

## Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

### About the Program:

On Tuesday, we will hear from Club 99er and District Governor David F. Menz in our annual program to learn more about what's going on in District 6150. Please make every effort to provide Governor Menz with a warm homecoming as he addresses our club during his gubernatorial year. As many of you probably know, Rotary International groups clubs into districts to make local administration efforts easier. There are more than 500 districts throughout the Rotary world with an average range of between 40-60 clubs each. The districts are led by governors and other officers who assist with these efforts, and the governors are required to make annual visits to each club in their districts.

### Rotary International District 6150



Rotary District 6150 of Rotary International is comprised of 37 Rotary clubs with approximately 2,000 Rotarians located in central and eastern Arkansas. Learn more at [Rotary6150.org](http://Rotary6150.org).

"The District is bordered by the Mississippi River and Memphis on the east and extends south to the rice fields and great duck hunting of Stuttgart and DeWitt, Ark. Crowley's Ridge rises in the east-central part of the District from the Mississippi River delta. The northwest part of the District is sculpted from the Ozark Mountains and is the home of the beautiful Buffalo National River and Blanchard Caverns. The White River and Little Red River form beautiful recreational lakes and boast some of the best trout fishing in America below their dams. Little Rock, the capital and commercial center of the state, is located on the southwestern border."

- Legal Description of District 6150 (7/1/99)

### District Governor David F. Menz, Rotary International District 6150

District Governor 2022-2023 David F. Menz became a member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock (Club 99) in February 1979, joining his father as a member, and served as president in Rotary Year 1998-1999. David received the District 6150 Rotarian of the Year Award in 1999, while he and his wife, Evelyn, led the first all-female Rotary Group Study Exchange Team in 1988 to Buenos Aires, Argentina. He and Evelyn, mother Patsy and father Fred are multiple Paul Harris Fellow Award recipients.

David was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Little Rock. He graduated from Little Rock Catholic High School and received B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Notre Dame. He taught junior high school in South Bend, Indiana, for two years before attending Vanderbilt Law School. David practiced corporate, real estate and municipal finance law for forty-five years, retiring at the end of 2019.

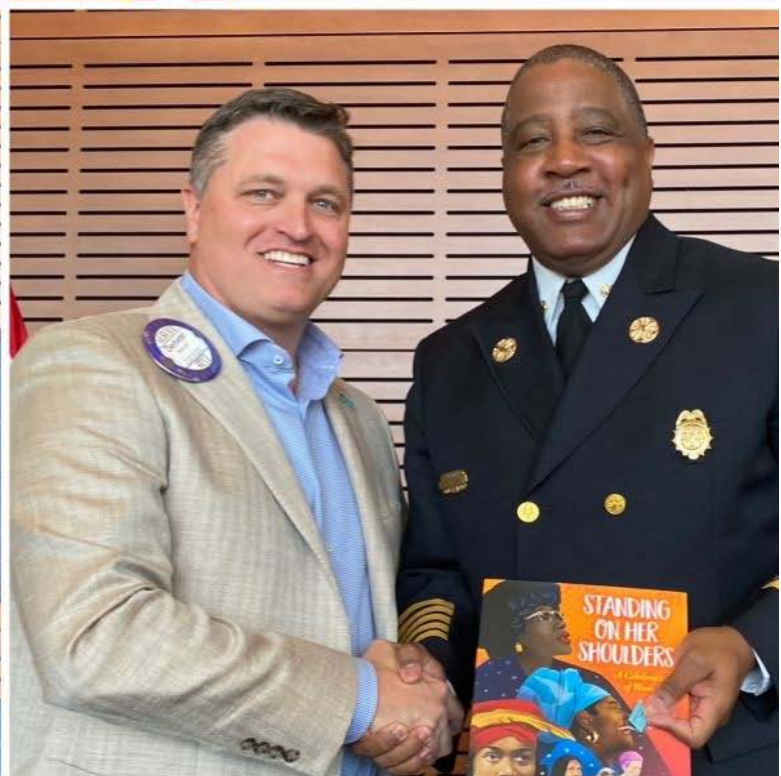
David and Evelyn attend Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock. His hobbies include golf, tennis, duplicate bridge, traveling and golden retrievers. He and Evelyn are on their sixth and seventh goldens, Molly and Margeaux.



## Did You Miss the 17th Annual Little Rock Fire Awards Presentation?







As part of National Fire Prevention Week, Club 99 honored the top five Little Rock Fire Department award recipients on Tuesday during its 17th annual Little Rock Fire Awards presented by Arvest Bank. Joining us were Club 99er and Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., Vice Mayor Lance Hines, City Director Doris Wright, along with Little Rock Fire Department Chief Delphone D. Hubbard, department officials, the top recipients and several supporting family members. Police & Fire Awards Co-Chair Elizabeth Clogston and President Peacock presented the awards.

In addition to presenting sponsor Arvest Bank, other sponsors included Arkansas Business, Baptist Health, Centennial Bank, Ellon Cockrill, Dennis Hunt, Hank Kelley, Greg Hatcher, Dan Parker, Gary Parrish/Parrish Delivery Services and Snell Prosthetics. Sissy's Log Cabin provided a beautiful watch, and McDonald's Little Rock owners and operators provided gift cards for every member of the department. We are very grateful to all our sponsors! Thank you.

Firefighter Sylva Scott received the Gavin Wright Resilience Award and was named Firefighter of the Year! She received a cash prize, plaques for each, a Firefighter of the Year Award commemorative axe and a Sissy's Log Cabin watch. Other top award recipients included Probationary Firefighter Jamoine Jones for Recruit of the Year, Captain Bo Hagar & Fire Data Analyst Torie Simmons for Persons of the Year, and Engineer Russell Lewis for the Operational Excellence Award. Each received a plaque and a monetary award. You can watch the full meeting at this [link](#). Congratulations again to all the brave men and women of the Little Rock Fire Department, who serve us every day!

#### **A Note from LRFD Captain Bo Hagar:**

I want to take the time to thank you on behalf of the Little Rock Fire Department, Chief Hubbard, Assistant Chief Durham, Assistant Chief Doan, Captain Jones, Ms. Ashford, Mrs. Dotson and myself for a wonderful event. Rotary Club 99 always goes above and beyond to support and honor our Little Rock Firefighters... We look forward to working with you again next year. Again, thank you for all that you and Club 99 have done.

Stay safe,

Captain Bo Hagar  
Accreditation Manager  
Little Rock Fire Department

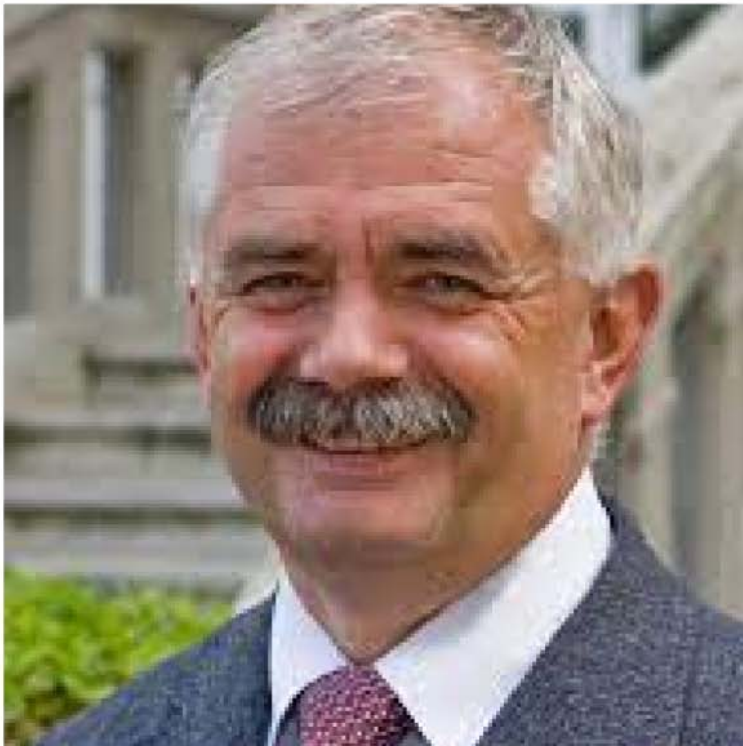
### **Welcome to Club 99, Kellen!**

On Tuesday, we introduced Kellen Davis, our twenty-eighth new member for Rotary year 2022-2023. Sponsored by Jay Chesshir, Kellen is the new executive director of the Little Rock Regional Chamber's Leadership Greater Little Rock program. Past President and Assistant District 6105 Governor Kenny Gibbs stood with Kellen in Jay's absence. Wendy Wood made the introduction. Our new membership streak is alive and well at 13 weeks!



### **You're Invited to the District 6150 Foundation Banquet!**

A limited number of seats are still available at the Club 99-sponsored tables for the District 6150 Foundation Banquet on Thursday, October 27. This special event featuring our very own Club 99er and District Governor David F. Menz will begin at 6 p.m. at Heifer International (1 World Avenue). Please contact [kfetzner@littlerockrotary.org](mailto:kfetzner@littlerockrotary.org) or [lfoster@littlerockrotary.org](mailto:lfoster@littlerockrotary.org) to reserve your complimentary seat.



## The Rotary Foundation



### FEATURED SPEAKER: BETH STUBBS

RI Director Elect,  
Asst. Regional Rotary  
Foundation Coordinator  
Zone 30

### ANNUAL FOUNDATION BANQUET

**27 OCTOBER 2022**  
6:00pm

Heifer International  
1 World Avenue  
Little Rock, AR

### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

### MORE INFORMATION

[rotary6150@gmail.com](mailto:rotary6150@gmail.com)

**TICKETS: \$100 EA**

**TABLE OF 8: \$720**

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

2023 Rotary International Director-Elect Beth Stubbs will be the keynote speaker. Stubbs currently serves as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 30 and District 6780 Trainer. A member of the Rotary Club of Maryville, Tennessee, for 31 years, Stubbs served as District 6780 Governor in Rotary year 2015-16, leading 65 clubs in East Tennessee. She was recently elected to the Rotary International board of directors. She will be one of 17 international Rotarians leading the largest civic club in the world. Professionally, Stubbs owns the Knoxville-based Beth Stubbs, CPA firm.

The Maryville club selected her as its Rotarian of the Year in 2002. She was honored with the Rotary International Avenues of Service Award in Club Service in 2020-2021. Her Rotary resume includes attending 20 international conventions, being in New York City for the U.N. National Day for Rotary, and traveling to Chandigarh, India, in 2009 for National Immunization Day, when she helped immunize numerous children against polio.

The program will be a celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Farmers Feed the Children of Romania, a Rotary International 3H grant-funded project in partnership with Club 99 and Heifer International. The project was the last and largest of the Rotary Foundation 3H grants. Club 99 Past President Gary Parrish started the project during his presidential year and served as the project chair throughout the life of the project. Parrish continues his service as a current board member of Open Fields in Romania. Rotarians Dr. Ovidiu Spinu and Viorel Bunea, who represented Heifer and Rotary in Romania, will be present at the banquet to describe the current state of the operation, its importance to Cluj-Napoca and Romania, and perhaps tell us what it's like living on the western border of Ukraine, where both are actively working to assist Ukrainian refugees. Learn more here at this [link to the Farmers Feed the Children video](#).

Dr. Ovidiu Spinu is the CEO of Open Fields Foundation – formerly Heifer Romania – based in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He received a veterinarian certificate from USAMV Cluj, a Ph.D. in pathology from the Romanian Academy of Agriculture Science in Bucharest and a certificate in virology at the Medical School of Nantes, France. After his fifteen-year career as a rural veterinarian, researcher and professor at the Veterinary School in Cluj, Dr. Spinu finds his vocation in the civil society sector. For more than two decades, he has been a powerful and inspirational leader for the charity and development sector of Romania and Central and Eastern Europe, with a special focus on rural and agricultural programs.

Viorel Bunea is an entrepreneur, expert and consultant in civil and industrial engineering. He runs his own construction company in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Viorel has worked in Ukraine between 1992-1995 to rebuild towns and villages in the aftermath of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl. He has been a devoted and passionate member of Rotary since 1997. Starting in 2002, he has been the team leader of the Farmers Feed the Children 3H project. As a Rotary International extension chair, Viorel has founded 67 Rotary clubs in District 2241 throughout Romania and the Republic of Moldova. Viorel serves as president of the board of directors for the Open Fields Foundation.

## Upcoming Programs & Events

### October 2022

**16** Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry (afternoon service)

**18** District Governor David Menz, Rotary International District 6150

**25** Author Sam Quinones, *Dreamland* and *Least of Us*

**27** District 6150 Foundation Banquet featuring Club 99 Farmers Feed the Children project in Romania (with partners Ovidu Spinu and Viorel Bunea from Cluj-Napoca Romania) (evening social)

### November 2022

**1** Arkansas Cinema Society's FilmLand program (TBD)

**8** Election Day Panel with Rex Nelson, Robert Coon, Charles Blake and moderated by Roby Brock

**15** Mary Streett, Senior Vice President, BP America

**22** No Noon Meeting / Off for Thanksgiving Week

**29** Angie Cooper and Blake Woolsey of Heartland Forward

### December 2022

**6** Broyles Award / Fireside Chats (option)

**13** Steve Williams, Chairman and CEO, Maverick Transportation

**20** Holiday Program

**27** No Noon Meeting / Off for Holidays

## Zoom Login for October 18, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86011694110?pwd=akZTYjB3dW5DNTFpTkRYb045d1REdz09>

Meeting ID: 860 1169 4110

Passcode: 267276

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,86011694110#,,,,\*267276# US (Washington DC)

+13092053325,,86011694110#,,,,\*267276# US

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 309 205 3325 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 931 3860 US

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 386 347 5053 US

+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 860 1169 4110

Passcode: 267276

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kXGnzWYhf>

## 2022-2023 Club 99 Leadership



**President Denver Peacock**  
The Peacock Group



**President Elect Natalie Ghidotti**  
Ghidotti Communications



**President Nominee Jason Chacko**  
The Chacko Group at Morgan Stanley



**Past President Kristina Bolhouse**  
Arkansas Financial Group, Inc.



**Treasurer Leigh Ann Biernat**  
Stephens Public Finance



**Treasurer Elect Don Cole**  
Methodist Family Health



**Secretary Tammie Davis**  
BancorpSouth



**Sergeant At Arms Greg McCarroll**  
Centennial Bank



**Foundation Chair Bill Booker**



**Mitch Bettis**  
Arkansas Business Publishing Group



**Eilon Cockrill**



**T. Martin Davis**  
Davis Law Firm



**Lena Hayes**  
Baptist Health Foundation



**Wanda Hoover**  
Bowen Law School



**Tanya James**  
Arvest Bank



**Kevin Newton**  
CBM Construction



**Jessie Wilson**  
Dale Carnegie Training



**Kenny Gibbs**  
Assistant District Governor