



Rotary
Little Rock



Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 Great Hall, Clinton Center 11:30 a.m. Buffet Opens 12:00 noon Program Begins

Q&A conversation with Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders



Join us next Tuesday for a Q&A discussion with Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Arkansas Business Publishing Group Associate Publisher Chris Bahn, focused on Gov. Sander's first six months leading the State of Arkansas.

Inaugurated on Jan. 10, 2023, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the 47th Governor of Arkansas, is the first woman to serve as governor of the state and currently is the youngest governor in the country.

Since taking office, Gov. Sanders has focused on a number of key initiatives. Those include Arkansas LEARNS, a sweeping overhaul of Arkansas' education system, including higher teacher pay and universal school choice; public safety reforms to invest in prison space and get repeat offenders off the streets; tax cuts to give more taxpayer money back to Arkansans; the Natural State Initiative to grow Arkansas' outdoor economy; and reforms to streamline state government.

In her first 100 days, Gov. Sanders delivered the Republican response to President Joe Biden's State of the Union Address, offering a bold vision for a new generation of conservative leadership.

Prior to her historic victory, she served as White House Press Secretary for President Donald J. Trump from 2017 to 2019. A trusted confidant of the President, she advised him on everything from press and communications strategy to personnel and policy. Sarah was only the third woman – and the first mom – to ever hold the job of White House Press Secretary.

Gov. Sanders joined the Trump campaign as a senior advisor in February 2016 during the Republican primary and continued in that role through the President's historic victory that November.

She has previously worked in leadership roles for U.S. Senators, Governors and presidential campaigns. In Arkansas, Gov. Sanders was a senior advisor to U.S. Senator Tom Cotton's 2014 victorious campaign and was campaign manager for U.S. Senator John Boozman's winning campaign in 2010. In 2007 and 2008, she helped lead her father, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, to victory in the Iowa Caucuses and seven other states as his national political director. She also served in the Department of Education during President George W. Bush's administration.

Gov. Sanders has been recognized in Fortune and TIME Magazine "40 under 40." She is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller "Speaking for Myself," a former Fox News Channel contributor and served on the Fulbright board.

She grew up in Pine Bluff and Texarkana and is a proud graduate of Little Rock Central High and Ouachita Baptist University.

Gov. Sanders lives in Little Rock with her husband, Bryan, their children Scarlett, Huck, and George, and their golden retriever, Traveler.

Check Out This Week's Meeting

If you missed this week's meeting, be sure to check out the link to the full meeting [here](#). You definitely want to take a look as we kicked off the new 2023-2024 Rotary Year in a very FUN way!

This year is all about member engagement and ensuring you find value in your membership in the best Rotary club in the world! This year we'll have many opportunities for you to connect with fellow members outside of just our Tuesday meeting.

We're also going to go on a journey together as we explore The Power of Fun and its many benefits to creating a healthier, happier life.



Rodney Block kicked off the FUN by leading a Second Line into the meeting room.



Members "on their feet" for the fun!







Cheers to the New Rotary Year!

Special Presentation

President Ghidotti made a presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) to her father, Dr. Dan Gardner. This is the first PHF of the year representing a donation to the Rotary Foundation recognizing individuals for Service About Self.

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Who's Having Fun This Week?

Each week we will feature a member and what they do for fun! Check out President Natalie Ghidotti and her love of all things rollercoaster [here!](#)

Intern Day at Rotary Club 99

Tuesday, August 1 is all about your interns! We have three companies joining us on a panel to discuss what makes a great internship program for both the employer and the intern. This is the perfect time to bring your intern as a guest to see what Rotary is all about before they head back to school.

Let's introduce these young people to the best Rotary Club on the planet and The Power of Fun! Be sure to register them as guests so we know how many to expect that day!

Welcome New Members

Steve Straessle, Head of School, Catholic High School for Boys

Sponsored by President Natalie Ghidotti

Introduced by membership recruitment chair Elizabeth Clogston



Upcoming Committee Meetings

Ottenheimer Youth Exchange Committee Meeting: Friday, July 14, 10 AM

Contact: T. Martin Davis at tmartindavis1@gmail.com

Membership Recruitment Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, following Rotary meeting

Contact: Elizabeth Clogston at elizabethclogston@att.net

July 2023

18 State of the State Conversation with Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders

25 Opening of the U.S. Marshals Museum with Benjamin Johnson, CEO

August 2023

1 Summer Internships: Making It a Win-Win for You and Them with Stephens Inc., Rose Law Firm and Stone Ward

8 Groundbreaking of the new Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Music Center with Executive Director Christina Littlejohn and Artistic Director Geoffrey Robson

15 Growth of Arkansas Distilleries with Matt Bell (Origami Sake), Phil Brandon (Rocktown Distillery) and Harvey Williams (Delta Dirt Distillery)

22 Artificial Intelligence in Education with Principal Nancy Rousseau, Central High School, and Head of School Steve Straessle, Catholic High School for Boys

29 Ottenheimer Youth Exchange Program Participant Panel

Zoom Login for July 18, 2023

Karen Fetzer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: RCLR Weekly Meeting 7.18.23

Time: Jul 18, 2023 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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