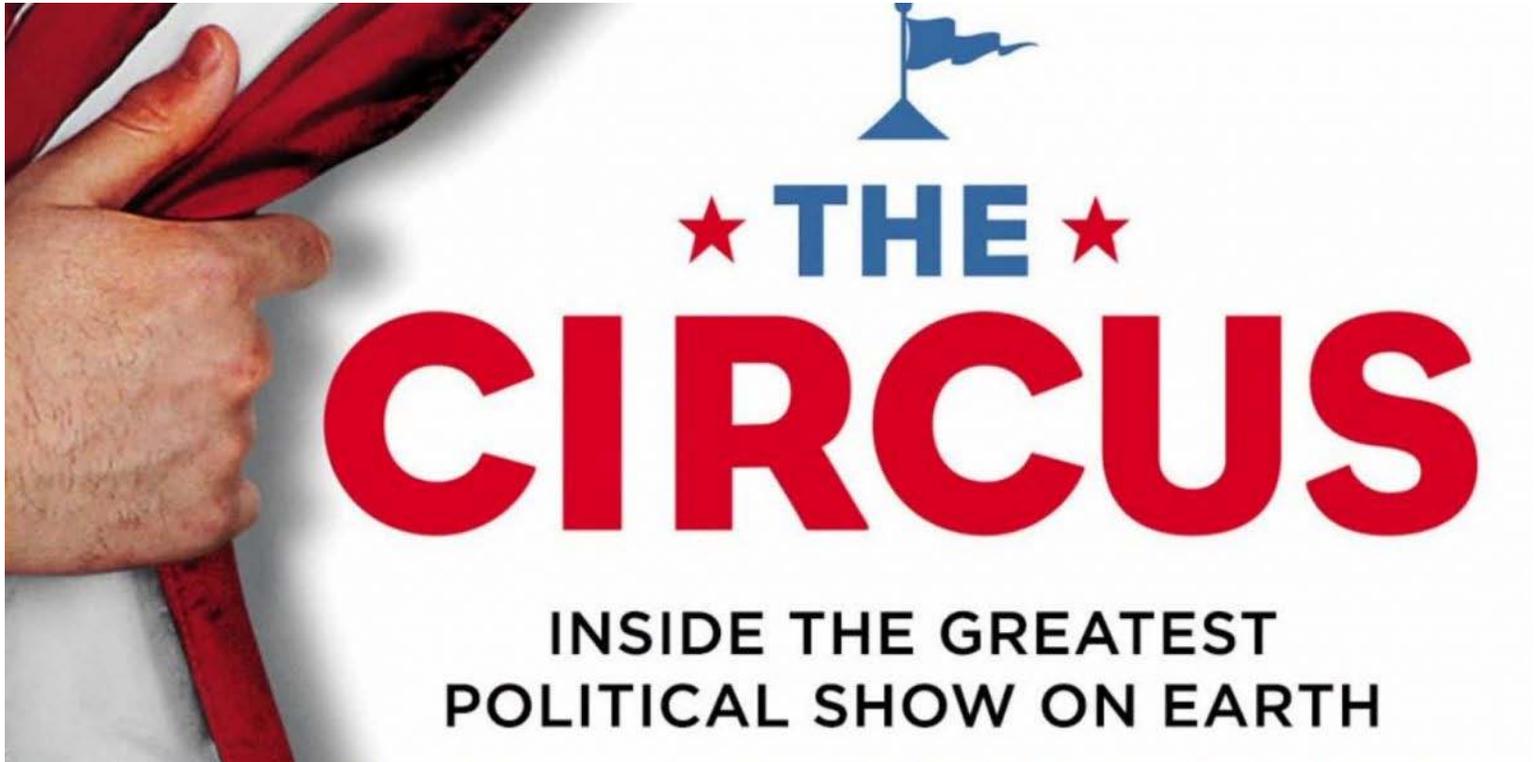


Illuminate the Rock

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Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, September 13, 2022



About the Program:

On Tuesday, the Rotary Club of Little Rock presents Showtime's *The Circus* contributors Mark McKinnon and Jennifer Palmieri, a joint program with the Clinton Presidential Center and Political Animals Club. *The Circus*, an Emmy Award-nominee in the news and documentary category, aims each week to pull back the curtain on American politics and take an unbiased, inside look at the stories beyond the headlines. McKinnon and Palmieri, along with co-host John Heilemann, return for the conclusion of the show's seventh season on Sept. 25 to cover the midterm elections. *The Circus* is the longest-running, most watched unscripted show in the history of the Showtime network. As a bonus, Palmieri will be available afterward to sign copies of her books *Dear Madam President* and *She Proclaims*. Don't miss this

program!

McKinnon, a political advisor, reform advocate, media columnist and television producer, is the creator, executive producer and co-host of The Circus. He has worked for President George W. Bush, Senator John McCain, late Texas Governor Ann Richards and Bono. He was the chief media advisor for five winning presidential primary and general election campaigns. McKinnon's No Labels initiative works to establish cooperation between political parties during a time of heightened partisan fighting.

Palmieri is recognized as one of the most accomplished political and communications strategists in the country. She served as White House communications director under President Barack Obama and was head of communications for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. She served as president of the Center for American Progress Action Fund, the advocacy arm for a premier progressive think tank, and was deputy press secretary in the White House for President Bill Clinton. She is the author of the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling book *Dear Madam President* and *She Proclaims*. You can reserve your copies of Palmieri's books through Wordsworth at the links below.

She Proclaims: <https://www.wordsworthbookstore.com/book/9781538750674>

Dear Madam President: <https://www.wordsworthbookstore.com/book/9781538713457>

More on The Circus and the Season 7 Trailer:

<https://www.sho.com/the-circus-inside-the-greatest-political-show-on-earth><https://www.sho.com/video/78967/season-7-of-the-circus-returns-september-25th>

Did You Miss LRSD Superintendent Dr. Jermall Wright?



New LRSD Superintendent (and new Club 99er) Dr. Jermall Wright began his remarks by asking for "extra points" as a speaker towards turning his red name badge into a blue one! Did it happen? Stay tuned. As part of his 100-day plan, Dr. Wright called for "re-imagining" the state's second-largest school district as he cast a vision for our community. Dr. Wright talked about his **Just Cause**, helping every single student meet and exceed their grade-level expectations in all academic areas. That, he said, is the reason I sought this position...the reason I will do whatever I can to make sure we get as close to that 'just cause' as possible in my tenure. Dr. Wright called on fellow 99ers to be advocates for the district, "take up for us – there is a lot of good in the district." You can learn more through @ArkansasOnline's story: [link](#). Or watch the video [here](#).

illuminating the Rock Story: What Was Forest Park?

Lions and tigers and bears, or in this case, kiddos and panthers and bears - Oh my! Are you living on the hallowed grounds of Little Rock's old Forest Park, the amusement park that was once the Coney Island of Little Rock? The original 160-acre tract included a summer theatre, dance pavilion, roller coaster, merry-go-round, bowling alley, a roller-skating rink, and a large swimming pool – all complete with refreshment stands and gardens. It also boasted of native bears on display in "bear pit" cages. By 1939, the entire area had been divided up into residential lots in what we now know as the Heights neighborhood. Thankfully, the park's name lives on through LRSD's Forest Park Elementary School, one of the state's top-performing schools. And that was just a portion of what I shared about the origins of Forest Park and what led to the development of our city's Heights and Hillcrest neighborhoods in my Illuminating the Rock Story this week.

Welcome to Club 99!

Membership chair Molly McNulty introduced us to the newest members of Club 99. Be sure to extend a warm welcome to Jennifer Glasgow, sponsored by me; Kristen Nicholson, sponsored by Eilon Cockrill; and Pamela Smith, sponsored by Rachel O'Neal. (If you are counting on the red badge to find them, better do it quickly. New members in this year's class are serious about their blue badges!)

And yes, Dr. Wright received his blue badge on Tuesday, along with a box lunch! You should have been there!



In Memory of William Aubert Martin

On Tuesday, we also paid tribute with a moment of silence to long-standing Club 99er William Aubert "Bill" Martin. Past President Sonya Murphy introduced a video Bill made just a few weeks ago thanks to the efforts of Past President Kenny Gibbs. Please take time to hear from Bill in his own words about his love for Rotary in this heart-warming [video](#). We will miss you, Bill.



Visitation: Tuesday, September 13, 5 to 7 p.m.
Smith Funeral Home
<https://www.smithfamilycares.com/>

Interment Service: Wednesday, September 14, 9 a.m. (about 20 minutes)
Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery at North Little Rock
<https://www.veterans.arkansas.gov/cemeteries/nlr>

Church Service: September 14, 11 a.m.

[Lakewood United Methodist Church](#)

According to the funeral home, masks are encouraged. All visitors are highly encouraged to wear a face covering over the mouth and nose at all times for all services.

As always, we hope to see you on Tuesday at the Clinton Center!

-Denver

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Club 99 Dinner Parties Are Up Next...

We are preparing for Rotary's big night out on September 27. Chair Ellon Cockrill is in the process of securing homes for Rotarians and guests to gather for intimate dinner parties across both sides of the river. Don't miss this unique opportunity to socialize and dine with friends in fellow Club 99er homes. This evening event will replace our regular Tuesday luncheon. Please help us out with planning by letting us know as soon as you can if you will participate: [RSVP link]



Upcoming Programs

September 2022

- 13 Showtime's The Circus Contributors Mark McKinnon & Jennifer Palmieri
- 20 Commissioner Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference
- 27 Club 99 Dinner Parties (evening event replacing Tuesday noon meeting)

October 2022

- 4 CEO Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, Feeding America
- 11 Annual Little Rock Fire Awards Presentation
- 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)

Zoom login for September 13, 2022

Topic: RCLR Weekly Meeting 9.13.22

Join Zoom Meeting

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