

Rotary



Club of West Little Rock

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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](#)

Chartered November 18, 1958

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This Week's Program April 24, 2024



NEIL ERISMAN - UA LITTLE ROCK WRESTLING

Neil Erisman was hired as the program's first head wrestling coach on June 20, 2018, another step in the process of adding wrestling as Little Rock's 15th intercollegiate athletic program.

Erisman was named the 2023-24 NWCA Coach of the Year and Pac-12 Coach of the Year after leading Little Rock to multiple milestones. The team tripled their dual wins year-over-year and broke into the NWCA top 25 poll for the first time in school history, finishing as #18 in the nation as a team. The Trojans finished as Pac-12 runners-up for the first time as well. In addition, five Trojans made the National Tournament and the program claimed its first two All-Americans and placers in Nasir Bailey and Stephen Little.

In just his second year as head coach, Erisman helped the program collect their first National qualifier: Paul Bianchi. Bianchi advanced to the second day of competition at the 2021 NCAA

Championships.

Erisman brings to Little Rock an impressive career both as a competitor and coach at the Division I level, encompassing two of the nation's top programs in Oklahoma State and North Carolina. During his coaching career, Erisman has mentored 20 NCAA All-Americans and four NCAA individual champions.

Erisman has spent the past four seasons at the University of North Carolina where he has played a key role in helping the Tar Heels improve on the national stage. In his four seasons in Chapel Hill, Erisman has helped guide UNC to an overall record of 41-28, finishing third in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2015-16 and 2017-18.

During his time in Chapel Hill, Erisman has mentored four ACC individual champions and four NCAA All-Americans, highlighted by the 2017-18 season when Troy Heilmann (149) and Ethan Ramos (174) both claimed ACC titles. Heilmann then went on to place fourth in the NCAA Championships in Cleveland with Chip Ness (184) placing seventh, earning the duo All-America honors as the Tar Heels tied for 20th, their highest finish since placing eighth in 1995.

The Tar Heels also produced a pair of ACC champions in 2015-16 in Evan Henderson (149) and Ethan Ramos (174) with Joey Ward finishing seventh in the NCAA championships at 141. In his first season in Chapel Hill, Erisman worked closely with Ethan Ramos, who finished second in the ACC at 165 before placing sixth at NCAAs.

Additionally, Erisman earned a reputation as a top recruiter, helping North Carolina post top-10 recruiting classes in his first three seasons.

Prior to his time in Chapel Hill, Erisman spent one season as the assistant wrestling coach at Stillwater High School in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He helped guide the Pioneers to the 2014 Oklahoma 6A state championship while also being named the 2014 Oklahoma High School National Team Coach.

Erisman's coaching career began at his alma mater, serving as a graduate assistant coach at Oklahoma State from 2011-13 under legendary coach John Smith. One of his main priorities was helping with the development of the Cowboys' freshman wrestlers while helping continue the tradition of Oklahoma State wrestling.

During his two years as a graduate assistant, OSU placed sixth at the 2012 NCAA Championships, followed by a Big 12 championship in 2013 while finishing second at the 2013 NCAA Championships.

Erisman put together a stellar collegiate career in Stillwater, compiling an overall record of 92-36 and was a four year letterwinner for the Cowboys from 2007-11 under coach Smith. He was the 2011 Big 12 Champion at 157 pounds after placing second in 2010 and third in 2009, being named an Academic All-Big 12 selection in 2008.

A native of DeSoto, Kansas, Erisman compiled a 150-5 prep record at DeSoto High School and was both a state and cadet national champion. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State in 2011.

He and his wife, Kelli, have five children.

Birthdays



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

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

Community Service Corner

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONNECTION

April
Grape/Strawberry Jelly

Goal: 30 jars
Collected to date: 3

May Service Project to honor the Teachers and Staff at Terry Elementary

West Little Rock Rotarians will be providing Teacher Appreciation Treats for the Teachers and Staff at Terry Elementary!

We will be assembling 65 treat bags filled with goodies before the meeting on Wednesday, May 1st. We will meet at 11:00am.

We will need pre-packaged snacks to fill all 65 treat bags. Ideas: granola bars, chips, candy, crackers, mini waters and/or soft drinks. Please bring your snacks to the meeting on or before

Wednesday, May 1st. If you would rather donate money towards the purchase of snacks/gift cards -you may give cash to Elizabeth Meyer or Nancy Leonhardt or Venmo: @westlittlerockrotary Email Elizabeth Meyer at Elizabeth.meyer@bankencore.com if you have any questions.

The treat bags will be delivered to Terry during Teacher Appreciation week May 6-10.

Thank you for your service!

Volunteer Opportunity

May 18 (Saturday) 9 to noon. Volunteer at the Arkansas Food Bank

Please follow these instructions to register online for your reserved event(s):

1. Visit the Arkansas Foodbank event registration page: <https://cerv.is/0334rwlrrotary> (This link will only display the events specifically reserved for your group).
2. Select your desired event and follow the on screen instructions to access the CERVIS registration system. If this is your first time using the CERVIS online registration system, you will be prompted to create a Volunteer Profile.

Event Reservation Code: wlrrotary



Mark Your Calendars



April 24th - Coach Neil Erisman, UA Little Rock Wrestling

April 26th - Rotary District Conference/Assembly

April 27th - Prescription Drug Take Back Day

May 1st - Service Project for Terry Elementary at 11:00 AM

May 1st - Alyson Courtney, Argenta

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?