

# Illuminate the Rock

Rotary  
La Petite Roche 

## Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, June 6, 2023

### About the Program: Rotary Club of Little Rock's La Petite Roche Global Service Award

Please join us Tuesday as we honor the Little Rock Nine with our Inaugural La Petite Roche Global Service Award. We are extremely grateful for the support of the City of Little Rock, Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown Partnership, The McLarty Companies and our presenting sponsor Baptist Health for making this event possible! Member-only registration is still available today. We'll open it up to member guests starting tomorrow. More details in the flyer below. Thank you.

Registration required: [\[link\]](#)

Registration for members open through today, Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Registration will open for guests in the morning tomorrow, Friday, June 2, 2023 - check your email inbox!

# LA PETITE ROCHE GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD

You are cordially invited to join the Rotary Club of Little Rock and City of Little Rock for the inaugural presentation of the La Petite Roche Global Service Award to members of the **Little Rock Nine**.

Dr. Melba Patillo Beals	Elizabeth Eckford
Ernest Green	Gloria Ray Karlmark
Carlotta Walls Lanier	Dr. Terrence Roberts
Jefferson Thomas*	Minnijean Brown Trickey

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## " MAKING RIPPLES "

Like a single pebble that can cause a wave of change,  
acts of kindness and courage have the power to create  
an impact that ripples through a community,  
nation, and even the world.

**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 6, 2023**  
11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Buffet lines open at 11 a.m. with  
program beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Clinton Presidential Center  
1200 President Clinton Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Invitation is non-transferable;  
RSVP using the link above.

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## Did You Miss Arkansas' Aerospace and Defense Industry Panel?

Arkansas' aerospace and defense industry will continue to grow its presence in Camden, industry leaders said during a panel discussion moderated by Club 99er Andrew Parker of the Arkansas State Chamber. Other panelists included Chandra Hooker, senior director and site executive for Aerojet Rocketdyne's Camden Arkansas site; John Schaffitzel, president of Highland Industrial Park; and James Lee Silliman, Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development executive director.

Aerojet Rocketdyne will expand its workforce by approximately 200 jobs as part of a recently announced \$215 million investment by the Department of Defense. The Aerojet Rocketdyne growth follows a 2019 announcement that Lockheed Martin will expand its workforce by 326 jobs as part of a \$142 million investment.

Camden is home to some of the largest aerospace and defense companies in the world. Products manufactured in the south Arkansas town are used by the U.S. military and our allies across the world.

"The money we get from the [Department of Defense] is going to help us grow and get those products out at a faster speed," Hooker said.

Silliman called the products coming out of Camden "some of the most sophisticated defensive missile systems in the world."

Currently, Aerojet Rocketdyne employs about 1,000 people at the Highland Industrial Park. Lockheed employs around 700 and nearly 3,000 are employed by aerospace and defense companies in Camden. As companies there continue to grow, they are looking to expand their workforce.

Schaffitzel said community leaders are looking for ways to improve quality of life amenities and housing to help with recruiting efforts.

"We want to build some walking trails and shops and restaurants and housing options to try to recruit people to the area so they have a place they want to live and work and bring their families there," he said.

Watch Tuesday's meeting [here](#). For more on the program, you can read coverage from [Talk Business](#), [Arkansas Business](#) or watch this report from [KATV](#).







**Welcome to Rotary, Madam Clerk!**

We welcomed Circuit and County Clerk of Pulaski County Terri Hollingsworth to the Rotary Club of Little Rock on Tuesday. Terri is sponsored by District Governor David Menz and Becky Finney. Welcome to Club 99, Terri!

**Upcoming Programs and Events**

**June 2023**

- 3 Service Project: Dunbar Project Locker Service Day
- 6 La Petite Roche Global Service Award Honoring the Little Rock Nine; registration required (see above)
- 13 Ross DeVol, Heartland Forward
- 20 Northwest Arkansas Council Conversation with Nelson Peacock and Marshall Saviers
- 27 President Peacock Farewell / Transition to President-Elect Natalie Ghidotti

**Zoom Login for June 6, 2023**

Join Zoom Meeting  
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