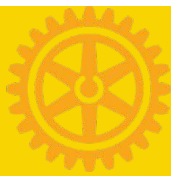


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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

World Water Day is March 22nd



We have all heard of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio from our world. This is a noteworthy endeavor because of polio's life-threatening and debilitating effects. Our efforts are ongoing and extremely worthwhile because we have yet to reach our goal of total eradication of this dreaded disease. However, polio eradication is not the only worthwhile project for us to pursue.

Rotary also recognizes the need for people to have safe, clean water. However, we have people all over the world that are struggling with a lack of safe clean water. While we in Pine Bluff have some of the best quality water for life, there are far more who do not. Here in the United States of America, we have communities that struggle with poor water quality. Flint, Michigan and Jackson, Mississippi are two well-known communities that need help with their water quality. Communities across our nation struggle with providing clean, safe water to their residents.

In our hemisphere, there are third world nations that need assistance with improving their water quality and providing it for their residents. Our district has partnered with clubs and districts in Haiti, Mexico, and Zimbabwe to provide better quality and more water to communities. People in those countries face numerous challenges getting safe, clean water regularly. Rotary, through The Rotary Foundation, helps fund these projects. The donations of Rotarians to the foundation are absolutely essential to the success of these projects.

March 22, 2023 has been designated as World Water Day to help us provide clean water. You can help by making a donation to The Rotary Foundation. Please consider making a donation of \$25.00 or more to this effort. You can give online: rotary.org/donate. You can also give your donation to David Sims, our club treasurer, and he will ensure that your donation is sent to The Rotary Foundation. Your gift can help bring clean water to many more communities around the globe.

Welcome New Rotarian

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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Welcome to our newest member: Jessica Guyer

Classification: Loan Assistant
Employed at Relyance Bank

Jessica was born at JRMC and raised in White Hall. Her parents are Janet and Gary Guyer. She graduated from high school in 2010 and has been in banking for a total of almost 10 years. She took a break for about a couple of years and worked in the front office at Southeast Arkansas Physical Therapy. Jessica is the proud mother of one daughter that is 3 years old. "She is my pride and joy."

Service Above Self Opportunity

The coordinators of the Challenger Baseball League has asked our club to provide workers for the concession stand again. This year we have two opportunities to serve, and we need all our members to give serious consideration to assisting us with this project. We will need to be present by 6:30 P.M. each evening.

The games are played at the Ed Brown Field just off Catalpa Street on 34th Avenue. You will be blessed by your presence and participation. You can even bring a friend or guest with you.

The first opportunity is on Thursday night, April 6th. We need a few more of our members to sign up and work with the members that have already agreed to work. Those that have already committed to work that evening are ...

Alan Frazier
John Dancy
Lanette Frazier

The second opportunity to serve will be on Monday evening, April 10th. Again, we need a few more of our members to sign up for that evening. The members that have committed to this occurrence are ...

Robert Thompson
Leslie Dorn

Our target number for each evening is at least six (6) members and/or guests. It usually takes a couple hours of your time, and you can watch some of the most rewarding activities you will ever experience in your life.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Leslie to put your name on the list. This project is both fun and rewarding!

Emergency Program - Stormwater on the Mind

On March 2, 2023, no program was scheduled. However, the recent storms and the presence of a member whose responsibility is to educate and work with communities on best practices for handling storm water and keeping the environment in optimum shape gave us our program for the day. Kevin Harris, one of our newest members, has a passion for his job as the Jefferson County Extension Agent and consented to give the program. With our Rotary emphasis for March being Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, his presentation fit well into our program schedule.

He gave an update on the Storm Drain Mural painting project that is slated to take place in the county. He has lined up several individuals that will decorate drains throughout the community. They will be recognized for their work at a later program celebrating their creations and highlighting the need for conscious environmental improvement activities.

Kevin also announced that a Clean-up event has been scheduled to take place on April 22, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. It will be an excellent opportunity for our club to complete a community service project. He also announced that Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 28th. Additionally, he gave an update on his endeavor to



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get the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff to be a Tree Campus. Back in October 2022, SEARK College became a Tree Campus in Higher Education, to Kevin's delight.

Kevin also expressed some of his concerns regarding littering and dumping that goes on in the city. It is up to the residents to display pride in their community and try to keep it clean. Yard waste should not be allowed to go down the storm drains, and trash should not be allowed to accumulate in drainage areas. Some of our residents are responsible for the collection of trash that we see in the ditches and drains. We must all work to clean-up our city and communities. This was a good program.



Safe Drinking Water Addressed by Liberty Utilities Representative

The March 9th program was presented by Tom Rosetti, who was accompanied by periodic guest and potential member R. Lamont Davis, as representatives of Liberty Utilities to give us an update on water in our community. Liberty Utilities is a Regulated Monopoly that is regulated by the Arkansas Department of Health, which is responsible for providing safe, clean, quality water across our state.

Tom advised us that Liberty Utilities provides about 333 million gallons of water each month to their customers in this area. Their responsibility is to produce and distribute safe drinking water, so they regularly take samples from various locations (about 64 each month) throughout the catchment area. They also do systematic and regular flushing of the system, and recycle one-third of the system valves each year. They also have responsibility for making repairs of leaks where needed.

Liberty Utilities has approximately 24,000 customers in this area, who are beneficiaries of the water services. There are 16 wells from which water is drawn. The water is processed through 18 filtration sites and five disinfection stations. It also has approximately five million gallons of above ground water storage.

The program was very informative, and this short synopsis is not to be construed as the fullness of the presentation. Thanks to Tom and Lamont for presenting the program.



Rotarians - Called to Be a Blessing

The success of Rotary is dependent upon two things: Members and Money. We, as a club and members of the greatest service organization in the world, need to actively engage in increasing both.

As people of action, we should be strategically focused on enlarging the impact that we have on our world. This takes every member--engaging in adding service-oriented community leaders and professionals to the rolls fo the club. Ask yourself, "Is there someone that I know and regularly work or do business with that would make a good Rotarian?" I challenge you to make a list of those people and invite them to attend one of our meetings or activities. Membership is not open to walk-ins. We add members through an invitation system. Only Rotarians can increase our membership. Invite someone to join us in our fellowship, leadership, and service.

It is also incumbent upon us to realize that what we do usually requires money. Rotary has one of the best foundations in the world through which we can help people in our communities and across the globe. The Rotary Foundation depends upon donations by its members. It would be nice if our club would be recognized as a Every Rotarian Every Year Club. All it takes is for each of our members to give \$25.00 or more to the Annual Fund during the Rotary year. It would also be helpful for more of our members to become Sustaining Members. Every member that donates \$100 or more during the Rotary year to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus Fund qualifies for that designation. Can you spare \$10.00 a month? That small amount will make a world of difference across the globe and allow us to do more right here at home through grants. Will you take the time to [donate](#) today?

We are called to be blessings in our world.

Program Committees

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month for Rotary

March Program Committee

Lelan Stice, Chairman
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



Birthdays



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



[Michael S. Heisler](#)
April 18th

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