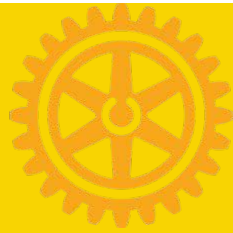


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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Meeting Summary

Our final meeting for the month of February was a club assembly to report on our activities.

The unpaid dues list is longer than it usually is at this time of the year, and our active member attendance is also lower than we would like it to be. During the board meeting, we discussed ways to improve in both of these areas. It was suggested that we not only try to add more members, but we must also try to engage our current members in improving our attendance and engagement.

President Leslie will get with Lelan to order the supplies for our district grant: Hygiene Products for Secondary School Females. Once the supplies have been received, she will schedule a work project for our members and coordinate the distribution to the area schools.

The election of our club officers for Rotary year 2023-24 was completed along with the selection of our new club director. The officers and director are

President	Michael Heisler
President-elect	Miloud Bahadi
Secretary	Robert J Thompson
Treasurer	David Sims
Club Director (3 yr Term)	Santrice Kearney

Santrice will join Nyeshia Aldridge and Miloud Bahadi on the board. Once Miloud vacates his club director position, the board will select a replacement to serve out the remainder of his term (1 year). This is in keeping with our club bylaws.

Roy gave an update on our RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) preparations. We have received two applications thus far and expect of have more. We and the Rotary Club of Pine Bluff have agreed to send two young people to RYLA. The event is held at the 4H Center in Ferndale, Arkansas.

The February Program committee came through with flying colors despite having to scramble for a program on February 9th. The March program committee was discussed, and it was decided to add our newest member, Victor, to the committee.

Thanks to Miloud, we were able to get our club friendship with the Rotary clubs of Morocco off to a rousing start. We met via Zoom on February 2nd with several members of a couple of Moroccan clubs. We hope this relationship will blossom and increase our international engagement.

On a fun note, Jason promised to donate \$100 to the Rotary Foundation if Roy would get all of his fingernails painted purple. Earlier this Rotary year, we were fundraising via this means and had a few members to take advantage of the opportunity to give to the Foundation. Roy stepped up to the plate and sacrificed his nails for

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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President



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President-Elect



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Secretary



[David L. Sims](#)
Treasurer

[Nyeshia Aldridge](#)
Past President
Club Director

the sake of helping a great cause. It was a great challenge for Roy to get his nails done, but he is to be commended for going through with the action.

Seriously, we need to have more members give to the foundation. During our board meeting, we voted to make a \$10.00 donation to the

foundation for the new members we take into the club. Statistically, we can do better than we are at this point. Contributions to the Annual Fund of the Foundation are a benefit for the district three years from now. Some of those funds will be used for district grants.

It was also reported that the board had approved the membership application of Jessica Guyer, a Loan Assistant at Relyance Bank. She is being sponsored by Kimberly Harris.

We had a few announcements as well. One of them was made by Alan regarding a blood drive to be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. at The Edward Jones Office in Chapel Village Square.

Additionally, the announcement was made regarding PETS (President-elect Training Seminar) to be held March 23-25 in Springdale. Michael and Miloud are slated to attend the meeting. Rotary President-elect Gordan McInally is scheduled to be one of the presenters.

In the fall, the Heart of America Zone Conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee. There will be persons in attendance from two zones (approximately 28 districts each) along with personnel from Rotary International.

You don't want to miss our next meeting. We always have a good time.

We Are Somebody - Noteworthy Members of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

I know this news is a little old, but it is worth publishing. The 2022 Pine Bluff Commercial Readers' Choice Awards included the following members of our club:

Best Drug Store/Pharmacy	Lelan Stice
Best Accountant/CPA	Kelly and Stone (Gary Kelly)
Best Financial Planner	Alan Frazier - Edward Jones
Best Funeral Home	Ralph Robinson & Son (Scott Robinson)
Best Insurance Agency	Aaron Loetscher (Finalist)
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Consider also that three of our members are participating in Leadership Pine Bluff this year: Nyeshia Aldridge, Kimberly Harris, and Santrice Kearney.

We are somebody!

Program Committees

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month for Rotary

March Program Committee

Lelan Stice, Chairman



Miloud Bahadi
Club Director



Alan Frazier
Club Director



Jason Duren
Assistant Governor



Ashantia Helloms
Aaron Loetscher
Victor Patterson

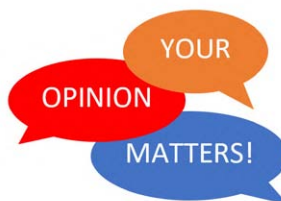
Please let Robert know the programs that are slated to be presented so he can share it with others.

April Program Committee

Mary Liddell, Chairman
Ken Thornton
John Dancy

Complete the Survey, Please

Of the many reasons why people join us in Rotary service (to make connections, personal growth, develop leadership, make a difference in the world, etc.), finding those reasons and engaging each individual on that level is key to attracting new members and retaining existing ones. Meeting those needs gives them reasons to stay involved.



Next month, Rotary will be sending out a survey to a sample of Rotarians (both Rotary and Rotaract members) to learn what they like and don't like and to hear how our programs can be improved. Now, if you receive a survey, please complete it and share your thoughts and insights.

Rotary appreciates you for being part of our worldwide network of People of Action creating lasting change for good.

Rotary District 6170 Each One Bring One Initiative

Our club is committed to growing Rotary because it expands our capacity to do good in the world. Our community depends on us and now our club is depending on you. We are asking every member to intentionally extend an invitation to someone in your life to join us for a club meeting, a service project or a social event. District 6170 believes in this initiative so much that they've even created a charitable incentive for our members. Each time you invite a guest (even if they don't join...yet), our club's Each One, Bring One Contact Person Robert will enter you into our district's monthly drawing. If your name is drawn, District 6170 will donate \$50 to a charity of your choosing.

Birthdays



[Joe P. Dempsey](#)
March 18th

District Leaders



[Bill L. Fish](#)
District Governor



[Emil L. Woerner](#)
DG-Elect

[Sherry E. Polsgrove-Taylor](#)
DG-Nominee

