

# Rotary



## Club of West Little Rock

### Rotary Club of West Little Rock

Meets at St. Vincent Infirmary  
in the Terrace Room  
[Two St. Vincent Circle  
Little Rock, AR 72205](#)  
Meetings: Wednesday at  
12:00 PM

Club 2535, District 6150  
[www.westlittlerockrotary.org](http://www.westlittlerockrotary.org)

Chartered November 18, 1958

#### Club Leaders



[Pamela Jean Estes](#)  
President



[Nancy Leonhardt](#)  
President-Elect  
Club Executive  
Secretary



[William C. Temple](#)  
Secretary



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Bulletin Editor  
Club Programs Chair



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Service Projects  
Chair



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Membership Chair



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Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Bob Keltner](#)  
Youth Services  
Chair



[Roy Patterson  
Smith](#)  
iPast President

### This Week's Program April 3, 2024



Senator Clarke Tucker was elected to the Senate in November of 2020 and is serving his first term as an Arkansas Senator representing District 14. His district includes downtown Little Rock, Hillcrest, Heights, Pleasant Valley and parts of Chenal Parkway and runs north of all of I-630 and northwest Pulaski County. Senator Tucker served in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 2015 to 2019.

Senator Tucker is vice chair of the Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee and vice co-chair of the Medical Marijuana Oversight Subcommittee. He is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Joint Retirement and Social Security Committee, the Senate Efficiency Committee, the Senate Ethics Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, the Arkansas Legislative Council, the Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee, the Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee, the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee and the Policy-Making Subcommittee.

During his tenure in the House, he worked across the aisle to strengthen families and create educational opportunities for children. His legislative agenda included bills to protect workers and senior citizens, and included several bills to enhance penalties for offenses against women and children, such as Act 301 of 2017 to make the penalties for domestic battery equivalent to the penalties for battery in the first degree.

In 2017, he sponsored Act 538 to require lifetime registration on the sex offender registry for persons convicted of forcible rape. Act 130, also sponsored by Tucker, includes the use of electronic media in the legal definition of harassing communications.

Also in 2017, then Representative Tucker was the lead House sponsor of Act 430 and Act 431, ethics legislation that broadened the definition of criminal offenses concerning abuses of public office.

In 2015 he was the lead House sponsor for Act 1023, to require risk and needs assessments of juvenile offenders. Juvenile judges now use a uniform system across Arkansas, and young people who commit minor offenses are not sent to a detention center to be with serious and violent offenders.

Tucker was the lead House sponsor of Act 1270 to increase the penalties for abuse of a public trust, making it a Class B felony if the offender benefitted by \$25,000 or more and a Class C felony if the benefit is greater than \$5,000.

He was a co-sponsor of Act 895 of 2015, the Criminal Justice Reform Act. It updates standards for managing prison overcrowding with new rules for granting parole to inmates, for revoking parole when those inmates commit major or minor infractions, for preparing inmates for life outside prison and for classifying offenders who go through drug courts.

Senator Tucker earned a B.A. in government from Harvard University in 2003. He graduated with a J.D. degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2006.

Senator Tucker is active at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, where he has served on the Vestry, as Chancellor and as Senior Warden. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Just Communities of Arkansas and of the Arkansas Imagination Library, and he is the founder of the Pulaski County Imagination Library. It works with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to deliver age appropriate books to all children in Pulaski County up to the age of five.

He is founding Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tiger Foundation, an organization that benefits and supports Little Rock Central High School. A proud alumnus and former student body president, Senator Tucker is a past coach of Central's mock trial team.

He also serves on and is past president of the Central High School Alumni Association Board of Directors. Senator Tucker lives in Little Rock with his wife, Toni, and their two children.

## Birthdays



Tom Bridgers  
March 31st



Diane R. Rhodes  
April 2nd



Brandon Mazander  
April 3rd



Sandra Joe Maxwell  
Smith  
April 9th



Shannon Gwinn  
April 23rd



Bob Barnes  
April 30th

## Years of Service

Kevin Freier  
03-31-1997  
27 Years

Chris Fleischmann  
04-26-2010  
14 Years

Jennifer Dillaha  
04-14-2011  
13 Years

Diane R. Rhodes  
04-29-2022  
2 Years

Brandon Mazander  
04-15-2023  
1 Year

Joel C Gill  
04-26-2023  
1 Year

## Mark Your Calendars

April 3rd - Clarke Tucker, State Senator

April 10th - Dr. Burke Soffe, Dean of Lyon College School of Oral Health and Dental Medicine

April 17th - James Arbuckle, Leading with Gratitude

April 18th - Arkansas Travelers Baseball Game Social Event



## WLR Rotary at the Ballpark Social



You are invited to join your fellow WLR Rotarians as we cheer on the Arkansas Travelers vs. the Frisco RoughRiders.

When: Thursday, April 18 at Dickey-Stephens Park, 400 N. Broadway, NLR

Time: Gates open at 5:35 pm. Buffet opens at 6:05 pm (for 2 hours). Game time is 6:35 pm.

Cost: \$20/person. Includes hamburger/hotdog, baked beans, chips, popcorn, a cookie, soft drinks, sweet tea, water and a reserved ticket to the game

Payment may be made via Venmo @westlittlerockrotary or bring cash/check to Nancy at Rotary. Checks payable to West Little Rock Rotary.

[Register here by April 4<sup>th</sup>.](#)

Questions? Contact Nancy at [wlrrotary@gmail.com](mailto:wlrrotary@gmail.com)

## Community Service Corner

### COMMUNITY SERVICE CONNECTION

April  
Grape/Strawberry Jelly

Goal: 30 jars  
Collected to date: 0



## **Four-Way Test**

The Four Way Test of the things we think, say, or do...

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?