

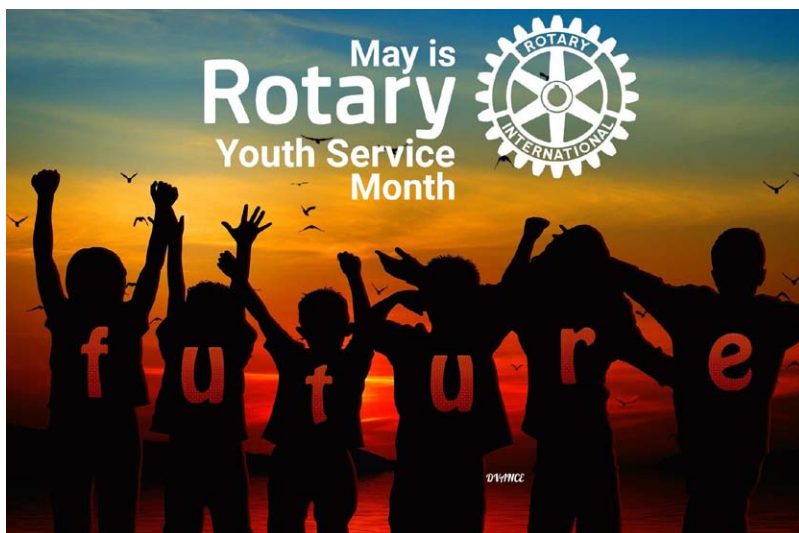
The Rotary Spokesman

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Monday, May 5, 2025



May Schedule of Activities



Date	Activity/Program	Location
May 1	Business Expo	PB Convention Center
May 8	Bessie Lancelin, Community Mental Health (SEABHS)	PB Country Club
May 15	Debra Allen, First Ward Pantry	PB Country Club
May 21	Board of Directors Meeting	Reynolds Building
May 22	Club Visioning	Country Club
May 29	TBA	

Polio Update - 22 April 2025

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases									
	Full year total							01 Jan-22 Apr ¹		Date of most recent case
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2025	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	74	2	6	11-Feb-25
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	25	2	2	09-Mar-25
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type 1)	33	176	140	6	30	12	99	4	8	
Tot. in endemic countries	33	176	140	5	22	12	99	4	8	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Total Female	18	72	59	2	10	4	43	2	4	
Total Male	15	104	81	4	20	8	56	2	4	

Polio this week as of 22 April

Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 15 April 2025

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

Club Meeting

West Pine Bluff
Meets at Pine Bluff
Country Club with
Zoom Meeting Meeting
ID: 882 2017 7860
Password: wpbrotary
1100 W. 46th Avenue
Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Time: Thursday at
12:00 PM

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- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 99**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2025: 8** (compared with 4 for the same period in 2024)

RYLA 2025 Program

The program for 17 April 2025 was a joint meeting of the Rotary Clubs of West Pine Bluff and Pine Bluff to allow the student campers and junior counselors to give a report of their experience. Three of the four 2025 RYLAtarians were present for the gathering. Each of them expressed thanks for being sponsored by our clubs to attend the camp and shared the life-shaping experience the camp was for them. While one of the students was not present at our meeting, we plan to have her attend another meeting to give us a report of her impressions from the camp.

We also hosted three junior counselors from our area who attended the camp last year. Our guests for the meeting included some family members of the campers, school administrators, and school counselors along with the press. Roy was the coordinator for our RYLA participation and shared presiding with Diane Tatum, past President of the Rotary Club of Pine Bluff.



UAPB Observing National Arbor Day



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On Monday, April 21, 2025, President-elect Kevin Harris led the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in observing National Arbor Day by planting a Leyland Cypress tree near the W. E. O'Bryant Bell Tower at the heart of the campus. Kevin worked to get the campus designated as a Tree Campus and, for the second consecutive year, has held an educational seminar while planting a tree on campus. Kevin explained that the cypress tree that was planted can grow as much as five feet each year and will continue the diversification of trees at UAPB and beautification of the campus. He is a champion for caring for the environment and has led our club in doing projects that support the cause.

WPB Wheelhouse - Challenge League Concessions



A handful of Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff members were more than sufficient to handle the concession stand at the Challenge League Baseball game on April 24, 2025. They sold sodas and energy drinks, candy and popsicles, popcorn and hot dogs, pickles, and nachos with cheese (jalapeños on demand). They had it going on at Ed Brown Field. Great time of fellowship and fun! Definitely a hit! And that passes the four-way test.

Weekly Club Meeting Invitation

The Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff invites you to join us for our regularly scheduled meetings. Since the time of separation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have chosen to give members the option to meet virtually as well as in person. The invitation for our virtual meetings is below. All members are asked to place the meeting on their schedules and join us. Phone and computer connections are available. This is the weekly invitation that you should save and share with others. Fellowship is one of Rotary's core values along with service. Our meetings allow us to fellowship with each other and build relationships that bridge the divisions that we create in our community. We know that you and others are busy, so we ask you to plan to join us even if only for a short while so we will know how things are going for you. Everyone is welcome to our time of fellowship.

Topic: RC of West Pine Bluff Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220177860?pwd=bHdKL1VLahUyREtadXlsa0RiYXhlZz09>

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Birthdays



[Clincy T. Trammell Jr.](#)
May 1st



[Ken Johnson](#)
May 7th



[Kayla B. Cheatwood](#)
May 14th



[Lelan Stice](#)
May 18th

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