scholars from Madagascar share with us their expectations and experiences of Arkansas as they wrap up their month-long visit. These two impressive young women have traveled half-way around the globe to experience American capitalism and democracy on the ground in our fair state. The Ottenheimer scholars' reflections are as much a learning experience for Club 99ers as they are for the scholars themselves, and can teach us much about how the world perceives our great American experiment.

Club Leaders



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