

The Rotary Spokesman

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Thursday, February 1, 2024



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Club Assembly January 25, 2024

The Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff met last Thursday in its monthly Club Assembly at the Pine Bluff Country Club to hear a report from the Club Board of Directors' meeting held the day before and to get an update regarding items of interest for the club.

We started the meeting with a brief board meeting to address one item of importance before starting the regular meeting.

David moved that we remove Chris Cooley from the Imagination Library account signature card. Robert seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

The board approved adding Neshia as a signatory to the accounts because she is the Treasurer elect for the club.

Congratulations to Mary and Neisha for being appointed by the District Governor to serve on committees preparing for the District Conference and Assembly to be held in Little Rock in latter part of April. This will be a joint meeting with Rotary District 6150. More information will be given later.

Roy shared information regarding the district RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) event planned to convene at the 4H Conference Center in Ferndale on 11-14 April 2024. We are still trying to determine if all the local school districts will participate. Watson Chapel and Pine Bluff have confirmed participation. White Hall has not yet responded. There is a slight increase in the registration cost this year. We had some extensive discussion regarding our responsibilities and administration of the program this year.

We have planned to sponsor two students (High School Sophomore or Junior) and the Rotary Club of Pine Bluff has agreed to sponsor two additional students. Some changes have been made in the application process this year. We have the responsibility of letting the District chair/coordinator who our selected participants are, and they will complete the application. Additionally, a change has also been made in the transportation requirements for the club. We need to determine what our role will be as a club for this aspect of the event.

Next week's program will be Judge John Kearney.

Club Meeting

West Pine Bluff Meets at Pine Bluff Country Club with Combined Meeting Via Zoom Conferencing Platform Contact Club Leaders for the Zoom Invitation 1100 W. 46th Avenue Pine Bluff, AR 71603 Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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Rotary's Commitment to Building Peace in the World

Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Rotary creates environments of peace

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our [vision](#) of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

Rotary's Four Roles in Promoting Peace

Rotary and its members are:

- **Practitioners:** Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.
- **Educators:** Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,700 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.
- **Mediators:** Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.
- **Advocates:** Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

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Leslie Dorn
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President

Program Schedule



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FEBRUARY IS

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION:** Engage Rotary, Change Lives

Create Hope in the World

Date	Program/Speaker
February 1	Judge John Kearney
February 8	Project TBA
February 15	Program TBA
February 21	Club Board Meeting
February 22	Club Assembly
February 29	Club Fellowship - Location TBA

February Program Committee

Alan Frazier, Chair
 Santrice Kearney
 David Brown

March Program Committee

Kevin Harris, Chairman
 Aaron Loetscher
 Jason Perdieu

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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88220177860?pwd=bHdKL1VLaHUyREtadXlsaORiYXhlZzo9>

Meeting ID: 882 2017 7860

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Birthdays



[Booker T. Clemons Jr.](#)
February 2nd



[John A. Kuykendall](#)
February 2nd



[Santrice M. Kearney](#)
February 11th



[Alan Frazier](#)
February 14th



[Roy W. Ferrell](#)
February 17th

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District Governor



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DG-Elect



[Brian W. Jones](#)
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