

Rotary
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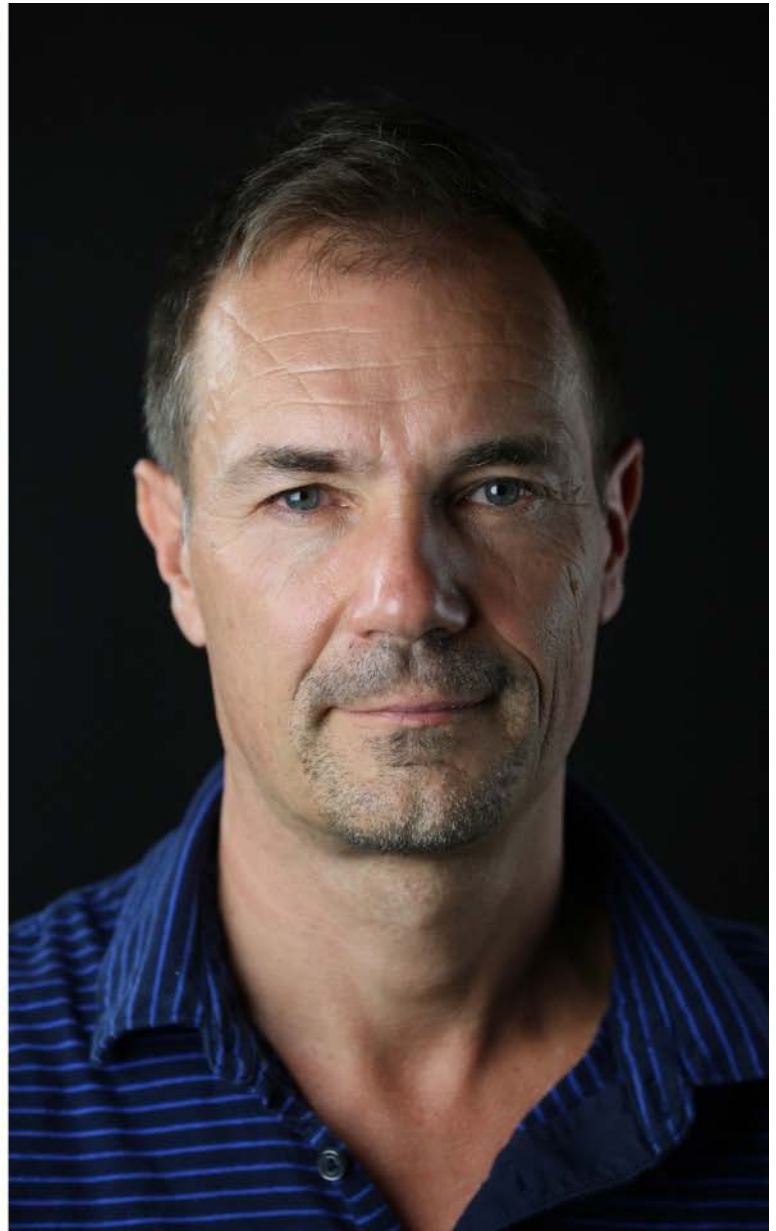
Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

11:30 AM Buffet Opens | 12:00 PM Meeting Begins
Great Hall, Clinton Center

The National Cold War Center

Liz Smith, IOM, Executive Director, Mississippi County Regional Chamber of Commerce
Christian F. Ostermann, Founding Director, History and Public Policy Program (HAPP)

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Liz Smith is a founding board member of the National Cold War Center, Liz Smith is also the Mississippi County Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. She is a native of Jonesboro and a graduate of Arkansas State University. She began her career as a classroom teacher in Blytheville. Following graduate studies at the University of Arkansas, she started a second career in pharmaceutical marketing in New York, NY. Over the next 22 years, she worked throughout the US, Europe, and eastern Asia, overseeing medical education and advertising programs for the nation's major pharmaceutical companies. She served five years as President/CEO of Peer Med Medical Education in New York, NY, and Montreal, Canada, and three years as president of Empiric Medical Education in New York, NY. She was also elected to the Sea Bright, NJ, city council for three terms, serving as Council President for five years.

Liz has overseen significant changes in her 20-year tenure at the Chamber, including its expansion from a Blytheville city Chamber to a countywide organization. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and past president of the Blytheville Rotary Club, has chaired the Mississippi County Community Foundation, was a charter member of Chapter DP, P.E.O., a former board member of the International Women's Forum Arkansas, and served on the Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault board. She has twice been named an Outstanding Businesswoman of Northeast Arkansas. With her duties as Chamber of Commerce director, Liz also directs the Mississippi County Chamber Foundation, where her work has included conducting onstage interviews with former First Lady Laura Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, author John Grisham, actor George Hamilton, and other notable authors.

Christian F. Ostermann is an award-winning historian and the founding director of the History and Public Policy Program (HAPP), which seeks to bring historical context to international public policy issues. Dr. Ostermann also oversees the Center's renowned Cold War International History Project (CWIHP) and co-directs (with Professor Leopoldo Nuti, Roma Tre University, Rome) the Nuclear Proliferation International History Project (NPIHP) and its Nuclear History Boot Camp. He created the North Korea International Documentation Project (NKIDP), which documents North Korean politics and foreign policy. Under his leadership, the Center launched the global archival platform Digital Archive—International History Declassified, winner of the American Historical Association's 2013 Roy Rosenzweig Prize. The program has become a globally active and widely acclaimed resource for new and policy-relevant historical findings and insights. Together with W. Roger Louis (National History Center), Ostermann launched the weekly Washington History Seminar: Historical Perspectives on National and International Affairs, which he now co-chairs with Eric Arnesen of the American Historical Association. Dr. Ostermann's book [Between Containment and Rollback: The United States and the Cold War in Germany, 1945-1953](#), published by Stanford University Press in 2021, won the 2021 Richard W. Leopold Prize of the Organization of American historians, the 2022 Harry S. Truman Book Award given by the Harry S. Truman Library and Institute and received an Honorable Mention for the 2022 Michael Hunt Prize in International History of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations. Dr. Ostermann chairs (with Jillian Hartley) the Interpretative Advisory Committee of the National Cold War Center (Blytheville, AR). He is co-chief curator of the exhibit The Berlin Wall in the Cold War: Living in a Divided World (Musealia, 2023), and he is a member of the Advisory Board of the International Spy Museum and the Cold War Center Berlin.

Zoom Login for November 12, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 871 0105 9309

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Events and Meetings

Affinity Group: Club 99 Book Club

January 2025

Hosts: Natalie Ghidotti and Juli Brandenberger

Chair: Sarah Bennings

Date: Friday, January 17, 2025

Time: 12 – 1 PM

Location: The Nest, 112 W Daisy Gaston Bates Dr, Little Rock

Book: 'Never Play It Safe', by Chase Jarvis

March 2025

Host: Steve Straessle

May 2025

Host: Jamie Griffin

July 2025

Host: Kristina Bolhouse

Affinity Group: Women of Rotary

Host/Chair: Kim Kirkman

Date: Friday, November 22, 2024

Time: 8:15 AM

Location: Zoom [link](#)

Topic: [The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace](#)

New Member Orientation Luncheon

Host/Chair: Melissa Hendricks

November 14, 2024

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Rotary Office, 425 W. Capitol Ave. (Simmons Tower), Suite 725

Upcoming Programs

November 2024

12 The National Cold War Center, Blytheville, Arkansas

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19 20th Anniversary, The Clinton Presidential Center

The Clinton Presidential Center celebrates its 20th anniversary in November. It is home to three collaborative organizations: The Clinton Presidential Library and Museum – one of only 16 sites in the National Archives' Presidential Library System – which is dedicated to the life, career, and presidency of Bill Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States. The Little Rock offices of the Clinton Foundation, President Clinton, Secretary Clinton, and Dr. Chelsea Clinton's non-profit initiative focused on developing leaders and accelerating solutions in public health, climate change, economic development, and women and girls' equality. And the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas, which offers the first Master of Public Service degree. Come hear about the 20th anniversary celebration, including the release of a new assessment of the Clinton Center's continued economic impact in Little Rock and plans for the future.

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26 No meeting. (Thanksgiving week)

Community Corner

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