



Rotary
Little Rock



Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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

Masters of Air: Inside the Hit Apple TV+ War Drama

Join us Tuesday, May 28, as Club 99 welcomes Arkansas adman and WWII expert **C.C. “Chip” Culpepper II** for a special Memorial Day spotlight on some heroes of WWII. As president of the 100th Bomb Group Foundation, Chip served as a resource for information during the making of the Apple TV+ series, “Masters of the Air,” which centers on the group’s story, heroism and the bonds that tied the members together for life. Chip will pay tribute to the unit (known as the “Bloody Hundredth” because of their high casualty rates) of which his father was a member and discuss his role in the series.



C.C. “Chip” Culpepper II is a principal owner and the Chief Creative Officer of MHP/Team SI in Little Rock. He is a respected communications strategist and highly-decorated creative professional, garnering recognitions on local, regional and national stages. His career has spanned almost four decades, and since 1999 has been invested in his partnership at MHP. The youngest of seven sons “all raised in a forestry family in rural Garland County” this “chip off the old block” is a homegrown professional.

He is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas where he studied marketing, tutored English and earned his degree in business administration. Throughout his career, Chip has performed at a high level “his work recognized time and again for its insightfulness, creativity and strategic excellence for clients from the Fortune 500 to nonprofits and everything in between. Among his career highlights, Chip named Little Rock’s “Museum of Discovery,” has created alongside world-renown artist/ animator R.O. Blechman, collaborated with Oscar-nominated composer Steve Horner, and written specifically for and directed Academy-award winner Morgan Freeman multiple times.

Chip is an active community volunteer and engaged leader. He is a member of the "Arkansas Food Hall of Fame" committee with Arkansas Heritage and particularly relevant to Club 99. Chip served as a founding board member of the Miracle League of Arkansas, and was a member of the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Team to Italy in 1993. He is a graduate of both Leadership Greater Little Rock and Leadership Arkansas, and he is a past chair and remains an active commissioner of the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, which he helped to open in 2001. He is an Honorary Golden Knight (Honorary Commander Emeritus) at the Little Rock Air Force Base. He also currently serves as President of the 100th Bomb Group Foundation, the charitable arm of the legendary World War II, United States Army Air Force unit known as the "Bloody Hundredth" in which his late father served.

Zoom Login for May 28, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

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This Week at Club 99

The Civic Arkansas Initiative

Special thank you to Past President Elizabeth Small for stepping in to lead our meeting!

Janet Harris, CEO of the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, delivered an insightful presentation focusing on the mission to foster collaborative problem-solving and civic engagement in Arkansas communities. Central to her talk was the Civic Arkansas initiative and the recently released Arkansas Civic Health Index Report. She emphasized the importance of promoting civic engagement and education across communities, stressing that this responsibility extends beyond specific organizations to everyone, including community leaders like the Rotarians.

Some key points from the Arkansas Civic Health Index Report included strengths such as high trust in local election officials and areas for improvement, such as low voter registration, voter turnout, and trust in the federal government.

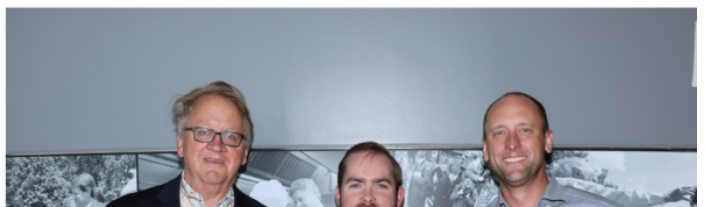
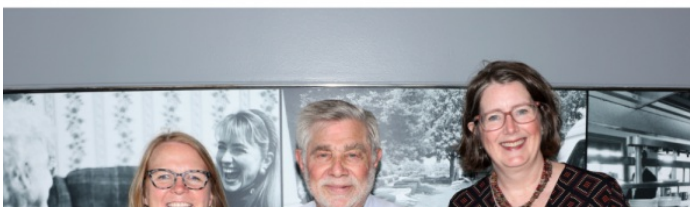
Janet encouraged participants to engage in a collaborative discussion on improving civic health. Some of the ideas that stemmed from the table discussions included the creation of a voting app, promoting accessibility in the media, incentivizing voting and political donations, encouraging volunteerism through accessible political meetings, capping campaign spending, and providing employer incentives. Emphasis was also placed on the importance of civic engagement in public schools.

She concluded by advocating for participation in Civic Arkansas and outlined plans to simplify voting processes, including developing a voter registration and education app. Through these initiatives, Janet highlighted the collective effort required to improve civic health and engagement in Arkansas, inspiring participants to take active roles in their communities.

Watch the full meeting [here](#)









In Memoriam

Past President Dr. James J. Pappas
March 15, 1931 - May 17, 2024



Members Caught Having Fun This Week - Thank you Volunteers!

Dunbar Magnet Middle School Partnership

Special thanks to two special Club 99ers who were recently involved at the honors ceremonies at Dunbar. **Mitsy Tharp, Dunbar Service Chair**, spoke on the meaning of citizenship and then presented the Rotary Club of Little Rock Citizenship Awards on May 14 to a 6th and 7th grade honoree. This award is specifically from our club and presented along with a Sonic gift card to a student at each grade level who models class leadership as selected by the teachers.





Also, **President Natalie Ghidotti** spoke and provided the same to the 8th grade honoree at the graduation assembly on May 16. Furthermore, each student with all A's for the semester received a Sonic gift card from Club 99.

How about a big shout-out to Mitsy and President Natalie for supporting our Dunbar effort!

AND....

Salvation Army Presentations and Interactive Discussions

Eight Club 99ers stepped up to offer some great advice and unique perspectives for those who desperately want an independent life. Each offered an hour of time to teach some specific life skills and offer interactive dialogue. The volunteers and their presentation topics include...

April 3 Ellon Cockrill Dietary Considerations/Meal Planning on a Budget Eating
 April 10 Chris Mangum Financial Wellness/ Budgeting and Planning for Today and the Future
 April 17 Jay Gadberry Financial Wellness/Savings and Checking Accounts/Banking Basics
 April 24 Ross Burnett Resumes/Job Applications/Dress for Success
 May 1 Quintin Cain Education to Achieve Goals for Independent Living
 May 8 Becky Finney Apt. Housing Contracts/Tenants Rights
 May 15 Terri Hollingsworth Citizenship/Community Involvement/Volunteering
 May 22 Mason Ellis Mental Health/ Friendships and Relationships

Please join me in recognizing these fellow 99ers in their demonstration of "Service Above Self"!

Dan Parker
 Rotary Club 99 Service Chair

Who's Having Fun This Week

Watch Danielle Collie fun video to learn how she "accidently" found herself as a sought after wedding DJ in her fun video [here](#)

Special Events and Meetings

SOCIALS

Club 99 Social

Bike Ride and Family Cookout

9 a.m. Bike Ride

11 a.m. Games, Fellowship and Lunch provided by Eat My Catfish
June 8, 2024
Murray Park, Pavilion #2

Don't miss some good 'ole family fun with fellow Club 99ers. We'll have plenty of food and drink, along with some fun games and a bounce house for the kiddos. For those who want to hit the road before the picnic, we're putting together a bike ride along the river prior to the picnic. More details coming your way!

AFFINITY GROUP GATHERINGS

WOMEN OF ROTARY

MAY

Friday, May 31
Location: Zoom
Host: Lena Hayes

JUNE

Friday, June 28
Location: Zoom

Rotary Pride Social

Thursday, June 20
Home of Jay Barth, 1711 Center Street
RSVP by June 18 kfetzer@littlerockrotary.org

June is Pride Month for the LGBTQ+ community. Rotary members who are members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to come together for a Pride celebration.

Upcoming Programs

May 2024

28 Masters of Air: Inside the Hit Apple TV+ War Drama

June 2024

4 Every Child Arkansas: Finding a Home for All Children
11 The Anxious Generation: The State of Teens Today

2023-2024 Club Leadership



2023-2024 Leadership Team

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