

The Rotary Spokesman

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Monday, November 6, 2023



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

The Rotary Foundation Helps Create Lasting Change

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ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

**THE
ROTARY
FOUNDATION**

BECAUSE WE CARE
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE

Rotary 

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The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

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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- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Visit the Rotary International website to learn more about The Rotary Foundation and its impact in the world.

Give Your Best Service



Julie Bridgforth addresses the club

During our last club meeting, we heard words of inspiration regarding serving from Julie Bridgforth. Julie worked for Jefferson Regional Medical Center for 40 years, retired, and found a second wind working for Relyance Bank another seven years before finally calling it quits. The key to her longevity was that she loved what she was doing. When she retired from JRMC, she had no plans to continue working, but was coerced into doing similar marketing work for the bank. After being given a list of responsibilities by the bank, she was convinced that she could do all of them without knowing anything about banking. That's because she was asked to do what she had become passionate about doing.

Julie continues to volunteer and serve on the boards of several organizations. She does her best to make her service appreciated. Her years of experience make her a sought after person of interest and integrity. She willingly shares her expertise and energy to make the best of her opportunity to serve and get others to do the same.

She encouraged the Rotarian listeners to find their passion and give their best of service. While encouraging commitment to the job, she cautioned against putting too much on your plate. Even though you may have a desire to do the work, make sure not to create a stressful environment for yourself by trying to do too much. When you do what comes natural to you, the joy is so much greater, and others will be pleased with your service.

Thanks Tish, for securing Julie as our program for the day. Thanks Julie, for words of wisdom.

Program Schedule



Treasurer



Nyeshia Aldridge
Club Director
Community Service Chair



Kevin Harris
Club Director



Santrice M. Kearney
Club Director



Leslie Dorn
iPast President



Date	Program/Speaker
November 2	Julie Bridgforth
November 9	TBA (Project week - no meeting)
November 16	TBA
November 23	Enjoy Thanksgiving Day! No meeting
November 29	Club Board of Directors Meeting
November 30	Club Assembly (Election Primary)

The Program Committee for November
 Tish Bullard
 Kevin Harris

We still plan to partner with the United Way of Southeast Arkansas to assist with their Day of Caring project. Once it is rescheduled, we will promote it and participate in the work.

Rotarians Wanted

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change: across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. The vision statement of Rotary International promotes unity and action. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

We need our members to become more engaged with our club, to sacrifice themselves in providing service to our community and world, to look for opportunities to partner with others in creating sustainable change, to commit to working to make our world, especially our community, a better place to live. I encourage you to make Rotary a priority in your daily and weekly schedule. All of us are busy, but I challenge you to put Rotary on your schedule of activities. We need our members to reconnect and fellowship with us as we plan our journey and take action to create lasting change. Join us and discover the many opportunities available for us to serve.



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.

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. [Read More](#)

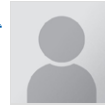
Birthdays



[Jeremy Lambert](#)
November 4th



[Robert Jaye Thompson](#)
November 4th



[David P. Burdick](#)
November 23rd

District Leaders



[Emil L. Woerner](#)
District Governor



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



[Brian W. Jones](#)
DG-Nominee