

# The Rotary Spokesman

## Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Wednesday, September 4, 2024



### DG Sherry Polsgrove-Taylor Visits RC of West Pine Bluff



Since our last issue of The Rotary Spokesman, our club was visited by the Rotary District 6170 Governor Sherry Polsgrove-Taylor. She met with a few members of the board and officers and shared some of her vision for the district as the leaders shared our accomplishments. As is customary, DG Sherry was the program for our meeting and began by singing "Thank You for Being a Friend." She shared her Star Thrower initiative for the district members along with a challenge for members to give an extra \$61.70 to the district to help fund projects and programs undertaken by the clubs and Rotary International. The Magic of Rotary is our theme for the year, and we must endeavor to make it visible to our communities and the world.

### Star Thrower Club Program Introduced by DG Sherry Polsgrove

#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 6170 STAR THROWER CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- Goals Entered!
- Get your club on SOCIAL MEDIA, etc. at least 6 times
- Contribute to \$61.70 to 6170
- Complete a District Grant
- Club membership growth of net 10%
- Conduct a Mental Health Awareness Event
- Conduct a PolioPlus Awareness Event
- Conduct a Literacy Event
- Conduct an International Project Support Event
- Conduct a Peace Promotion Event
- Increase Rotary Foundation giving by 10%
- Increase PolioPlus giving by 10%
- Participate in the Fall 2024 District-Wide Star Thrower Event
- Participate in the Spring 2025 District-Wide Star Thrower Event
- Send a student to RYLA
- Send your Club President-Elect to MAPETS 2025
- Send at least one officer to District Assembly/Conference

Meet 1 - 3 of these and be a **BLUE STAR THROWER CLUB!!!**

Meet 4 - 6 of these and be a **YELLOW STAR THROWER CLUB!!!!**

Meet 7 - 11 of these and be a **TEAL STAR THROWER CLUB!!!!!**

Meet 12 - 17 of these and be an **ORANGE STAR THROWER CLUB!!!!!!**

Clubs will receive a District Governor Citation

#### 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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#### Club Leaders



[Miloud Bahadi](#)  
President



[Kevin Harris](#)  
Club Programs Chair  
President-Elect



[Michael S. Heisler](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Service Projects Chair  
iPast President



[David L. Sims](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

## T-Shirt Tuesday - Let Me See Your Swag!



Let's show the fun of Rotary! On the district Facebook page, look for this pic and post pics of you in your Rotary SWAG. Make sure to tag your club and anyone in the pic as well. We want everyone to see that we are people of action!

## End Polio Now - Give to the Cause

Here is the latest data from our quest to eradicate polio from our world. The struggle continues with two endemic nations. Your contributions to the Rotary Polio Plus fund help the cause.

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases								Date of most recent case
	Full year total						01 Jan-27 Aug <sup>1</sup>		
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	2	16	3-Aug-24
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	5	17	5-Aug-24
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
<b>Total (Type 1)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	
<b>Tot. in endemic countries</b>	33	176	140	5	22	12	7	33	
<b>Tot. in non-end countries</b>	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	
<b>No. of countries (infected)</b>	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	
<b>No. of countries (endemic)</b>	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	
<b>Total Female</b>	18	72	59	2	10	4	3	10	
<b>Total Male</b>	15	104	81	4	20	8	4	23	

### Polio this week as of 28 August

#### Wild Polio Virus Summary:

The number of wild polio cases for **2024** as of August 28, 2024 is **33**. There were 16 in Pakistan and 17 in Afghanistan.

The total number of wild polio cases for **2023** were **12**. There were 6 in Pakistan and 6 in Afghanistan.

The total number of wild polio cases in **2022** were **30**. There were 2 in Afghanistan, 20 in Pakistan, and 8 in Mozambique.

The total number of wild polio cases in **2021** were **6**. There was 1 in Pakistan, 1 in Malawi, and 4 in Afghanistan.

The total number of wild polio cases in **2020** were **140**. There were 84 in Pakistan and 56 in Afghanistan.



[Nyeshia Aldridge](#)  
Club Director



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Club Director  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Director



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Public Image Coordinator  
Public Relations Chair




[Robert Jaye Thompson](#)  
Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Membership Chair



[Linda F. Bateman](#)  
Club Learning Facilitator

## Program Schedule

**Rotary** 

**SEPTEMBER IS  
BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY MONTH**

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

TAKE ACTION : Join Rotary, Get Involved

**Supporting Education**  
Worldwide, 67 million Children have no access to education, and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our members support educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

### Program Chairman for September: Linda Bateman

Date	Program/Speaker
September 5	Linda Bateman, Program Speaker
September 12	Neighbor to Neighbor Service Project
September 17	Rotary Information Hour - Membership Growth
September 19	TBA
September 25	Club Board of Directors Meeting
September 26	Club Assembly Meeting

### 2024-25 Program Coordination Chair

Kevin Harris

## 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=bHdKL1VLaHUyREtadXlsa0RiYXhlZzo9>

Meeting ID: 882 2017 7860

Password: wpbrotary

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Meeting ID: 882 2017 7860

Find your local number: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88220177860>

## Rotary Direct: An Easy Way to Give to the Rotary Foundation

Did you know that our Foundation funded more than 1,400 global grants totaling over \$86 million last year? Or that, together with our partners, we've immunized more than 2.5 billion children against polio since 1988? As a Rotary Direct member, Rotarians make Doing Good in the World possible.

The recurring gifts of members help us address some of the most challenging needs in communities close to home and around the world. Because of the ongoing generosity of members subscribed to Rotary, no challenge is too great for us. I encourage every member of our club to become a subscriber to Rotary Direct. A recurring donation of \$10 each month will help open numerous opportunities to do good in the world. You can [DONATE](#) and subscribe now.

The Rotary Foundation team thanks you in advance for your support.

### Birthdays



[ShaNeisha E. Robinson](#)  
September 16th



[Lafayette Woods, Jr.](#)  
September 22nd



[Leslie Dorn](#)  
September 22nd



[Stacy F. Hubanks](#)  
September 30th

### District Leaders



[Sherry E. Polsgrove-Taylor](#)  
District Governor



[Brian W. Jones](#)  
DG-Elect / RI Convention  
Promotion



[Shawnee Michelle Cooper](#)  
DG-Nominee / District Grants  
Chair